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## if you don't know, don't vote

Friday students on this campus will decide three positions on next year's council executive.

Friday students on this campus will decide whether or not we re-join the Canadian Union of Students.

Each item on Friday's ballot is an important one and deserves your careful attention.

Don't vote if you don't know what you are voting for or about. If you have become aware of the issues over the past few months, and have formed some sort of opinion, then vote.

A careless or reckless vote may set the students' union back ten years. A well-informed vote, regardless of

which side you take on any issue, will reflect the thought of this campus and will guide the students' union in planning next year's activities. The issues are out now, each candidate in the election and both sides of the CUS issue are on pages six and seven of this paper as a service to you.

Read their platforms and their arguments, discuss them with your friends over coffee, find out as much as you can about each candidate and the CUS referendum before you decide how you are going to vote.

A small informed voter turnout is better than a large uninformed turnout. But a large informed turnout is best.

## useless election rules

The discipline, interpretation and enforcement committee decision to limit campaigning on the issue of membership in the Canadian Union of Students to candidates, allowing non-candidates to speak only after one hour since the last candidate's appearance is an infringement on free speech.

Their theory is that a non-candidate's efforts might influence voters' thoughts about a candidate.

This is utter nonsense. Sure, a voter may be influenced, but what difference does an hour make? Why did they allow non-candidates to speak at all if they might influence executive positions?

The whole election bylaw should be revamped to allow campaigning by anyone on any issue at any time during the year. As soon as a candidate has turned in his nomination papers, he is running. Why must he wait six days before he can make a speech?

And if he must wait, what happens when a member of students' council speaks in December on an issue which comes up in the ensuing general elections, and this member himself is running? Is that not pre-campaigning?

Pre-campaigning must be either defined in extreme detail to cover every possible situation, or the penalties for pre-campaigning should be eliminated thereby eliminating the whole problem.

## voters beware

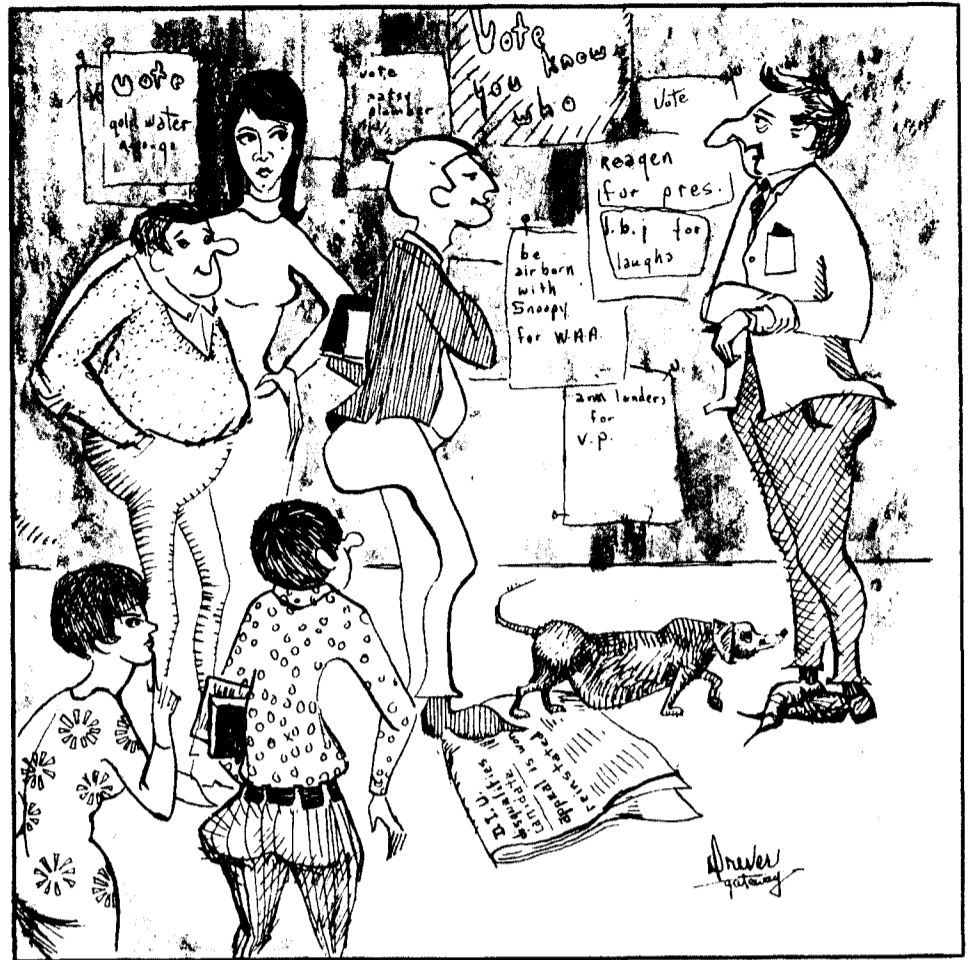
This year, as in years past, candidates running for office in the students' union general elections will give you a list of the clubs and organizations in which they are active.

