

## Campus Backward

To The Editor:

In an educational institution, progress is the annual result of advancing years. Apart from the several new buildings of dissimilar architectural design which have appeared through what could only be a process of spontaneous generation, one must conclude that evidence of the forward look is lacking from this campus.

Looking back as far as '59, I seem to recall that St. Steve's frosh were even then an ignorant, insolent lot; or so the signs they wore were given to indicate. They paraded with one pant leg rolled up, shoes that didn't match, and bore red insignia upon their countenances.

They were bullied about by insecure upperclassmen who felt the need to lord their superiority over these obviously bewildered young men whose only desire was to alienate themselves from an extremely confusing campus.

Now I ask you, have the upperclassmen matured since then? Apparently, enough originality to change the wording of the signs is even lacking.

Another example of campus inertia exists in the performances of "The Raftsmen" at the Hootenanny Monday, Sept. 21. When people take pleasure in the obvious obesity of a fellow member of the human race, one begins to believe that a sort of mass insanity must be the cause.

A fat man is an ordinary human being, but a fat fool is repulsive, akin to freakishness. The "fat" member of this trio did exhibit a genuine ability for interpreting folk music with compassion and skill, but the audience gave evidence of its relish for smut. Living up to audience desire, this man gave a performance qualifying him to advertise as a walking side-show. I believe, in my "naivety" (sic) that an audience that demands quality will get it, and the Raftsmen certainly were qualified.

How about a little evidence of humaneness on this campus, of the fact that man does possess a superior intellect!

Enough of these subversive activities that produce nothing but a feeling of seething, smoldering bitterness and hopelessness in the pit of one's stomach. What we need is a little more of the old "soap-box" enthusiasm for the dignity of the individual.

Once, approaching a green field, I heard a distinct sizzling sound, like bacon frying too long. I came upon a dead calf swarming with the progeny of hundreds of prolific flies. These maggots, pale white, were squirming and writhing in slimy heaps, ripping and tearing at the flesh of a creature obviously less fortunate than themselves. Somehow, the same sick nausea that overwhelmed me then has re-visited me, after only two days on the Edmonton campus.

John Loewen  
Arts 2

## Frosh Court Crude

To The Editor:

Last Wednesday I read your article on page three regarding the Joe College Dance and Frosh Court.

In this article, you strongly supported the frosh court. You stated that the Frosh found this "A success." I disagree very strongly with this statement.

At it's best, the Frosh Court was made up of 'slap-stick' comedy. Most of it was down-right CRUDE. I'm not a moralist; I found that most of the Frosh

agreed with me.

It seems to me that in a place of higher learning such as the University of Alberta, the 'seniors' should have a more highly developed and a more original sense of humor!

Respectfully yours,  
A Freshman.

## Off-Campus Housing

To The Editor:

"Students shall not entertain students of the opposite sex in their living quarters." This commandment is part of the policies and standards for off-campus housing as distributed to the householders by the Director of Housing.

Let us have a close look at the possible results of this particular policy. There will not be close relationships anymore since prospective couples do not have the privacy to discover each other's deeper thoughts; no marriages, and most likely no pregnancies that before undoubtedly were caused by the absence of this policy. In short, I think we are extremely fortunate to be protected from so many evils and we ought to be grateful to the people who devote so much time for our benefit.

Yet I do have some problems that I hope the university will resolve. Firstly, I have heard about people who are only interested in their own sex and since the policies and standards do not provide us with any regulations concerning this, I will not feel at ease until this issue has been given proper consideration. Of course I take it for granted that the university has some knowledge about this particular subject. Secondly, I am in the unfortunate position that I have already established a close relationship with a member of the opposite sex, to whom I am even engaged. (I apologize to the university authorities for not having consulted them before.) We would like to spend some time together in privacy, just to talk of course. But where? Since I do not have a car, it goes without saying that I do not possess a backseat either. If the university could find a solution for these two problems I would be able to sleep peacefully in the knowledge that the university has taken care of everything and that we are safe-

## An Exclusive Report

# George Washington And The Third Reich

A newspaper-reading student noting a prominent correspondent's stand on the Indonesia-Malaysia crisis dug up the commentary which follows, written by the same renowned correspondent in 1939.

By Charles Lint  
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MUNICH—Few Canadians have ever seen Germany, and fewer still have ever seen Czechoslovakia.

Yet there appears to be some support in Canada for the government's policy of questioning the moral and legal basis of Herr Hitler's takeover of Czechoslovakia.

True, Canada does have some tenuous ties with the Czechs—we are both democracies, and that sort of thing.

Still, as I remarked after my

guarded against all dangers.

Before I came to Canada two years ago I used to make my own decisions, which were extremely tiresome. Here this burden of responsibility has been taken away from me. Perhaps the federal or provincial government will follow in the footsteps of the university after we have left the protection of the campus. Somebody will have to, of course. Maybe the university could arrange something.

I would like to end with a warning to those who doubt the wisdom of this policy and who call it totalitarian Victorian. Be careful; people might think Canada is making regress instead of progress.

