

UNIVERSITY CHOICES

Sickened by Sycamore

To The Editor:
Sycamore's attack on Professor Rose leaves me somewhat aghast. It is possible to argue with a man who talks sense; it is not possible to argue with a man who rants and raves because someone is attacking his god—society.

By-passing Sycamore's irrelevances about Thoreau being a bumble-bee watcher; Ghandi being merely a spoilt child going on a hunger strike when he did not get his way; Castro attacking the ogre of free enterprise (Batista, anyone?), I should like to take issue with the pith of Sycamore's remarks.

Sycamore does not really believe in individualism at all—he only sees a danger in excessive conformity—but not in conformity itself. I should like to know how one can judge an excessive slavish adherence to society when one enjoys being a slave? Perhaps the measure of conformity can be judged from the violence by which a person reacts to individualism. If so, it does not argue much for Sycamore's free thought.

Sycamore's individual must believe in Time and Life, he must believe the UN is a good thing, he must not think that Barry Goldwater is to be equated with the John Birch Society, and (Good God, no!) he must not be a Communist—and worst of all, he must not despair of society—if not, then he is "some kind of nut."

We already have too much faith in the printed word and it would seem

that Sycamore has become enamoured with his own reflection in his own euidite remarks. As for me, I am SIC'-O'-MORE.
Onwards to 1984.

David F. Leslie

Sycamore a Conformist?

To The Editor,
Dear Sycamore,
"A Rose is not always a rose", and you, dear Sycamore, sometimes stink! Especially when you need approximately 600 words to concoct a watered-down rehash of what any half-intelligent campus inhabitant has read in the original in the first place. Maybe a second reading of the article wasn't what you needed, Sycamore; you could read it a thousand times, and all you'd get would be an eye-twist. Which by then might be the latest fad, and thus an unexpected source of great joy for your conforming little old self.

Unintentionally, I am sure, some of your words may have been prophetic: Dr. Rose tomorrow just might be considered a nut. A few more decades of Goldwater and Social Credit (Thank you, Tommy Douglas!!) and the nuthouse will be the only place where independent thinking is still allowed. Which, of course, is not your problem. You will happily go on swallowing the canned illusions, that you are fed, and they may even let you write editorials for the Journal. Even! But you're sick, Sycamore.

M. H. Rupp

New frat watching

A local fraternity has been granted an observer seat on Interfraternity Council, which position is to take effect immediately. The name of the fraternity is Sigma Tau Alpha.

The IFC feels it has a valuable addition in Sigma Tau Alpha sitting as an observer, stated Chris Evans, president of IFC.

"New blood is always welcome in any organization, and this group in particular, because they have enthusiastically and aggressively pursued their goal, the formation of a new social fraternity, which this campus very much needs," he added.

The fraternity was organized last fall as a men's social group. Almost immediately, it experienced difficulties. According to the group's president Dale Alexander, the group re-formed itself after it lost its old leaders and several members, and is now a strong, well-knit organization.

The fraternity presented a brief to IFC in early December seeking an observer seat on IFC. The seat was granted by a unanimous vote.

"We were pleased with our acceptance by IFC, as it demonstrates IFC's support of our main objective, that of bringing a new national or international fraternity to this campus," stated Alexander.

By sitting on IFC, Sigma Tau Alpha can benefit not only in seeing the common problems of other fraternities, but also by participating in IFC events.

Alexander said the group is small, and is still conducting an active search for new members.

Skirmish

Peter Hyndman, Edmonton Students' Union president, and Dennis Macdonald, Calgary counterpart, have been exchanging lengthy correspondence recently concerning a "little skirmish."

Last year, MacDonald alleges, "certain members" of The Gateway staff "borrowed" UAC's Students' Council's gavel (valued at \$40.00). In retaliation "certain members" of Calgary's Commerce Faculty "stole" a tape recorder from Edmonton's Radio Society (valued at \$400.00).

"My concern with the issue arises with the abduction of a tape recorder from one of our Students' Union organizations which was and still is completely unrelated to the situation at hand and which has been rudely pulled into the situation," writes Hyndman.

MacDonald agrees that the Radio Society was "pulled into the situation without due regard for the circumstances involved," but at the same time wonders "just how do you (Hyndman) think the Council of Calgary was 'pulled' into the situation?"

NFCUS president to visit

Walter McLean, president of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, will visit U of A Thursday, Feb. 1.

The visit is part of a national tour which starts in Vancouver. Highlight of the visit will be a public

address and question period in West Lounge, SUB, at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

He will also meet with President Johns, with the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, and members of the provincial government.

Gold Key Society will sponsor a reception for Mr. McLean before he leaves for the University of Saskatchewan.

Douglas gives answer

By Branny Schepanovich

There is only one answer to the nation's economic troubles—"in Canada we must have democratic, economical planning," New Democratic Party leader T. C. Douglas said last Friday night. He was speaking to an audience of some 1,500 persons in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Praising the welfare state, Mr. Douglas said it has been successfully accepted in various parts of the world. He stated that in this country and in the United States free enterprise is "neither free nor enterprising."

The former MP and CCF premier of Saskatchewan noted "one third of the money earners in Canada didn't pay income tax in 1960."