And this year, as in years past, a candidate or two may fraudulently claim active membership in a group when actually he is only slightly associated with that group.

We urge voters to be wary of these lists and to check them out. For instance, candidates claiming to work actively for The Gateway can be checked against the staff list at the top of this page.

Other groups can be checked by talking to their executive.

We are tired of this fraud which continues from year to year. Let's do something about it.



"and whereas a certain party, having legally filed nomination forms for the purported purpose of running for office in the coming campus elections, and whereas this party desires to win within the required bounds set out by certain by-laws which prohibit campaigning before a certain date, might I offer hereinafter a few veiled words on this party's behalf . . ."

## ralph melnychuk vote me for iconoclast

I wish to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the position of shit-disturber on our glorious campus.

According to my philosophy of student government, an ambitious individual such as myself should be running for the top position. Accordingly, thousands of my supporters have been urging me to run for president.

But the pen is mightier than the sword, the shovel is mightier than the pen, and I have a new super-duper-pooper-scooper that beats them all.

Although the position of shit-disturber in the past has been held by The Gateway's editor-in-chief, the latter position is now considered a responsible one, so the Sun-King is now ineligible.

I believe I am well qualified to be shit-disturber. I am a fourth year arts student in a failing program. The numerous threats on my life following publication of many of my articles in The Gateway throughout the past two years indicates I would do an admirable job.

The following platform outlines the ambitious program I will initiate if elected.

**Abolish elections:** We can let the DIE rule who should be selected for the various offices. Events this year show that this is the trend.

**Cuss along with CUS:** CUS has a few merits, but I feel we should really join its Yankee equivalent, the National Student Association. We should then push to have its name changed to National Student Federation (NSF), because without CIA backing all its cheques will be NSF anyway.

**Bored of Governors:** Student representation on/to the Board of Governors is not enough. I would mobilize the Golden Bears football team, storm the Administration Building, and seize power. We could lynch the governors—we haven't had a good lynching or book-burning riot in years.

**Eliminate the last vestiges of democracy:** All the positions are acclaimed anyway, so there is no real reason why students' council should exist, much less vote on anything. A crypto-fascist dictatorship should be able to handle things much more efficiently.

**Down with education:** What's all this talk I hear about students wanting to plan their own courses and re-vamp the lecture system? Let's face it, we are all here to have a big party and booze it up, so let's do away with classes altogether. (Gateway staffers have already taken this big step).

**Parking:** Parking is a big problem. We could abolish parking entirely, or we could erect a giant inverted pyramid in the middle of the Quad and pile all the cars there. The inverted pyramid is good journalistic style, and what's good enough for journalists is too good for the rest of you.

Another idea is to convert the new SUB into a giant parkade. Actually, I have worked out the answer to the problem, but refuse to divulge it, since some of my competitors might use my ideas.

On the basis of my experience, platform, and philosophy of student government, I believe I am best qualified for the job.

So thanks for all the cards and letters, and remember fans, on Friday vote Melnychuk for shit-disturber.