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I dislike arguments of any kind...

...they are always vulgar, and often convincing.

Oscar Wilde.

Sartoris vs Assassins

by Allison Annesley

What started out as a "game of detective skill" to provide U of A students with a mid-winter distraction has blossomed into a full-scale battle of authority between the University administration and the Students' Union.

Originally billed as Assassins, a game was organized by three students who hoped to get the campus involved in between-class sleuthing by assigning its members each one, other player to "eliminate", without being eliminated themselves. Players shoot rubber darts out of plastic guns, aiming for the front or back torso of their designated "target". The game is scheduled to begin tomorrow.

These harmless rubber darts, though, represent a much larger conflict. One neither you nor I can "eliminate" on our own: the University administration versus its own regulations, versus the Students' Union's ambiguous policies, versus three student organizers guilty of administrative ignorance.

When Acting Dean of Students Paul Sartoris heard of the game, which operates as a Students' Union club, he phoned the club himself to express displeasure with its theme. The authority on which Sartoris acted is unclear.

Says club Vice-President Todd Jeanotte, "There's a very thin line between advice and threats when you're unfamiliar with the power of who you're talking to."

Jurisdiction over club activities essentially rests with the SU, though the General Faculties

Council Policy Manual requires all clubs to register with the University through the Office of Student Affairs. Sartoris does have jurisdiction over that office. By convention, most clubs register with the Students' Union and ignore the GFC regulation. Clubs, of course, have usually not read the manual.

SU President Robert Greenhill is confident the club will continue to exist under the Students' Union even if Sartoris is successful in his attempt to have the game's validity questioned at a meeting of the Council on Student Services (COSS) tomorrow. Sartoris hopes COSS will recommend to GFC executive that the club be re-examined there.

Sartoris complains that "We're talking about a game where all of us must share in the game, whether we are participants or not. I'm also concerned because of the number of robberies we've had recently. People should feel safe on campus."

When Sartoris originally spoke with the Assassins, he convinced them to change their name, hence the *Spy Versus Spy* club. "Kills" are now referred as "tags". Organizers Todd Jeanotte, Harland Kirby, and Clay Hamdon disagree with Sartoris' allegation that the club promotes violence. Says Kirby, "People have misconstrued our original intentions. We've been caught up in a question of jurisdiction between the University and the Student's Union."

The group also feels that Sartoris attempted to intimidate them with his "strong

suggestions". Says Hamdon, "We thought Sartoris' word was gospel."

None of the *Spy Versus Spy* executive wants to involve themselves in the policy battle which is sure to follow between the body that approved their constitution, the SU, and the one that wants "to ensure that the club accepts its share of responsibility for protecting the property and the good name of the University."

Says SU Clubs Commissioner Sterling Sunley, "I'm personally annoyed that they didn't contact us (the SU) first. Harland didn't know the University didn't have jurisdiction over clubs and Sartoris was really offensive. He harassed them. I'm the one who signed the registration and though I personally disagree with the philosophy behind a number of clubs on campus, I can't base my decisions about whether to accept their constitutions on my values. I simply ensure they meet all of the rules and regulations."

Sunley continues that "I've never met Sartoris and it's unfortunate because any future contact will be clouded. I question his judgement in this matter completely."

Says VP Internal Ray Conway, "I'm surprised Sartoris is out campaigning against students when he's running for Dean of Students. I think university is a very serious place and students need an outlet...something frivolous, something fun. I don't buy the idea that the game promotes violence. I mean, chess is essentially based on military strategy. By playing chess, does that mean you condone war?"

Sartoris is also concerned with questions of liability and asks, "What if someone was hit in the eye? Who would be responsible?" This also remains unclear.

Greenhill adds his own indignation with the Acting Dean of Students: "Dogmatic censorship is far more dangerous than acting childish."

Of the number of clubs who do not bother to register with the Office of Student Affairs, Sartoris says that up until now, "We haven't hit any other group with particular concern to us." He does, though, intend to crack down on future clubs: "The Campus Law Review Committee may have to look at what we mean by registration, why we register, and how we operate with the Students' Union."

Sartoris has sought the opinion of a solicitor and hopes to have a response ready for tomorrow's COSS meeting.



Spy versus spy: does it promote violence?

photo Ray Giguere

Hollywood script for Drake's 500th

by Martin Coutts in Saskatoon

If it had been a Hollywood script they would also have won on Saturday night. Unfortunately, the real world of competitive sport just isn't the same as the movies.

