



they have been conquered by our great ancestors (of whom you must be so proud, dear Saint George), they keep complaining of even the privileged fate that we made them here!

As for what we should do with these descendants of the defeated, I totally agree that we should not tolerate their intolerance and I have already started praying to Saint Louis to consider accepting them back in France.

May you always assist us in making Canada the great and united country it once was.

Your will be done in England and Canada.

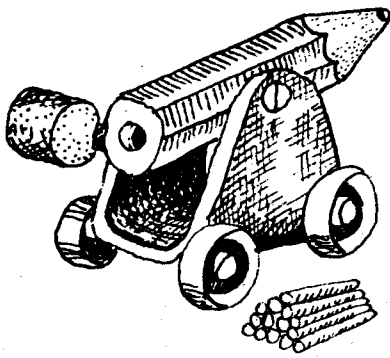
Amen.

Quentin Durham

Frustration

Comrade Vladimir Bronstein Backoff (Vladimir Bronstein Backoff to his friends) had just seated himself for dinner when the telephone rang. The upstairs maid answered it downstairs. Fearfully she entered the dining room, having learned long ago how angered Vladimir became when interrupted between platefuls, and said with trembling terror, "There's someone on the telephone, Your Master Highness Salt of the Earth Most Gracious Benefactor Ever, Sir."

editorial



Electorate not responding

It has been pointed out that our Students' Union and related bodies are not truly representative of the student majority, simply because many Councillors have accepted their positions by virtue of acclamation. It is also noted that poor turn-outs at elections have produced members for these various positions who received only a small percentage of the eligible votes. And although these people do not necessarily represent the faculties or students on campus, they are acting in the best interests of our Students' Union, on behalf of all students, including the non-voters. This capsule analysis more-or-less sums up the existing elected positions of our student government and the voting trends on this campus.

If in fact these trends do exist, and if the business at hand is of vital importance to the financial survival of our Union, the present system for picking representatives is not adequate.

Just as *The Gateway* does not have the resources to inspire interest and participation in all students, neither does any individual Councillor have the power to re-vitalize a strong student interest in the politics of the Students' Union.

Rather than perpetuating an ailing system, why not accept the fact that any other conceivable method of selecting representatives is as valid as the one now employed?

Unless changes are made in the Constitution to ensure that all reps have at least a minimal support of the voters, what is the relevance of the electoral system we now employ? If Council adopts an apathetic or introverted attitude regarding its own existence, is it so surprising that this same apathetic attitude is reflected in the students of this campus?

Student Councillors are responsible to the people they represent, and are expected to make valuable contributions on behalf of the faculty's they represent.

It is obvious the electors do not respond to the present system: it is now Council's responsibility to explore a more adequate method that appeals to the electors.

Bernie Fritze

Vlad liked his servants to show respect.

Grumbling, he pushed back his throne and tossed his napkin on the table where it landed neatly folded.

In the hallway he grasped firmly the receiver and said most noncommittally, "Hello?"

"Is this Comrade Vladimir Bronstein Backoff, His Master Highness Salt of the Earth Most Gracious Benefactor Ever?" asked the voice on the other end of the line.

"Yes." He stifled a belch. Damn those Italian chefs.

"Terribly sorry, I must have the wrong number," said the voice and hung up.

Later that evening Vlad swore off stuffed doughnuts.

Sincerely mine, yet yours,
Stan Armstrong

Voyeur

Concerning the 28 November letter entitled Get your Rocks Off, we are in complete sympathy with your abhorrence to what you termed immature attitudes of the supposed higher intellect of the university male.

However, due to a general consensus of opinion, we find it extremely odd that the writer should notice this occurrence so often. Could it be that you are looking for this, or conversely, could it be that the reason you are complaining is because you are insulted that someone hasn't looked up your skirt?

Therefore, dear Science Two, in conclusion, we recommend the following plan of action:

"If you can't bare it, don't wear it."

Rutherford Library
Voyeur Team

Ivory tower

The front page news item entitled U of A Ivory Tower soon to be crumpled *Gateway* Nov. 26, was an exciting piece of news to me for two reasons:

1. I thought the decision "to transform the Department of Extension into a faculty" was hitting at the very basic issue in Education.

What is the aim of education, anyway; is it the case that institutions are 'agents of socialization' or not? It is the "community" that must organize itself so that it will meet the needs, standards and requirements set up by institutions or is it the other way round?

At the last Convocation, Dr. Desrochers, the 1970-74 president of the Senate was awarded the highest meritorious Award for strengthening the link between the University and the community. I see the decision to transform the Department of Extension into a faculty as a continuation of the same sentence.

By the way, does the recent popularity of institutions like NAIT & SAIT not make you sit up and ask why? The community is speaking; The Department of Extension is 'listening' and acting.

2. As a student in Business Education, the decision of the Extension Department enables me to see and appreciate, in a new way, the wisdom in the way the Business Education Department has been organized. A lot of stro points have been

and can still be raised against my position; but the way and direction the University is developing makes me feel that the Business Education Department in its intercourse with the business world, with Business Education Departments in the high schools, and the participation in the teaching of the courses puts the Department far ahead of this time.

No, the Ivory Tower is not for crumbling; it is being given some real strong foundations. The way I see it, anyway.

Martin Asamoah-Manu

Rape!

Most women at the University see the campus as a particularly safe environment. In fact, they are often shocked when they discover that assaults on women, ranging from verbal assault to rape, actually do take place on campus.

The purpose of this letter, then, is simply to inform women that the campus is as vulnerable to crime as any other section of the city. Women should report any trouble to the city police immediately. Rape must be reported within 22 hours; a medical examination must be done within 20 hours.

Dr. R. Sydie
L. Cormier
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Appalling

I am quite appalled by the attitude displayed on this campus towards foreign students. This is demonstrated in its grossest form in the graffiti in the main floor SUB men's washroom, cubicle No. 2.

For example, a woman asked Ralph Nader a question the other night, in which she suggested that foreign students should pay higher tuition than Canadians, as she stated is the case in the USA. (Perhaps she meant foreign students from the USA should pay higher fees, but I don't think he made that distinction.) A similar point of view is expressed by those who think enrollment should be limited to small numbers of foreign students, or even students from other parts of Canada. The rationale is, of course, that Albertan taxes help support the U of A, and that Albertans are, therefore, paying twice, while others are paying only once.

That argument is sound, until you notice that students are not the only immigrants from overseas. Canadian immigration policies ensure that those entering this country as permanent residents are highly qualified people with technical or professional training. Furthermore, the competitive nature of job-hunting is such that these people accept jobs that Canadians would not touch, especially in remote areas.

Some of these people have been trained here first, and they stay -- and start paying taxes. Others have received their training abroad, at no expense to us, and then bring their skills here -- and start paying taxes. It seems to me, in balance, that Canada, and Alberta, probably make a handsome profit on this transaction.

Yours sincerely,
Fletcher Stewart
Chaplain

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