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Editor's note: The flavour (so to speak) of this letter would not be accurately recorded for our readers if we were not to mention that the letter below was submitted written on a cafeteria napkin.

Although most of the material published about campus cafeterias has been derogatory in

nature, little has even been said to their advantage. For that matter, everything seems to be criticized before it is praised.

Well, I for one, very much enjoyed a meal I had there recently, on the eve of Dec. 8. The salad was excellent with even a smattering of watercress thrown in (I think). The heated buns were just sweet enough to

disguise their nutritional deficiency. The roast pork, was cooked to perfection and the rice wasn't bad. The cafeteria yogurt, of course, was delicious. The French dressing was a bad point. Blech!--give me some like father used to make. All in all - Golly gee!, was I hungry!

Normand Brin
Science

capitalism means aB-52

I didn't tear down any Capitalist-club posters, so help me. But I'm not surprised that they're gone--vandalized out of sight--given their insulting nature.

You, Chairman of the Libertarian Alternative, suggest that the poster-ripper is reticent about an idea confrontation with you. Your naivete is promiscuous: other men than you and the ripper have idea-bundled capitalism and non-capitalism before, and no dents will be made on any systems of belief by any campus verbiage. On the other hand, the world of ideas about which you unduly worry will not suffer from the poster-ripper. Neither he nor any one else will rip up any ideas.

Consider, rather: that while you are prepared to engage

in--and have the luxury of--programmed debate about what, to you, can only amount to the architecture of history and economics, your poster assailant might be an individual whose experiences have brought him face-to-face, either empathetically or actually, with the underbelly of Capitalism - those horrid little scenes we have all watched on out colour TV. To him, possibly, your little poster might have been like inviting a Jew to a Nazi rally in the Sportsplatz back in 1936.

The thing is a question of degree, and the stakes are high. A word-play for you is a gut-issue for your enemy: don't expect quarter from someone at war. To a lot of people Capitalism has become a B-52.

U.T.A. Neumann
Science

power to the student press

The appeal voiced by Arthur Savage regarding The Gateway's future, in your January 16th issue will, I hope, not go unheeded by the Students Union.

The Gateway has demonstrated that it is only through student journalism that a meaningful medium of communication serving both students and faculty can be provided. Moreover, as a means of informing the university

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community of the shortcomings of the university bureaucracy (whose achievements are constantly celebrated in Folio), it is indispensable.

More power, then, to the student press!

Lewis H. Thomas
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sweeping questions

When any colleague of mine wishes to share his views on such an interesting area as foreign ownership, I am anxious to read such a document. The article by Harold Moore titled "Does it Really Matter What Happens Down on the Farm" was not only to discuss this very controversial area, but was also introduced as including some questions on "the future of agriculture in the province and the country". It is unfortunate that he found it necessary to use this type of impressionistic style to state the areas of his concern. Most of the sweeping questions asked by the author should be important to us as Canadians, but the frame of reference used, and the subtle references to true and revealing facts carries implications far beyond asking important questions.

There are many reasons for us to ask "Are We Too Complacent?", but to imply that the only reason for our country's good fortune is the sale of our inherited natural resources for "one tenth of their real value" is a very unusual approach. There are many institutions in our country (Government in particular) which have directed a great deal of effort and research into controlling the sale of our none renewable resources: it is presently being argued by the Alberta Government that we are selling these below true market value - but hardly one tenth of it. It is becoming obvious that the most valuable commodity to the world of the future is its energy reserves. While I agree that Canada had best take a very hard look at controlling these resources, we must approach the problem with broader concepts than just saying that they are the only factors contributing to our economy, and that their foreign sale is always bad.

"Will We Own Canada in 20 years?" is a strange question because who can possibly own Canada except Canadians? The issue as I have most heard it discussed is who controls the industrial sectors of our economy, and who is receiving the benefit of this industry under our system. It should be

and subtle references

imperative in such an important question such as this, to distinguish between ownership and control, as they are obviously very different areas in our type of corporate economy. Mr. Moore states that 99% of the petroleum industry is foreign owned, which is no where near the situation, even though it has been documented that foreign control in this industry is very high. It is set out in the article that we control 75% of our investment companies, public utilities and retail trade, and yet own only 1% of our petroleum industry - which are not comparable references and highly questionable statistics to begin with.

