



Once again the Students' Council has assumed that students are raving idiots, and would actually believe that unless they fork up \$3.00 for more for their students' union fees next year, they'll no longer be able to play pool, drink beer, join student clubs, read the Gateway, listen to CKSR, or any of the other things that students like to do.

Not that I am against the \$3.00 increase in students union fees; in fact, a good students council could probably make great use of this money for the benefit of the students who are paying into it. However, I feel strongly against the propaganda - and downright lies that the executive are spreading via their posters, suggesting that they need \$3.00 to maintain services, many of which are either making a profit for the students union (eg. billiards, RATT pub, socials, and student cinema) or are at least operating on a break even basis (most clubs, record co-op, FIW, and course guide). Conspicuously absent from the poster are "services" such as salaries for S.U. executive, general managers very high salary and students union operation of HUB.

While the Students' Union no doubt needs the money to offset the debt incurred by HUB, none of the profit making or break even services are in danger. And, if the Students' Council's priorities lie where they should lie in order to serve the students, it would seem to me that services like the music listening desk, arts and crafts, and the Gateway shouldn't suffer either.

If the \$3.00 per year is going to be used to increase the number and quality of forums, and educational services that could never be profit making ventures, plus maintain the other services offered to students union members, then I strongly recommend a YES vote on Friday's referendum. Hopefully the lies perpetrated by this year's executive won't spoil it for next year's Students' Union.

Yours truly
Larry Saidman
G.S.

do this we expect our own personal revenue to increase likewise. Undoubtedly, most of us spend much more than \$3 a week in one week on snacks and beer and chocolate bars between classes. Considering the total amount of fees we pay in a year, \$3 will increase those fees for each individual student by less than one percent. Yet this little extra expenditure will help us to help you maintain your Students' Union, your services.

Please vote YES on the referendum on Friday. You would be the winners.

Sincerely,
Wayne Madden
Ed. Rep. to Students' Council
and now, from our illiterate corner we once again present-jim tanner.

I would like to comment upon the ridiculous and inadequate ways the present student council executive has been dealing with the deficit.

1. The Students' Union should be approaching the federal government Student Housing Programs Fund regulated by CMHC. Funds have recently been made available through this program and it may be the answer the Students' Union is looking for.

2. The Students' Union should be approaching the Provincial government asking for subsidies for student housing.

3. The S.U. should not ask for a reduction in taxes of appraisal value because the city is not responsible for education. They can not be expected to subsidize HUB!

The President of the Students' Union, George Mantor, has done a very poor job of co-ordination during our deficit problem, and now he has the nerve to pawn off his inadequacies on the Students' Union by asking for a raise in fees.

Who do you think you are fooling George? Students of this university don't want a raise in fees! This is certainly an election issue and it seems to be an insult to the students to try and push this referendum before the election.

Vote NO for a fee increase.
(Or do I even need say that?)
Jim Tanner
GFC rep

Viewpoint

The Gateway has made several serious mistakes in its Tuesday, Jan. 29 issue.

First, in the "Election Rumors" article, the statement was made: "the Jane Heather slate looks like it could be the communist slate". It is absolutely true that I am a communist and was on that slate. But at no time was it considered a "communist" slate.

The members of our slate were working together, not on the basis of any political line, but on the basis of agreement that the Student Union needs democratic, progressive leadership. We felt that to run on a socialist or "communist" program would not serve to unite students and advance their interests - the time for that type of platform hasn't come.

We wanted to do several things. We wanted to end the elitist aura which surrounds the present executive. WE wanted to end the concentration of power in the executive's and General Manager's hands. We wanted to work on issues important to students - day care, jobs, housing, finances, Student Health and other issues. WE wanted new priorities for the spending of our SU fees. WE wanted the U of A to join the National Union of students to cooperate with other students on all these issues.

Unfortunately, our slate wasn't nominated, largely because of the Gateway description of it as "communist". We weren't willing to spend an entire election campaign being red-baited rather than talking about issues important to students. Also, the Gateway article ended our attempt to put forward a full slate.

The second mistake was Carl

Kuhnke's reply to my letter criticising his position on the bus strike.

I am glad to see he thinks the Communist Party of Canada is a "respectable organization". It is more than that, however - it is a heroic organization which has faced the attacks of people like Kuhnke for over 30 years. It has been made illegal, its members jailed, beaten and shot, and it has had to fight for the right to express its ideals. We weren't "given" that right - we fought for it.

Kuhnke also apparently never saw the original copy of the letter, or he would know that it was a collective work of the Angela Davis Club.

The Gateway didn't sign the letter as I requested, so this wasn't made clear. Also, everyone I talked to about the letter said it was very well written, far from making a "laughing stock" of our Party!

Regarding Kuhnke's class hatred, I fail to see what else one can call an offer to help scabs break picket lines. Working people have suffered and struggled for over a century for the right to maintain a picket line and to strike. Kuhnke's offer is nothing but arrogant disdain for that struggle. If Kuhnke ever is on strike himself he may change his mind.

Kuhnke's assertion that the bourgeoisie is being taken advantage of in the collective bargaining process is simply incorrect. Time and again the bourgeoisie has called upon its state power to crush the collective bargaining process. The bus drivers fought a good strike and won, but even they were threatened with strikebreaking tactics.

Regarding taxes, the City's stand has been that the taxpayers ie. the working people, will pay for increased drivers wages. Kuhnke's support of the City therefore implies support for this stand.

