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EDITORIAL

Politics and Ideals

Two weeks ago the Vice President academic, Mark Hoye resigned from the executive of the Students' Union.

His explanation was the incompatibility of the duties required by his office with his own personal philosophy.

Hoye felt that to work with the remaining members of the executive would require a compromise of his own personal philosophy. Such a compromise represented a threat to his integrity. Unwilling to jeopardize that, Hoye resigned.

Resigning was a very noble gesture, but a very naive one. Hoye should have realized that in politics, even the political playpen of the Students' Union, the need to make noble gestures is a handicap not an asset.

However the same cannot be said of integrity. Integrity requires the steady application of one's ideals to one's duties.

None of the present executive could have forced Hoye to vote in Council against his own ideals. No one could have forced Hoye to utter anything in Council or in public which would run counter to his personal philosophies. If working with individuals whose personal philosophies differ from his own represents an unjustifiable compromise of his integrity, then Hoye had better quit the entire human race.

I don't wish to appear cruel to Hoye. To his credit resigning was not an *easy* way out. His decision came only after a long period of agonized deliberation. But I do believe he displayed a naive inability to reconcile actions with ideals. Having taken office he had no way out, easy or otherwise.

However, a certain degree of pragmatism as well as idealism did play a role in Hoye's decision to resign.

Hoye felt there were important issues on the near horizon which will not receive proper attention from the present executive. Hoye feared another twenty percent tuition increase was coming and he dissapproved of the administrations academic direction. Hoye felt the policy of 'non-confrontational' action supported by the present executive would be inadequate in dealing with these issues. By resigning Hoye hoped to force a by-election that would make the student body aware of these issues and perhaps force some positive action on the part of the Students' Union.

Whether a by-election or positive action will occur is now up to Students' Council. It is the Council members who must decide how to fill Hoye's position and it is the Council members who must call the executive to account on the issues that Hoye felt were being swept under the rug. Let's hope that the importance of Hoye's resignation is not lost in motions of questionable value condemning Israel and pledging moral support to the Universiade '83.

I hope some positive action does take place and I'm proven wrong in thinking that Hoye could have served his ideals better by staying in office. But it is my feeling that Hoye has achieved the statutory 15 seconds worth of fame at the cost of achievements that could have arisen from eight months worth of less visible effort.

Richard Watts

Play it again, Mike

Prime Minister Pearson said Tuesday night he believes in free education for qualified students.

Admitting that this policy is one which cannot be implemented overnight, the Prime Minister said he had no hesitation in asserting his personal belief that education at all levels should be free to all those qualified to take advantage of it.

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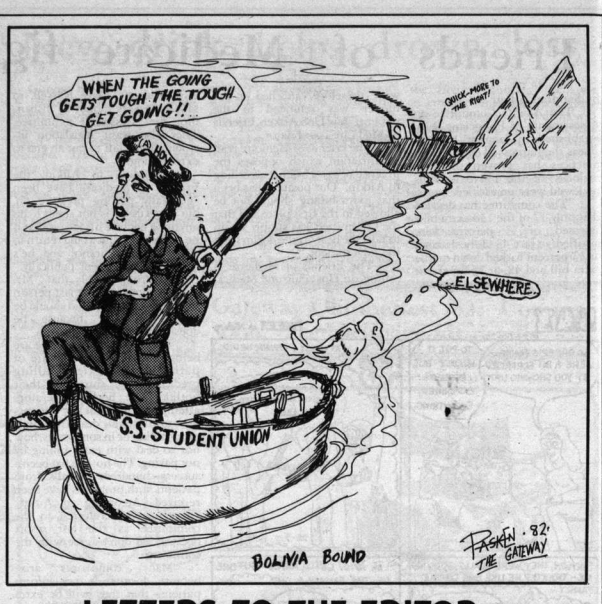

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Something rotten in Denmark

Today we have a few questions for you to answer. Firstly, please name the ideology most prevalent in the pages of the *Gateway*: a) knee-jerk conservatism b) milksop liberality c) sophomoric snottiness.

