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## dangerous financing

Shame on the last three U.S. presidents.

You really shouldn't have let the Central Intelligence Agency contribute so heavily to the largest United States union of students, the National Student Association.

It looks as if the CIA was attempting to control this body instead of letting the million members do so.

This makes it seem that you do not trust your own students, and if you don't trust them, then who can you trust?

Now a financial contribution does not necessarily imply that the group which contributes controls the group which receives the donations.

But things get more suspicious when NSA executive members say they were threatened with everything from character assassination to pressure on the establishment to prevent executive members from getting responsible positions to keep the NSA from revealing the CIA as a source of their financial support.

It is very unfortunate that the government of the country which is fighting in many corners of the world to keep the world safe for democracy, will not let democracy be practiced at home.

NSA president Eugene Groves says the connection between CIA and NSA was originally formed because the CIA thought it was in the national interest to have a strong student organization acting internationally.

But it seems CIA concern is back-firing. Already the International Union of Students, which is supported by the Soviet Union, has a bad name because it is dominated by the Communist party.

Now it seems that the International Student Conference, the organization supported by the National Student Association and now by implication, the CIA, will receive an equally bad name.

For what is the purpose of an international union of students if what it represents is government position instead of the students'?

So both the IUS and the ISC are becoming meaningless. The purpose of an international organization is for young people from many countries to learn to live with each other.

If students are forced by their governments to simply parrot the government line, they will be forced to continue the mistakes of their parents.

## in search of a better mousetrap

Sweeping changes to be recommended to council Monday by reorganization committee chairman Dick Low will streamline operations in the expanding students' union.

Low's committee, which has been looking for a better system of student government for quite some time, has come up with a system of decentralized committees each responsible to a vice-president who speaks for his committee in the assembly.

The system would make our student government more efficient through specialization. Each vice-president would be concerned only with his own area—finance, academics, public affairs, programs or organizations.

Specialization would mean that each vice-president would become articulate in his own field and while he would be concerned with other issues as would any student, he could become an expert and thus an asset to the students' union in his own area of specialization.

The new system would also get more people involved in student activities through committee work.

The basic system has been proven effective in other universities of our approximate size and would work well here.

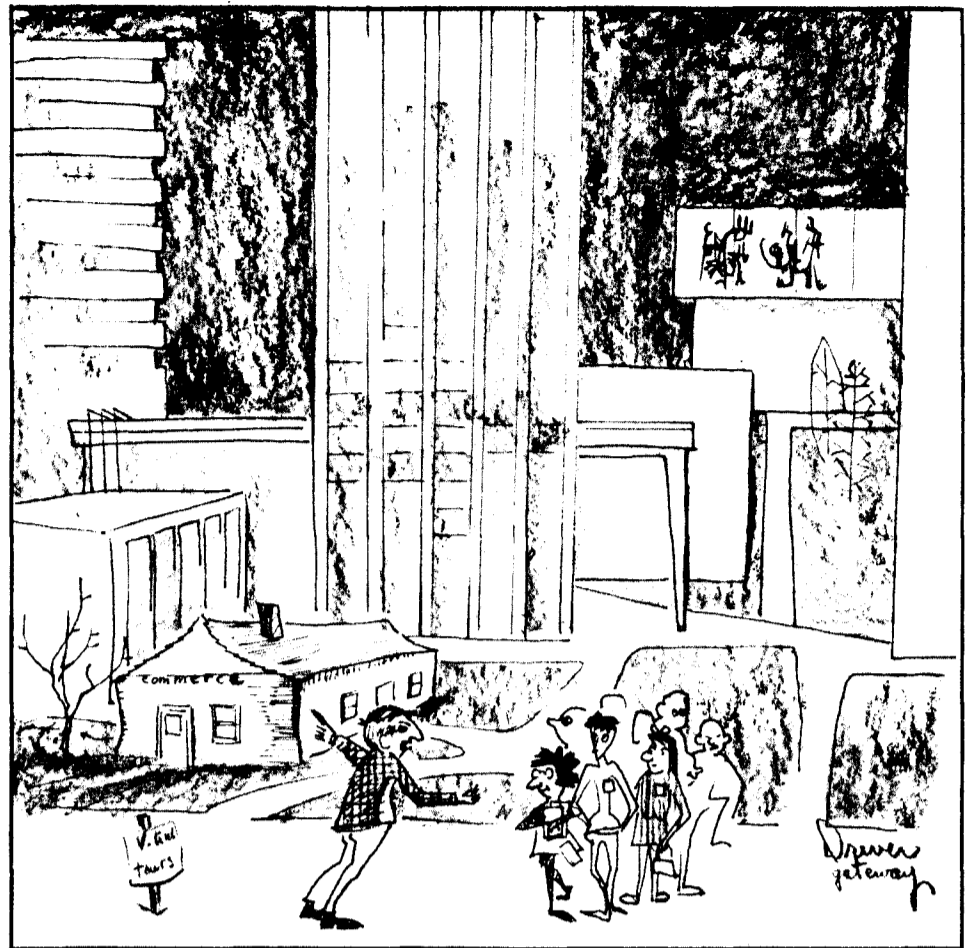
The present system, designed for a campus population of 5,000, has become not as effective as it could be on a campus of 12,000 students. It does not involve enough people.

