

More varsity voices

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After all, what does it mean to be apathetic towards the various causes which editors and other "do-gooder" groups are forever asking people to invest their interest in? It means simply that the so-called apathetic students are really quite satisfied with things as they are. In this respect I would mention Eric Hoffer's insightful comment in his book, *The True Believer*: "Faith in a holy cause is to a considerable extent a substitute for a lost faith in ourselves." Most of our students, thank heavens, have a good deal of faith in themselves, and, therefore, don't feel the need to join some cause, such as that important cause of getting the Tuck Shop to increase the size of their coffee cups. Who really cares? Only editors with nothing more important to write about.

There are some exceptions, of course, like the general run of people who join fraternities. They need a cause to immerse themselves into, and the fraternity eventually fulfills this need. With one exception, I have yet to meet a fraternity "man" who wasn't either superficial and/or artificial. They never delve too deeply into things except, of course, general insincerity. It is just fortunate that fraternities are quite impotent (in more ways than one) here at an otherwise respectable university. At those universities where fraternities are found to be powerful social forces, that situation will forever prevent that university from rising above the level of mediocrity.

This reminds me of my definition of democracy: It is the enthronement of the mediocrity.

Because some are bound to disagree with my ideas, and, hence will reply, it behooves me to add this little reminder. Even though they may succeed in slandering my personality, that does not at all vitiate my ideas. All I seek is a decent refutation of my ideas. The Gateway, by the way, thrives on this clever device, that is, making some letter-writer's or opponent's personality look bad, and then counting on the reader's ignorance to thereby neglect that particular writer's ideas. There has not been a decent discussion of ideas in the Gateway for ages. Only personalities are slandered, back and forth, back and forth.

You may accuse me of doing precisely what I advised others not to



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do, that is, slandering the personalities of the fraternity people. What else can I do? They have no ideas.

Paul Richards

VGW DISPLAY

To The Editor:

In your Feb. 9 issue your description of Varsity Guest Weekend referred to the Commerce IBM display. The display this year will feature machines by National Cash Register Co. of Canada Ltd., and Remington Rand Ltd.

Bernie Steele

Chairman, Commerce Display, VGW.

Strange bedfellows: Socreds and Liberals

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resolution concerning education in the Province of Alberta which called for extensive administrative reforms, and a resolution concerning "Canadian Domestic Finance Policy."

THREE NIGHTS

The sessions of the Model Parliament opened Monday night with the Liberals holding 27 seats and faced with a large three party opposition with 13 seats for each of the New Democratic and Progressive Conservative parties and 12 seats for the Socreds.

The speech from the throne, delivered by Peter Dawson, Speaker of the Alberta Legislature, was followed by its debate in which the Socreds and Tories gave general assent to

a Liberal stand on "free enterprise." The Tories, however, thumped the Liberals for their "social welfare mania" which the Tories said would end up in "smothering the population as effectively as socialism."

WEEKES CHALLENGED

The debate was interrupted when the Tories challenge dthe NDP as to who was the rightful leader of the Opposition. Speaker Russ Rudolph terminated the dispute by ruling that Irvine Weekes of the NDP was the rightful leader.

Tuesday night, the sessions were largely given over to debate on the two private member's bills, presented by the NDP and Tory parties respectively and a Socred private member's resolution.

The Tory bill, which sought to

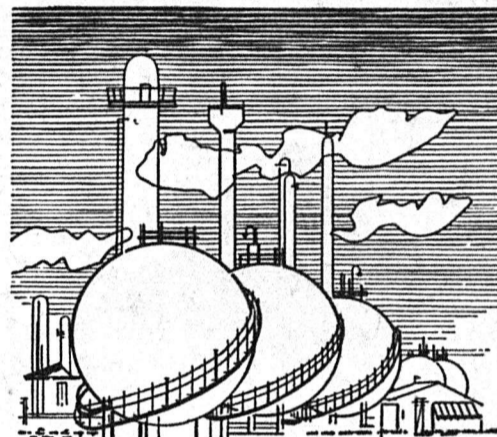
"promote and enforce a sense of moral, fiscal, and legal responsibility among trade unions in Canada" was approved in principle and received second reading. However it was chopped up by the House in a confusing half hour that saw at least six attempted amendments. None was approved. So much time was consumed that the bill was talked out of the House and did not come to a vote.

In the spirit of the night, the Socred private member's resolution previously mentioned, failed to gain second reading, the debate being adjourned before a vote could be taken. It was this action which resulted in the Socred support of the Liberals Wednesday night.

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