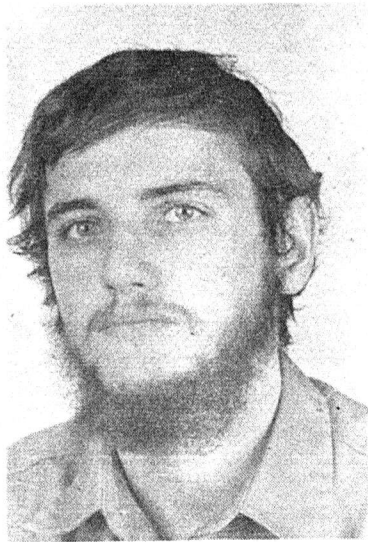


on Amchitka Protest Claims and Counterclaims

To the Editor:

As secretary of the Student Action Committee which organized the November 3 walkout I would like to point out a few "misinterpretations" that a leaflet purporting to explain incidents that arose during and after the walkout contains.

The leaflet "explains" how the walkout, march and rally organized by the November 3/6 Student Action Committee was "ineffectual" in its attempts to show the U.S. that there was massive popular opposition to its maniacal policies in Indochina and on Amchitka. As a result, so the leaflet claims, "many students and workers seized the initiative and marched to the Imperial Oil Building; a local representative of U. S. imperialism. There they held a mass democracy meeting to



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discuss and denounce the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism."

Action Mobilized 5-8,000 Edmontonians

Firstly then the claim that the action was ineffectual is absurd. An action that mobilizes anywhere from 5,000 to 8,000 students to march as much as six miles in twenty degree weather around the slogans of *Stop the blast - stop the war - end Canada's complicity* is not ineffectual. Consider also that the action in Edmonton hit the front pages of the San Francisco Chronicle and that the cross Canada actions under the same slogan mobilized 100,000 people into the streets. The blast was not stopped, the war is not over and Canada still peddles weapons to the U.S.; however to the 100,000 people in this

country who marched and the 177,000 ones who signed the petitions to stop the blast a stark realization has come to them. They are beginning to understand how arrogantly the U.S. war machine operates wherever it gets a foothold and as a result of this it is going to be much more difficult to do it again. Here lies the basic success of the actions held across Canada; the manoeuvring space that the U. S. holds has been seriously cramped by a mighty sector of the Canadian population and Edmonton's eight thousand added much weight to that action.

Imperial Oil Demonstration Was Ineffectual

Secondly, the leaflets claim that many students and workers split the main action and marched to Imperial Oil is equally ridiculous. At most, 100 people left for Imperial Oil. There they did not discuss "U.S. imperialism" but chanted politically significant slogans like "Fuck Nixon - Fuck Amerika."

Seen in the light of the facts that the main rally had 8,000 under the slogans of *Stop the blast - stop the war - end Canada's complicity* while the grouplet of 100 that left carried "Fuck Nixon - Fuck Amerika," which can honestly be called ineffectual?

Sincerity of Leaflets Questioned

The leaflets conclude with a call to a meeting to discuss action against arrests that arose out of the splinter demonstrations. It claims that arrests were unjust and that Canadians must stand up against this violation of civil liberties with resolute action.

This is certainly true, if the arrests were unjust. If a violation arose a broad defense committee must be built to defend these people in an effective way. I question however the sincerity of the leaflets anonymous authors when they come to Student Action Committee,

attack its rally, a attack the committee as being controlled by the Young Socialists (they abstain from participating in the committee and then attack them for same), and then suggest that the committee provide people to work on the defense but not allowing any say in the political direction of the campaign.

Who is ineffectual? The Student Action Committee or the authors of the leaflet - the Rainbow Coalition.

John Cserny
Secretary
Student Action Committee

Lettitors

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Americanization and The Canadian Ego

I am writing this letter in search of answers regarding what appears to be a step-up in sales of American flag shirts, army uniforms, badges of the forces, etc. Also, can somebody explain the use now of the American Red, White, and Blue in *our own* Canada?

Perhaps this sort of thing has been happening for quite some time, however, I have been living over-seas for a few years and was never really aware of the situation. Maybe now is the time for something to be done about it or at least an explanation should be given.

I went down - town recently with some other people and we went to the Hudson's Bay store to look for a special purchase and we were directed to the "Vibrations Shop" which was an immediate blow to the Canadian ego. The first thing we saw was an imitation American Army shirt complete with Sergeant's stripes and "U. S. Army" stiched in bold letters across the left pocket, regulation style of course. Next we spotted the Red, White, and Blue around the ceiling with the Canadian Maple Leaf right in the middle of it all.