According to Mr. Douglas, in the last four years Canada's unemployment has "never gone below four per cent and sometimes up to 11.5 per cent." a planned economy, he said, would correct this.

PLAYING TARZAN

Mr. Douglas said Canada also must have "international economic planning. We should be planning our trade relationships and instead the government in Ottawa is beating its breast."

Turning to the subject of national defense, he stated: "there ought not to be any nuclear weapons placed on Canadian soil or in the hands of Canadian troops."

"Man has demonstrated that he can control the atom. But now he must demonstrate he can control

himself."

Mr. Douglas stressed Canada should encourage nuclear disarmament with international inspection and control. "This will take some time," he said. "In the meantime," Canada should prevent the nuclear club from spreading.

ATTACKED SOCREDS

The NDP leader spent some time attacking Canada's other national parties, devoting most of his time to Social Credit. He criticized both old-line parties (Liberals and Conservatives) for being the same, and indicated Social Credit "has become another old-line party."

Mr. Douglas said he is "convinced" the Social Credit League is "the John Birch of Canada." He said the policies of the Social Credit Party place it "side by side with the apartheid policies" of the South African government.

The plate was passed around following former-preacher Douglas's



TOMMY DOUGLAS

—Photo by Al Nishimura

speech in an effort to secure party funds. Prior to Mr. Douglas's address, the "Cooper Brothers" sang union hymns.

SUB sunday coffee time abolished hyndman unhappy with admin.

The last three Sunday evenings have seen the cafeteria in the students' union building closed—a marked change from past practice. Students accustomed to a Sunday night coffee or snack in SUB have been met with locked doors and darkened windows in their recent quests.

Students' Union President Peter Hyndman is unhappy with the situation—and for a number of reasons.

"Firstly," he says, "there is the matter of a curt notice on the door of the cafeteria announcing the change in hours. The students' union was in no way advised, consulted, or approached about the matter. This is a disturbing fact, particularly in view of the efforts of the union to be of the utmost assistance to the administration until this time. An explanation should be forthcoming, or else one could conclude that the manner in which the cafeteria was closed represents the true opinion of the university authorities concerning the need to consult the students' union about anything."

"Secondly," he says, "there is the question of an immediate reversion to earlier policy." Hyndman has been in touch with the university dietitians office and was informed that with a change in the evening staff at the start of the New Year, persons could not be found to work a six evening week, but attempts are being made to rectify the situation. "It is curious," says Hyndman, "that

the authorities should have such trouble finding six-evening per week help when there exists an unemployment problem of today's size.

Economists recognize the immobility of resources, but not to an extent anything like this."

He adds, "also curious is the suggestion that some of those presently employed in the cafeteria are also working during the day in other university food service outlets. This leads one to the direct impression that we are being stalled, and there is no intention of providing a speedy solution."

Hyndman concludes the true intent of the administration will be judged by the speed with which the services are restored to normal. "There are many persons extremely steamed up over the several aspects of this matter," he said, "and the consequences might be difficult to control." However he has sent a direct appeal to University President Dr. W. H. Johns and is "extremely optimistic" that "a solution will be provided by this Sunday evening."

Over whose dead body?

The Alberta Certified Dental Mechanics Society hopes to establish a diploma course in dental mechanics (denture manufacture) at the University of Alberta in the near future.

At present, no formal training for dental mechanics is available. Alberta's insufficient supply of denturists have been trained by unstandardized methods in dental labs.

E. J. Wallington, president of the Society, says he hopes for a two year course, probably in conjunction with the Faculty of Dentistry. In addition to teaching the mechanical skills of making dentures, the course should give the prospective grad-

uates a basic medical knowledge which present laboratory-trained dental mechanics lack.

"The plan is still in the formative stage," says Wallington. "At the Society's conference to be held in Feb., we hope to resolve final details and shortly thereafter present our application to the Board of Directors of the University."

Mr. Wallace said that during the last 25 years the number of dental labs in Alberta has climbed from five to nearly 40, but most dentists still manufacture dentures themselves.

"More dental mechanics," Wallington stated, "will allow dentists to devote their time to work for which they alone are qualified."

Radsoc renovates

The facilities of U of A Radio Society have recently been expanded and renovated. A new control room and other equipment have been added.

The new control room will be used for actual broadcasting at the university. The old one will now be used to tape-record broadcasts for CKUA and to record on-campus interviews, as well as other tape work.

The new facilities will give greater continuity of programming with fewer interruptions, according to Mac Duffield, coordinator and purchasing agent for the expansion project.

U of A Radio will now be able to produce more special effects for publicity and promotion purposes by using the two control rooms. Also, it will no longer be necessary to go off the air for mechanical correction, Duffield adds. In general, operations have been simplified as much as possible.

Cost of the equipment, if purchased commercially, would be about \$1,500. However, Alberta Government Telephones and CKUA Radio have donated some apparatus, and much of the old control room from the original studios has been rebuilt. Direct costs so far excluding labor have been approximately \$140.

In addition to remodelling the control rooms, Radio Society is also expanding and modernizing its record collection.

Target date for operation of the new facilities is Feb. 1.

Speaker sponsored by Dept. of Psychology

Dr. O. H. Mowrer

Jan. 30—Cybernetics and the Concept of Habit

Jan. 31—Sin and Psychotherapy

4:30 p.m. MP 126