The reorganization committee has come up with a better mouse trap and their arduous hours of research in looking at different systems should be commended.

## model of what?

It seems that each year The Gateway comes out with an editorial criticizing model parliament, mainly because it stinks.

Well, it did and here it is.



"and with \$85,000,000 going to Alberta universities this year, we have some of the newest, largest, best equipped buildings in Canada—by the way, this represents the faculty of commerce offices."

ralph melnychuk

## behind the barn and under the bushes

boo hoo hoo! The trees are going down!

That breaks me all up. I mean, what would university be, if it were not for trees.

Prof. Baird and his colleagues from the poli sci dept. seem to be the big guns behind the latest campus crusade. But in fairness to said department, last Friday's Casserole shows its members do occasionally bend their minds to more significant matters.

The selfless devotion of our collective political conscience has inspired me to embark on my own crusade against the destructive influence of the great bureaucracy.

So, gentle reader, ignore the sarcasm, take another deep swig from your dishwasher (pardon, coffee), snuggle back in your plush Hotte Caffé armchair, and read on.

According to usually reliable sources, when the food services area in the new SUB is operational, Hotte Caffé will be demolished, moved, or otherwise disposed of.

Hotte Caffé—that refuge of harassed professors, soother of burnt-out stomachs, sanctuary of neurotic freshmen, and occasional domicile of exciting and intelligent conversations.

Why is it going? Well, there are a number of theories.

First, Hotte Caffé doesn't conform to campus architecture? What architecture?

Perhaps because it won't be needed? Rubbish! With the campus growing as fast as it is, the need for Hotte Caffé will certainly not vanish with the advent of the new SUB. There may not be the need to provide as many meals, but there certainly will be need for a snack bar and general talking space.

Perhaps because it will be needed? Now that's a sound reason, probably

more in line with the reasoning of our administrators.

Because it serves good food? Hotte Caffé food is certainly better than that in other food services areas. Could some people be jealous?

Because it's convenient? Now this would be a good reason to get rid of it. After all, we musn't make things too convenient for our soft, lazy and ignorant students and faculty.

But all this is trivia. The real reason is, much more profound and insidious.

Hotte Caffé is an outlet for the expression of thought—sometimes. But sometimes is too often.

Did you realize that some people actually have intelligent conversations and debates in Hotte Caffé? I have maintained for years that Hotte Caffé is the pulse of the campus.

What our glorious bureaucrats object to is this campus having pulse at all. Let's face it, nobody wants students to think, much less actually express their thoughts, even if only to other insignificant students.

Hotte Caffé is the only large, easily accessible place on campus where students can gather in an informal atmosphere and complain about classes, discuss problems, and argue about any idea (significant or otherwise) which may pop into their heads.

And any bureaucrat who claims that such an interchange of ideas is not one of the more valuable aspects of university life goes down in my little black book as the man I would most like to stand up against a stone wall (i.e. the eng bldg. mural) and throw hatchets at.

Students of the university, unite! You have nothing to lose but Hotte Caffé.

Prof. Baird and associates, come out of your trees and go into Hotte Caffé.