To sight agriculture as "our main hope" might be an appealing generalization to some, but it must be viewed in its proper relationship with the rest of the economy. Similarly, the impact of foreign control or the depletion of agricultural resources (?) will have an effect in an interrelated function with the rest of our economy. Here Mr. Moore's views of agriculture in export markets is absent of any reality to the true situations affecting Canada's position in world trade. Export markets, as a rule, are developed on long term, complicated international arrangements within an extremely complicated market place. These arrangements are influenced by: government institutions, balance of payment concerns, exchange rates, developed vs developing economies, long term mobility of resources (particularly technology) and many other

factors. The few paragraphs and the meaningless little graph serve no purpose but to imply distorted issues to what is (or could have been) an important question.

The article next comes to a question the agricultural industry has been asking itself for several years "Why the poor performance?", but again the implications are to issues which might be appealing to the casual observer, but far from the total issues facing the industry. A few statistics on net farm incomes, percentages of farmers etc. (which are also highly questionable) are very empty, by themselves, particularly when attempting to generalize on such a complicated issue. My compliments do go out to Mr. Moore for, at the very end of this section, he gets around to asking a very good question on foreign land ownership and its possible impact on agriculture. This is done in a manner which would have been better employed throughout the rest of the article - in one simple sentence.

I will not comment on the solutions proposed in the article, as they are just as weak in terms of objectivity towards these very complex problems. Although my comments would appear to be rather harsh on my colleague, I feel that it is through students putting forth their ideas in articles such as these, for open debate, that we can receive some further benefit from our student financed newspaper.

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souleve-toi de ton esclavage anglais?

Quel esclavage? Celui dans lequel tu es attrappé par tes habitudes et tes attitudes!! «Ben non! You're all wet.» tu me dis. Tu le dis. Tu le crois. Tu l'as prouvé. C'est là, l'esclavage.

Lorsque tu regardes la T.V., quel canal choisis-tu? Neuf fois sur dix, une émission américaine. Pas même canadienne-anglaise. Tu t'es doublement enfargé dans la boue.

Je ne te critique pas pour tes goûts en musique. Donny Osmond, puis la famille Partridge sont fantastiques selon les jeunes de l'école primaire!! Mais, les gars comme Vigneault, Michel, Aznamour, puis Charlebois sont bien meilleurs. Peut-être si les jeunes formaient la plupart de l'auditoire de CHFA, il étendrait ces émissions Contre-partie et Disco-z. Mais whoa, je m'excuse; j'oublie que

tu n'es pas habitué à entendre le français. Ça te fatigue.

Recommençons ailleurs. The Edmonton Journal t'instruit chaque jour de ses opinions conservatrices. Tu ne sais même pas que le Franco-Albertain a été choisi comme meilleur hebdomadaire au Canada! Ça ne t'intéresse pas. Il ne donne pas les nouvelles mondiales. Ben Christophe, si tu écoutais la radio, tu saurais les nouvelles. La bibliothèque du Collège reçoit Le Devoir pour ceux qui veulent lire les nouvelles d'un point de vue canayen.

Quelle merde! tu cries. C'est possible mais lorsque tu seras complètement assimilé dans la culture anglo-américaine, moi, je demeurerai fier de ma langue et de ma culture.

Col Sissons
«La Fouère»
Collège St. Jean

Uncle Gerry wants you

The time of year has approached once again when the intentions of several Students' Union personalities begin to cause great speculation among those interested in our politics.

May I take this opportunity, through you and your paper, to urge students in all faculties and in all years to give a few moments thought to seeking a position in The Students' Union in the upcoming election.

No secret potion is required to transform an individual into a potential candidate. Campaigning really boils down to spending a week trying to meet as many fellow students as possible and share some ideas and comments with them.

This organization is in desperate need of new blood. Constructive criticism is rare but there are those on this campus who have demonstrated great ability in discerning the important issues from the window dressing. This organization requires people who will do more than criticize -

people who will face the risk of losing, people who will put their own reputation on the line in an attempt to make improvements in the organization that exists.

The Students' Union is at a turning point. The construction of \$14 million worth of buildings is now almost complete. SUB and HUB stand as monuments to the contributions of past Students' Union leaders.

May I also mention that The Students' Union's cannot help but benefit those who are directly involved more than those who merely take the organization for granted.

After reading this, why not talk to one or two friends and ask their opinion as to whether or not you would seek a Students' Union office - that's what I did before becoming Commerce rep on Council four years ago.

If you were thinking of waiting for a while - don't. This organization needs you now.

Gerald A. Riskin
President

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