Kuhnke tries to make us feel sorry for him for having to read my "diatribe" - it makes him "tired". Well, I know many working people who would gladly trade their positions for his privileged one. He has again shown his lack of concern for the real problems of working people.

Finally, a note to John Savard, who says the Poundmaker is controlled by "the likes of Kimball Cariou, and others." Well, John, all I can say is that I am the only person of my political persuasion on the Poundmaker staff. I do not "control" it any more than anyone else. It is run collectively. If Savard feels he can back it out working with our equipment (2 typewriters, strip-printer, headliner and a waxer) he's quite welcome to have some control, as much as the rest of us.

Kimball Cariou

Comet

Dear Moses David and the Children of God -

Don't be at all surprised if the response to your rantings isn't too favorable, because the crap you dish out is enough to stink all the way up to the Divine Nose of your imaginary God. Your three-letter handout on Kohoutek is a fine example of fools becoming hysterical over senseless fabrications.

Some comments on ideas raised in these letters.

Letter 1, para. 7 - "It seems the duty of the system is to keep the people in a state of ignorance." Your alternative seems no better - to keep the people constantly lost, believing they've really found something in their irrational acceptance of the trivia you spoon-feed them.

Letter 1, para. 8 - You accuse each system with not confessing its faults, hiding its errors and weaknesses, etc. But this applies to none so well as to yourselves, for you have the Eternal Scapegoat - the illusory 'God' in whose name you babble.

Letter 1, para. 42 - To interpret the name of the comet

editorial

Kohoutek

All right you wretches and sinners who have the misfortune of living in the great Kohoutek era, prepare yourself for doom, 'cause God's gonna get you, and He's gonna get you TODAY. You'd better kiss your favorite girl or guy farewell, because this is your last chance.

Moses David, leader of the so-called Children of God pseudo-religious group, said before Christmas that the spirits on the other side of the green door (well, not really green, sort of greenish brown, the color of good marijuana) gave us 40 days to set straight our affairs and January 31 is the 40th day.

Scared? Not really. Believe him? Not possibly!

Moses David makes a lot of reference in his three letters to the world to all kinds of Bible passages, but somehow looses the one that says that nobody, not even the angels knows when the last day will come.

Anyhow, to prevent us from dealing seriously with this blasphemer, let's view what he says.

He says that the trajectory of the comet to him represents a heavenly penis, with the sun as its hole, entering the Earth's orbital vagina, and at the point of its deepest penetration it will spew forth an orgasm of celestial obliteration. Far out. Sounds like we'll all be gooby-juiced to death at a speed of a few thousand miles per hour by this huge heavenly organ. All I can say is, "What a way to go."

What's more, if you want to save yourself from this certain destruction, all you have to do is send one dollar, one thin portrait of the queen to RADIANCE, Box 471, Olympia WA 98507, and you will be given the ways to use cosmic light in saving you and yourself. The details are in the Classifieds this issue, and in the last three.

Pretty neat stuff, huh, kids? That Moses David character really knows where the action is.

I'm writing this on the eve of my doom, (I don't have a dollar, and besides, it takes six weeks for the information to come) and I am completely calm and collected. If I survive tomorrow, certainly I will have gained a very valuable insight into the seeings of the children of God, and the spirits behind the green door.

Since this is my last chance, let me wax philosophical. After all, it's not every day that the world ends. I've lived a good life, gone to church most every Sunday, even say my prayers at night. God wouldn't have me on his blacklist, would He? I mean, there are lots of other sinful people out there, sinning night and day. Why me? Wasn't I born with some higher purpose than simply to be killed by this horny comet?

Now, to keep myself from dealing lightly with this matter, let me say that there exists no sect, no faith, no teaching, no person or spiritual being that will tell us when God will destroy the world He created. There exists no bomb, no amount of pollution or vice that can completely obliterate the entire earth. We may do our level best at times to make it unlivable, and I think we are succeeding nicely, but only God can destroy it to build a new one, a perfect one, one that will last forever. Call me a fanatic, but I'm not as crazy as Moses David, for all my lack of spiritual insight. I know that as surely as you read these words, that Kohoutek will not destroy us today or ever.

Greg Neiman

as "the wolf who shall cause the mountains to fret and fume" is almost humorous, and when you call this "the broad meaning of its name" you are nearer to the truth than anywhere else in your pamphlet. 'Kohoutek' is the Czech word for 'little rooster'.

Letter 2, para. 7-10 - Your minimal amount of intelligence is supplemented fully by your excess of imagination, as evidenced here. So Kohoutek is a Heavenly Penis raping poor Mother Earth. Praise the Lord it climaxed on the other side of the sun! Maybe the disaster you predict is to be a rain of Celestial Sperm! Quite rightly in Para. 26 you speak of the comet returning to a fitting resting place - "the hand of him that flung it."

Letter 3 - Here you demonstrate that the word "children" really applies to you. A six-year old could have done better. Are you so utterly astonished by the fact that 40 plus 40 makes 80 that you have to repeat it a dozen times? Perhaps your god gave you the extra 40 days, not as time to prepare a warning, but because he knew it would take twice as long for something to sink into people of your mentality.

In conclusion - A suggestion. The next time you take a trip through that "Green Door", lock it behind you and lose the key. You should be right at home in a world of the make-believe.

Anton Kritzinger

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