Duco Van Binsbergen

## Campus Sex

To The Editor:

I plead guilty. As I read through the article "Sex and the Off-Campus Student" I said to myself, "How ridiculous—Why hasn't someone really blasted the whole issue?" Then I read your plea to Young Radicals to voice their strongly-held convictions, and I realized that maybe everyone was saying "How ridiculous—Why hasn't someone . . .", and in fact no one was. I leave the question of whether I am either young or radical open, but may I offer this:

I am quite sympathetic with all of the spokesmen in Part I. I might add this to what Mr. Freeland (Sci. 3) had to say: IF restrictions are necessary for younger students (and surely they would be only for younger female students) then the university should provide adequate residences and require all freshettes (or all first and second year students or whatever) to live in residence. At McGill University this is the case—all undergraduate women who are not living at home are required to live in residence, (by way of example).

Part II: and there lies the crux of the matter. It seems the landlords are given no credit whatsoever for any brains and/or gumption. Are they incapable of establishing and enforcing the standards of "common decency" (whatever that is) that they see fit to run their homes on? If they are not capable, I might naively ask, "Who is?"

The landlord who before the recommendation took no notice while common indecencies took place isn't going to say, "Oh,

goodie! Now I have a little piece of paper with which I can make the little boys and girls moral." Those who are going to heed the recommendation are the ones who wouldn't have tolerated "indecent" in the first place.

"No complaints have been received from students living in off-campus housing listed with the university." So what complaints do they expect? . . . "Dear Mrs. Sparling: My nasty old landlord won't let my boyfriend sleep with me . . ." Okay, that's extreme, but from what the students generally know of the case (this "generally" bit includes me) it seems quite obvious where the sympathy of the powers-that-would be, doesn't it?

Disorder in a few bathrooms hardly seems adequate cause for the recommendation. If this problem could not be solved by the people involved, they aren't mature enough to go anywhere in this world without getting into trouble. And ultimately, of course, one of them could just move out, maybe?

And what's this about a co-ed being OBLIGED to share the "same living quarters" with a non-university man (something like a Martian maybe)? Again, if the situation was so bad, why not move?

Finally, the distinction between entertaining in sitting rooms, and entertaining in bedrooms is pretty fine . . . (take that as you will—it may be true that way too). But what I mean is, often there is only one room—sometimes it has a fold-away bed. Sometimes, it has an ordinary bed. If you happen to be an unfortunate who cannot afford two rooms (I was once—though not at this university) then you can't have a friend in for coffee even? (Or maybe sitting rooms suddenly transform into bedrooms at midnight—an interesting thought, eh?)

But let's consider—is such a recommendation reasonable, remembering that it concerns the judgement not only of young men and women who are on their own at university, but also of mature adults in the neighboring communities?

D.C.H.—Grad.

## Goldwater Blasted

To The Editor:

Mr. Ferrier commenting on Barry Goldwater, tells us "The evil that men say is used to advantage by their political adversaries; the good is oft interred

by the press."

Surely Mr. Goldwater has given the press ample reasons and ample scope of quotations to choose from. On nearly every issue of world importance he has made contradictory statements!

What, exactly, does Barry Goldwater believe? He believes the US should withdraw should from the United Nations, he believes the US should remain in the UN. He believes the US should preserve world peace by defoliating the jungles of Viet Nam with a "low yield" atomic bomb, by invading Cuba, by breaking diplomatic ties with the USSR.

Mr. Ferrier passes off Mr. Bosley's comment about a dialogue as though he (Mr. Ferrier) does not quite understand the meaning of the term. Perhaps he does not! Surely Goldwater's inability or unwillingness to carry on a dialogue with the Communist countries is very serious. Dialogue, whether between French and English Canadians, Greek and Turkish Cypriots, or Western and Communist countries is of the utmost importance if any degree of understanding is to be reached. Dialogue should certainly not be confused with appeasement or approval.

Mr. Ferrier also wonders what "Standard American Prejudices" are. They might (and probably do) include "a belief in the rights of the individual, the free democratic process, equality under law, and justice for all." These ideals are very fine (I'm sure Dr. Rose would agree). These ideals, however, have not been lived up to in the United States. And they have led to other American prejudices which are very definitely wrong and harmful and which Goldwater has adopted. They include the belief that Americans are right in whatever they believe (hence, no dialogue), and that the American political system (i.e. American capitalism) is the only workable political system. (I am not talking about democracy, which I wholeheartedly support, when I speak of the American political system.)

The fact that they refuse to consider changing their system (capitalism) does not create a dangerous situation (although neither does it create a desirable one). What makes the situation dangerous is the Goldwater belief that it is necessary for all countries to adopt this system, in spite of the fact that democratic socialism is working very well in several countries, such as Sweden. It is this desire on the part of Goldwater and Company to spread capitalism throughout the world which would make the US, along with Red China, one of the two most dangerous countries in the world, if Goldwater becomes the next US president.

What is especially disheartening to me is that Canadian journalists (!) such as Mr. Ferrier actually support Goldwater. It is perhaps understandable that some Americans, who have been stuffed full of American propaganda and standard American prejudices, since their kindergarten days, should consider voting for such a worldwide joke. However, Canadian (even those with Reader's Digest minds) surely are detached enough emotionally from the situation to see what a disaster a man like Goldwater would be, as president of the US, to a world on the brink of destruction.

In conclusion let me say that this year's Gateway appears to be equal to the standards of last year's Gateway. UGH!

Sincerely,  
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Editor's Note—Thank you, and may I add that this year's letter writers appear to be equal to the standards of last year's.