I questioned the young lady working there at the time (complete in uniform) and she was bold enough to tell me that all this was for a protest against American

involvement in Vietnam. This I find very hard to believe. It doesn't make much sense to buy the American produce which is as distinctive as this, pat the Americans on the back, and then say that you are doing it to tell them that they are bad people because of the war. You support them by purchasing the very symbols which you apparently despise. (You pertaining to the persons buying said articles.)

This has made some persons really up-tight so would some brave soul please explain the reason behind all this, or at least give a better story than the sales-girl? The Canadians that feel the American Flag is something great to be worn should take an opportunity to go to the States, become citizens, and then make the big decisions. I feel little more than pity for the Canadian's that would choose to wear the Red, White, and Blue instead of the Maple Leaf.

Perhaps somebody would also explain how said junk ever got here in the first place? I believe an explanation is deserved by those of us who still feel Canada is a country of her own and so this is my plea for the same!

LesMcRae
Commerce

Film Society Promotes Art (nudity)

Editor - the Gateway

This letter concerns the two advertisements for the films "Switchboard Operator" and "Intimate Lighting" being shown by the Film Society on Dec. 13 which appeared in the Dec. 9 issue of Gateway.

I have been a member of the Film Society for six years now. The Film Society's charter states that its purpose is: (and I quote) "to promote the study and appreciation of the motion picture film as an art form." Does Stephen Scobie (president) know this? He does not seem to

for in his method of advertising the two above stated films he has stressed nudity and sex present in the films as a way of attracting people.

The caption in the Un-Classified Section reads: "Films Grow Up" in dark type with the warning: "Frontal nudity, naked cadavers" also in dark type. Is nudity a sign that films are growing up? Hardly!

On page 14 we see a large ad for the same two films: "Sex Film not Cut by Censor". Wow! Almost as good as a stag movie! Is this promoting the art form in film?

I ask Stephen Scobie if the

three previous films shown by the Society this season were advertised in such a big way. They most certainly were not; they were not "sex films". Is the Film Society using sex to make a few extra bucks?

A thoroughly dissatisfied (sic) member,
Anita Allsopp
Graduate of '71

Ed. Note: The Film Society made approximately \$1000 on the "sex show." This is rumoured to be more than their total profit for the last three years.

Exam Schedules

To all students who think that the exam scheduling office helps students with problems:

On Tuesday of exam week I have three 2-hour exams - one from 8-10AM, the second from 10:30-12:30 PM, and the third from 1:30-3:30 PM. That last exam is a final for which that paper is worth 60%. For anyone who has experienced some tough courses and exams they know that the most anyone should have to hack in any one exam day is two exams.

So I went to the exam scheduling office and told them of the situation explaining that although it was not a direct conflict of times that the schedule was really untenable for anyone to have to face that much exam pressure in one day let alone have two more the next day as I have.

Their reply? "I'm sorry - the schedule is set by GFC. We can't change it." They didn't even take the particulars so that if anyone else should have the same problem a change could be considered.

Go to the exam scheduling office if you have a problem with exam schedules? Don't bet on it - they'll be "working"

away as I plow through three tough exams fazed out of my mind due to the pressure of it all.

Doug Kellough
Science 2

Frognall Dibdin

Sir: (or whoever is handling this matter),

Would it be possible to enter into direct communication with Thomas Frognall Dibdin, Rev.? The simple act of meeting someone who died in 1847 would make it a worthwhile experience.

Yours,
A. Bohm

Vasectomy

Editor:
Re: Your "Ears", last ish:
What Vasectomy really means is...

having to argue with a shithhead moralist doctor for an hour before being refused the operation.

K. Orchard
Ed 1

Transfer of Parking Permits

It would appear that a number of individuals on Campus have purchased parking permits from sources other than the Parking Office. These people are presumably not aware that the Traffic and Parking Regulations, Section 2.4(b) provide:

"A parking permit shall become invalid when it is displayed on a motor vehicle other than the one for which it was issued."

In other words, parking privileges are non-transferrable, and Campus Security has instructions to ticket and/or tow vehicles displaying permits not properly issued to the registered owner.

Since a number of such permits appear to have been forged (and in one or two cases, stolen), the buyer probably has little chance of obtaining a refund.

Your co-operation in bringing this matter to the attention of your readers would be appreciated.

L. C. Leitch
Assoc. Vice-President
Finance and Administration