

editorial

Best in the West

In attempting to assess the relative value to be gained by joining the Canadian University Press, the immediate advantages seem very impressive. The news copy, the access to fieldworkers, the advertising service, and the inter-campus communication aspect have immediate appeal to any student newspaper operation. CUP has the manpower and the resources to aid any ailing newspaper, as was the case with the University of Lethbridge this year.

The U of L found it had neither the manpower or the know-how to produce their paper, and thanks to the help of CUP, the *Meliorist* is in production. But, in the case where the student newspaper is strong, these advantages gained through CUP membership have a lesser application.

In the case of *Gateway*, they have no application.

The *Gateway* enjoys the position of being the leading student newspaper in Western Canada. This was a fact reported by news editor Greg Neiman after returning from the CUP conference held in Calgary. With the exception of the University of Manitoba's *Manitoban*, there was a noticeable similarity with all other CUP papers. This similarity is due to the undermining aspect of Canadian University Press membership. If a news editor knows he can substitute CUP copy for local stories, the tendency is to rely on CUP. This same reliance is reflected in the advertising departments and cartoon departments.

In this year's *Gateway* operation, equal emphasis is put on the Arts, News, Sports and Photo departments. CUP has no application to our Arts, Photo or Sports departments, and concentrates solely on the News function.

Unfortunately, their news copy reflects a strong socialist bias that negates their credibility as objective news reporters.

The *Gateway's* typesetting, lay-out and advertising is handled by Media Productions. It is questionable that CUP could improve these services, as the advertising revenue to date is well in excess of \$14,000.

What would be of immediate value to the *Gateway* operation is an exchange newspaper service between Canadian campuses that would allow us to reprint news that is relevant to our student body. Unfortunately, the membership fee that makes provision for this exchange would cost *Gateway* \$1,550 per year through CUP.

In the final analysis, the prohibitive cost factor more than nullifies any advantages to be gained through CUP membership. I cannot recommend applying for membership in the Canadian University Press.

Bernie Fritze



IT'S A NEW PHILOSOPHY COURSE CALLED NEO-PLAGIARISM.

arts bi-elections



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There is a serious lack of proper representation for the Arts Faculty. Because of my strong personal interest in the affairs of students, I feel I can improve Council representation by working responsibly in the best interests of Arts students. Being one of the largest faculties on campus, there exists a need to increase student input into Council's decisions.

These issues are of immediate importance to all members of the Arts Faculty.

- Fee Increases. Because the Executive has achieved their break-even cash flow, no further fees increases are necessary.

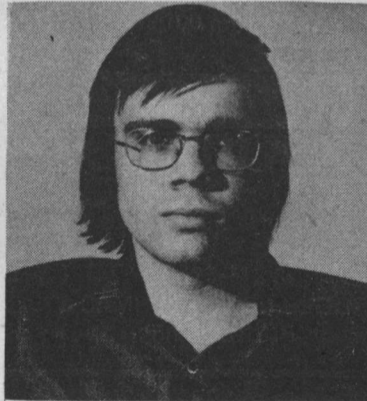
- Cut-back of student services. I will oppose any action that will result in fewer services to the students.

- HUB rent increases. I am opposed to any further financial burden being placed on HUB tenants.

- Communications. I intend to keep Arts students informed as to Council's actions through contact with the *Gateway*.

- Attendance of Meetings. There is no proper excuse for poor attendance, and I will guarantee a perfect attendance record.

I ask for your vote this Friday in the interests of better Arts faculty representation. Camilla Bain



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I am running for the position of Students' Council Arts Rep because I think there should be a change in Council's attitude.

At the moment, decisions are being made by the Executive without proper consultation with the rest of Council. The disbanding of CKSR was a good example of this.

There is also an onus on thy Councillors to instigate policy rather than just react to the proposals of the Executive. In this respect, I do not feel that councillors are taking their responsibilities seriously.

Added to this, some councillors do not even feel obligated to attend meetings regularly. If they cannot be bothered to fulfill this minimal obligation it is no wonder there



has been little initiative taken by councillors.

I hope that my experience as a GFC rep would aid me in being a member of Students' Council. I would sincerely hope to be a good member of council as it does entail some responsibilities which should not be ignored.

I promise not to betray the trust of the people.

Donald Bell



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The Students' Union in danger of bankruptcy within one or two years. Some students consider their money wasted on the SU, many just don't give a damn. Most thoughtful students though, realize the large number of services available in SUB. I think its worth saving and I know most students agree with me. This is the basis of my platform.

The problem is that HUB lost \$190,000 last year and can be expected to lose a similar amount this year. We now have a deficit of a quarter of a million dollars. No one will buy HUB and the university doesn't want it. The university co-signed the loans so if the SU goes bankrupt, they collect SUB as well. The implications to our Students' Union are obvious.

Customer traffic must be increased on the HUB mall to increase the use of the commercial space. The new lounge will help. I will work to get it in as fast as possible. I also feel that the SU should take a more active part in the advertising and promotion of the HUB mall.

At a time when the SU is faced with extremely serious problems, the Students' Council Executive has been faced with a lack of attendance and quorum at several council meetings. The so-called Executive privilege has been the result. The executive was forced to take unilateral, and until ratified by council, illegal action to meet the SU's legal obligations. Such irresponsibility is inexcusable.

As your Arts representative, I will, as far as humanly possible, attend all meetings of council as well as those of any board or committee to which I am appointed. I will further press

for the implementation of the by-law now on the books, requiring a certain level of attendance from council members.

I believe that students are entitled to responsible representation in the executive, on council and on GFC. To do this an Arts rep must consider that although he is the direct representative of his faculty, his decisions may also affect the entire student body.

Consider what is at stake and please vote on Friday. I would appreciate any comments, complaints or suggestions. My phone number is 432-1012.

Brian Mason

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In her letter headed N.A.S.A. (Non-Academic Staff Association) which appeared in *The Gateway* on 29th October 1974, Ms. Dora M. Budd raises issues of direct concern to the wages and conditions of employment of over 2,000 full-time non-academic staff on campus.

I have to agree with much that was said by Ms. Budd. Certainly the Civil Service Association of Alberta (C.S.A. of A.) was less than effective in years past in forcing the employer to deal fairly with non-academic staff. Out-moded legislation which left all clout with the employer contributed to this situation, as did the ambiguous structure of the C.S.A. of A., and the uncertain attitudes of its leadership and its membership at large. In the event, N.A.S.A. came into being in June 1969, since when it has bargained for non-academic staff. Ms. Budd suggests that this state of affairs should continue. With this conclusion, I simply cannot agree. Even further, I suggest that such a course will prove fatal to the immediate and long-term situation of non-academic staff.

N.A.S.A. occupies an anomalous position. In breaking away from the C.S.A. of A. it became to all intents and purposes a sweetheart organisation. It makes proposals, but it can take no forceful steps to ensure their acceptance for it is dominated by the employer. Ms. Budd admits as much; "I agree that at this time we are behind in wages." I do not seek to attack N.A.S.A. for its failure to secure adequate wages for its membership. I merely wish to point out that it is doomed to failure by its own terms, despite the worthiness of its objectives. Collective bargaining all too