Second question: Name three things wrong with the *Gateway*: a) Jens Andersen b) Allan Watts c) Mary Ruth Olson.

Third question; What is your view of the first few issues of this year's *Gateway*? zzzzzzzzzzzzzz, huh, er what, hmph.... zzzzzzzzzzz.

Yes that's about it folks, dull, drab, boring. What has happened to the *Gateway*? I can get more excitement and thrills reading the "Help Wanted" section of the *Sun*. Listen up youse guys and listen good see....we know it's fun, exciting and thrills to work on the student paper. We know you miss classes, party all night, have a ball, get into rock concerts free, get lots of records and books to review, so whats the problem. Why are you godammed boring???? No pizazz in life, Jens?

I mean really, give me a break would ya, like that editorial of Jens': The Spirit of Science, must we suffer with this man blatthergab? I mean we had enough of his stupidity last year with the great useless debate on why W. F. Buckley picks his nose with his right-hand pinky. Now we get this Jens Andersen's 'editorial' that starts nowhere and ends nowhere and says absolutely nothing. Or better yet, we get Jens Andersen's 'How I spent my summer vacation". Oh boy I'm impressed; Jens meets the proles and look ma, he doesn't even need a barf-bag.

Or Mary Ruth Olson, oh boy another bright light on staff there. Her lovely 'Second Wind' article on giving Isreal a fair shake, looks like the perfect description of a line from Jens' editorial about trendy lefty-liberals. Has she passed her first wind yet? Not only does her article smell rotten but finally after twenty years of Isreali statism, colonialism and general paramilitary fascism (small f), the state of Israel is smelling rotten in the world's eyes.

Give me a break, from gray run-on copy where you have nothing to say about anything important. Look Jens we all know that you are only doing this so you can get a summer job at the *Journal*, so try and find something worthwhile writing about, and that goes for the rest of you. Don't keep wasting our time with your petty issues, half baked opinions, comments, and snotty nosed; 'look ma I is real intel-ek-tsh-u-all'. As Jack Webb once said: Just give us the facts ma'am, just the facts'.

And finally if you want an issue, since you all seem to lack a bit of focus up there in the wasteland, try this one on for size:

Our final question for the day class; why, if enrollment enlarges do tuitions increase if the reason for tuition increases is that there is a decline in enrollments. And why are tuition increase between 8 percent - 20 percent when the Feds are calling for 6 percent and 5 percent????!!!!

Of course class we don't expect the *Gateway* to notice this fact, they are too busy playing with themselves, wasting our time, money and several thousand trees.

yours, ho hum,
Eugene W. Plawiuk
Arts n/a

Editor's Note: My name isn't Allan.

Historic event!

The U of A Debating Society will be hosting the 73rd Annual U of A Model Parliament later this year and the 60th Annual McGoun Cup in February '83.

Any of your readers who are interested in participating in these two historic events are advised to contact the Debating Society either directly or by coming to its Wednesday meetings.

Thank you.

D. Theobald
Acting Secretary

Outside Sources

Man scans with scrupulous care the character and pedigree of his horse, cattle and dogs before he matches them; but when it comes to his own marriage he rarely, or never, takes any such care.

Charles Darwin, 1871
The Descent of Man, XXI

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Nate LaRoi and Jack Vermee have completed their research on the sexual rituals of trolls. Bruce Pollock, Bible in hand, is busy nuking Gay Trolls for Jesus. With him on this divine mission are Heather-Ann Laird, Margo Schmitt, Shelley Spaner and Lorie White. Michael Leitch and Kent Fargey are helping Sandra Corbett unload supplies. Peter Block and James L. Stevens are quizzing the visiting Charlatan. Martin Beales and Bill Inglee, whilst reconnoitering the mountains ahead have found Gerard Kennedy with a sketch... of a troll? or a gremlin? Martin Coutts and Mark Roppel think it's a gremlin, but Robert Cook is not convinced. And where the devil is John Algard?