

editorial

So long, Frank Lloyd Wright

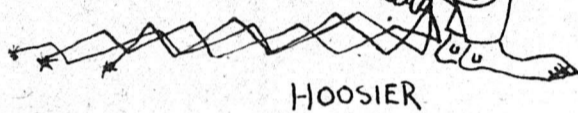
"Herewith accept my resignation from this Council effective immediately." Joe McGhie.

Short. To the point. Curt, without embellishment or qualifying phrases. So unlike Joe.

I don't know of any ex-presidents who showed a continuing interest in Council activities (or the Students' Union, for that matter) once their terms of office expired. Thus I feel it merits mention of McGhie's unorthodox decision to remain interested and active in Council's sundry endeavors following his defeat for yet a second term of office as SU president.

Further, his resignation might mark a milestone in our history. One might interpret the event as the visible evidence that McGhie and one-time arts rep Jim Tanner have finally agreed on something. The way Council operates its affairs, its just not worth the effort and headache of taking part in any meaningful fashion. Far better to let Council remain a bouncing rubber stamp.

Greg Neiman



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"Nordiques...4
Oilers, 3
Gotta match?"

Who holds the power?

Times used to be when marching denoted ser. tude, but since Canada has all but pulled out of the military game, marching has become a method to express individuality, outrage, and militancy (as opposed to blind soldiership).

And march we will, when the time comes, and the goals seem reachable.

When people do finally convince themselves that enough is enough, and are convinced that being an individual, a militant individual, will help to change the crazy system that surrounds us, we will march.

Its fairly common knowledge that large corporate landowners have a tight grip on the housing situation here vis a vis rent controls. Most are familiar with who has the power to change rents and who has the power to decide what is fair payment for housing. Its not us. Yet.

The provincial government has been unwilling, to say the least, to consider the rights of renters to proper housing at reasonable costs. Bill Yurko, minister of housing and public works, has repeatedly said students should go home rather than go to school, that we shouldn't "expect too much" when we are looking for housing, that the laws of supply and demand will rectify the situation of crisis that occurred this summer and still occurs today.

Well, its true. Supply and demand will rectify the situation. In about eight or nine years.

For those of us who can't wait that long for justice, a march next Thursday is being planned, and for those of us who feel we as individuals can change whats happening to us now, the march may be successful.

See you there.

Greg Neiman

Just raising optimism

We wish to clarify some of the confusion in Gateway's report on Martin Bracey's address to the 50-60 students in CAB on Monday.

Martin Bracey is the spokesman for the National Ad Hoc Committee to Oppose the "Green Paper". Meetings with Martin Bracey in Edmonton are part of a national tour to raise and organize opposition to the Green Paper, (not a "National tour discussing the Green Paper.")

In 1969 Martin Bracey and 86 other students were arrested following the Sir George Williams struggle in Montreal against racist and fascist repression. Your reporter, *Gateway*, misleads his readers by ignoring the real political nature of that struggle. The issue was the just demands of the students for fair treatment in the academic community in face of racial persecution and

discrimination and the collusion of the university authorities in refusing to deal with these charges. Over the past six years Martin Bracey has carried on an inspiring struggle for his just demand for treatment as a political prisoner and against the continued viciousness of the penal authorities to break his spirit of resistance.

So the meaning of this history is clear. The spirit of resistance to the attacks of the government on the Canadian people is rising. It is possible to carry on vigorous extended struggle against the ruling class of Canada in support of our allies, the national minority peoples, and in support of the third world peoples in their fights for national liberation.

On Monday a call was issued from the National Ad Hoc Committee to Oppose the Green Paper to raise spirits for resistance by organizing among the youth and students the widest possible unity against the Green Paper and against the Trudeau government's anti-people practices. To this end, we have organized a Mass Democracy so that all those who want to built unity on these questions should come to CAB at noon on Thurs. Nov. 6. An

organizational meeting to form the basis of the U of A Ad Hoc Committee to Oppose the Green Paper will take place later on Thurs. Nov. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in CAB 235.

On Friday, Nov. 7, Martin Bracey will speak at a public meeting in the Centennial Library Theater at 7:30 p.m. as spokesman for the National Ad Hoc Committee to Oppose the Green Paper. All students, young people, progressive and democratic people are invited to attend and participate.

Edmonton Student Movement

Studying women

The following is a letter which is being sent to the Academic Women's Association, Département of Extension, Department Heads and Curriculum Committees. The meeting is Monday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room in SUB. All people interested in extending women's courses on campus are welcome.

Dear Rita; he who laughs last... ed.

This letter will make clear some of the obfuscated points raised in Rita Zetsen's letter to the Editor in last Tuesday's *Gateway*. At the change-over meeting of Students' Council held March 31, 1975 Rita Zetsen was in attendance. On April 4, 1975 I received a letter from Ms. Zetsen stating "As I am unable to attend the meeting of April 7, please accept Val Hirsche as my representative by proxy."

Val Hirsche did not attend this, or any subsequent, meeting held during the summer.

On September 22, I received a letter from Ms. Zetsen stating "Due to an administrative foul-up, you did not receive a letter informing you of my decision to resign from the Students' Union Council. Because of this decision, I have arranged for Kevan Warner to be my representative-by-proxy for the remainder of my term." However, as the letter was

dated September 22, it is valid only under By-Law C100, Part III, Section 24, which states that "a member of Council ... may appoint a proxy member for all or part of his term in office except that such appointment shall not be valid after September 15 unless it is concurred by Council."

At the October 6 meeting of Students' Council this was brought to the attention of Mr. Warner, who then made a representation on behalf of Ms. Zetsen as a student-at-large. At

the October 15 meeting of Students' Council, Ms. Zetsen, in her capacity as a student councillor, introduced a motion seeking ratification of Kevan Warner as her proxy. The motion was defeated.

As a result, I received a letter from Ms. Zetsen, dated October 29, 1975, stating that "Due to circumstances outlined in my presentation to council (referring to the meeting of October 15), I find it necessary to submit this resignation. Please arrange for a bi-election

(sic) to be held to fill my position." This, of course, means that Ms. Zetsen was a member of Students' Council until I received her letter on October 29 and which was publicly distributed on October 30.

I hope this will clear up some of the misunderstanding which surrounded Ms. Partridge's editorial and Ms. Zetsen's reply.

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