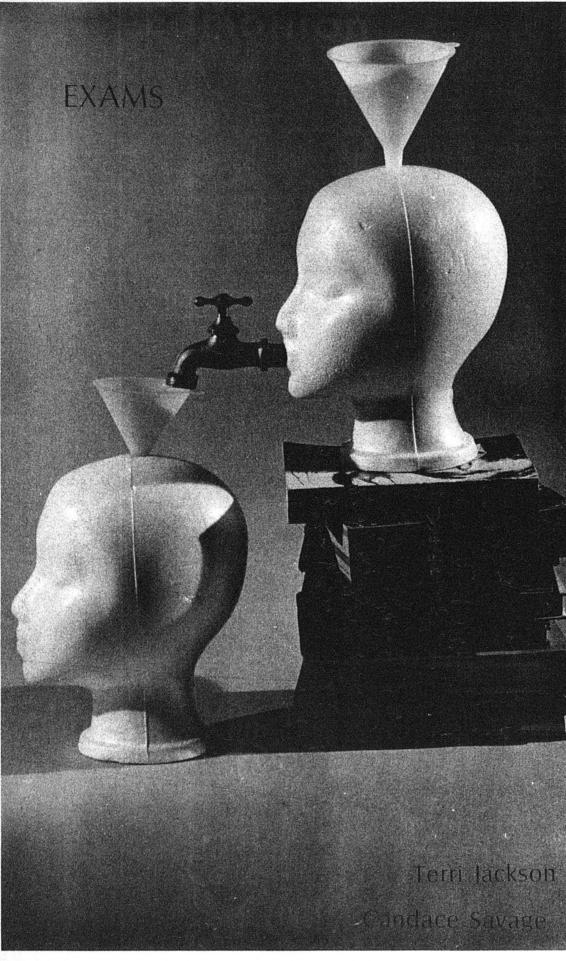
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I would like to take issue with two of the consequences of the defeat of the fee referendum: the first a major point, the second a minor issue.

The most revealing thing that has happened since the referendum has been the behavior of our current students union executive. There was the letter in the front page of the last Gateway (reminding me of so many rats trying to desert a sinking ship), Riskin's letter to the students that was sent to the council and the press, and all of the various reports by the media and they all point to one fact: Riskin, Delaney, Spraggins, Kuhnke and West have learned nothing out of the experience of this referendum. I think it must be very clear to all of us that this vote was a vote of non-confidence in the executive. They were not asking us for more money but simply to release certain funds that we have paid and are already paying and two out of three students who cared enough to vote said that they trust this present executive so little that they would rather see the money sit and do nothing than see them have anything to do with it. We, the students, have said that we do not have any political confidence in the financial priorities or the leadership of any member of this executive. We were not less concerned about Delaney's waste of \$2000.00 on a tenure study than we were about Riskin's travel expenses. We did not finger out any individual executive member as being the only one responsible for the present situation. It was the whole lot of them that turned their backs on the student's priorities as expressed in the

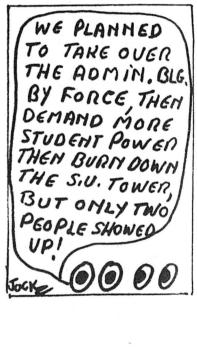
them get away with making scapegoats of each other and each absolving himself or herself of the blame, we must demand that they all resign. If they ignore us again, and they probably will, most students will, if (as has been suggested) we see any of these individuals up before us at election time next spring, look beneath the sugar-coating at their past records. It wouldn't be the first time that people have been defeated in student's union elections for reasons such as these.

The second point that I wanted to clarify was the Gateway editorials allegation that the Young Socialists were opposing or endangering the unionization of the salaries of SUB employees. This is not the case we fully support unionization and all of the demands and struggles of union. We always have and always will,

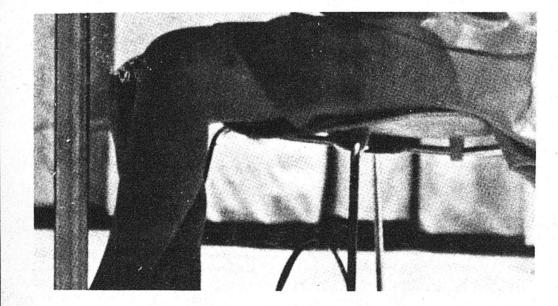
We simply stated that approximately \$200,000.00 of the S.U. budget is allocated for management and administration costs- most of which is unnecessary expenses. The figure 200,000 comes from a letter by Percy Wickman (past-president CUPE 1634) in the Gateway and includes largely unnecessary managerial salaries at which it is impossible to verify the exact amount because the executive and general manager do not like information about manager's salaries (who just happen to be our employees) known by the members of the students' union, \$200,000.00 is however a reasonable estimate.

> Chris Bearchell Arts Rep

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Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of this excellent torso please bring it to rm 282 SUB anytime.

We also need spare hands to help on the GATEWAY.

(Legs courtesy of Marylin Pilkington)

general meeting last year. Each one of these people has had ample opportunity to pay attention to the wishes of his or her constituents and has chosen not to.

Since the defeat of the referendum we have seen members of the executive score many telling points against each other—all of which have been true. Instead, however, of letting

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I have received a letter from a friend of mine who taught at various universities in India until her retirement recently. She has just gone to Dacca as a Visiting Professor in English in order to help the newly independent state in the wake of war. I should like to bring

Letters to the Gateway on any topic are welcome, but they must be signed. Pseudonyms may be used for good cause. Keep letters short (about 200 words) unless you wish to make a complex argument. Letters should not exceed 800 words.

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