But on Friday night at Saskatoon's Rutherford Rink (read, barn) the Bears hockey team turned in an Oscar winning performance.

It gave Coach Clare Drake his 500th career coaching victory in the same building, against the same team and on the same date that he recorded victory number one.

Only the score was different: on January 21, 1956 it was Bears 3, Huskies 2; on January 21, 1983 it was 4-2.

"I can't believe I'm that old; sometimes I feel that old, though!" said Drake, jokingly, after achieving what no Canadian college coach had achieved before him, on the 27th anniversary of his coaching debut.

However, the meat of his script rested not in the coincidences of fact, but in the performance on the ice. With a masterful team effort, the Bears

completely bottled up Dave King's Huskies, limiting them to just four second period shots and to only 18 over the course of the game. It was the type of game that coaches dream about, whether it be victory, No. 1, No. 500, or any number in between.

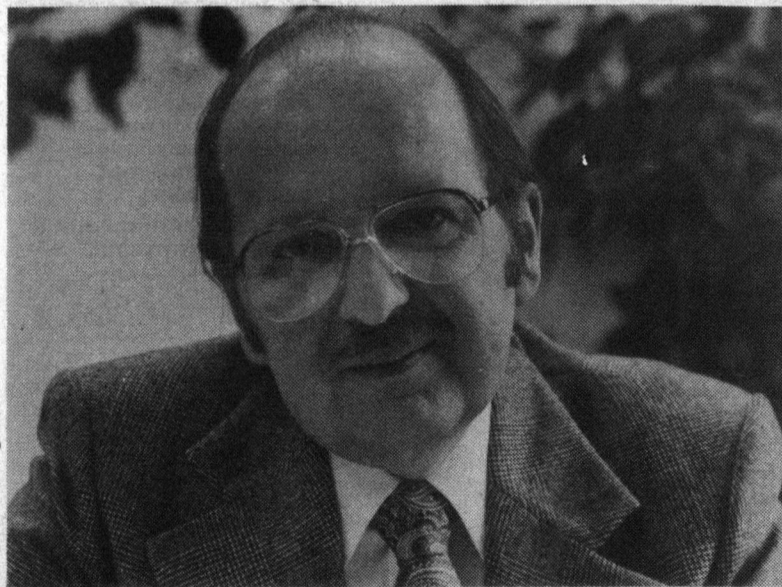
"The team played very well," said Drake. "It was one of our best team games of the season, and our most complete game in both ends of the rink."

"That was just the formula required to up-end Saskatchewan, who had a six-game winning streak snapped by the loss."

Last year's CIAU national finalists don't go down to defeat very often. They lose even less frequently in front of their own vocal fans, which made Drake's milestone victory that much sweeter.

"It's especially nice to win it (No. 500) on the road against the defending (Canada West) champions," he said.

Characteristically, though, Drake was more reserved about his tremendous achievement than were those around him. As the see page 12



Dr. Paul Sartoris: tried to intimidate club?

photo Ray Giguere

Oscar's future in air

by Richard Watts

The University Disciplinary Panel will be considering what actions should be taken against Oscar Ammar for disrupting a public forum.

In early December Ammar entered a forum sponsored by Hillel, a campus group for Jewish students, and shouted down the speaker a Colonel Levy of the Israeli defense Department. The forum had to be shut down and moved to a new location.

A complaint was lodged with the University stating that Ammar had broken the rules of the Student Code of Behavior by

"disrupting a lecture" and "submitting other people to mental and/or physical abuse."

After being reviewed it was decided that the complaints should go before the Student Disciplinary Board, which is comprised of two students and one faculty member. The penalties are potentially severe ranging all the way up to expulsion.

Ammar, who is in the third year of his program as a political science student is concerned about the decision of the panel, and has even gone to the lengths of hiring a lawyer.

The chairman of the Political Science department, Professor

Englemann, while refusing to condone Ammar's behavior, says dismissal would be an inappropriate punishment.

"I don't think he should get off scot-free but I would not like to see him expelled," said Englemann.

Englemann continued, "Oscar is a useful member of the community of student activists and while he was in this case unnecessarily reckless I think by now Oscar himself has learned from this experience."

The panel will meet on February 3 in a closed meeting to review the complaints against Ammar.

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