

Varsity Voices

Varsity Image

To The Editor:

It was with deep satisfaction that I read The Gateway dated Friday, Oct. 25, 1963. The issues pertaining to Mayor Hawrelak were very well put and I agree most enthusiastically that the protestors, while honorable men, surely jeopardize the university's public image.

The bad example these men have shown is disgraceful! Perhaps you, like myself, have watched professional hockey games where fights take place and even the throwing of eggs on the ice by irate fans. The younger hockey boys watch this and follow that example at the next opportune moment.

Many new university boys looking for examples or trends to follow can easily choose such tactics as these professors in such demonstrations. Your view of the whole affair is to be praised, to say the least! Mayor Hawrelak was the choice of the majority so it does not take the brains of a university professor to

realize the moral obligations which follow.

The article by Adam Campbell re the religious aspect of the situation in this case, is to be commended also. Three cheers . . .

Thanks for your patience and more so for your good work.

Sincerely

City Hall Show

To The Editor:

I was horrified at hearing what happened to the varsity students during their demonstration at City Hall Monday night.

I feel that was the most childish and absurd stunt that our citizens could have done to those students. This is a democratic country, with a democratic government, with democratic people governing it. But apparently our citizens do not realize that. They do not realize that we are their future citizens.

If they think they can tramp us under their feet they have something to learn. They should

learn the meaning of a democracy and they should also realize that freedom of speech is permitted in this country and also in this city.

A civil rights sympathizer,
R. L. Holowenko

Holier-Than-Thou

To The Editor:

The Gateway has in the past been a rag, but this year it is a little less than toilet tissue. You had better do some serious thinking about the aim of a University Newspaper.

If I want news I can turn on my radio or read (ugh!) The Edmonton Journal. If I want crap like: quotations from the bible (was he serious?), or how to ride a bicycle in Jasper Park—I can look in the toilet.

You say you have given The Gateway a new look—granted. But a few new heads (with pictures yet!) is not what composes a campus paper! I say the policy of a University Newspaper is to be controversial! That is, to bring out questions that are vital to us—the students—so that they may be at least regurgitated, if not answered.

I have read little in this year's Gateway that has not been either news (usually not pertinent to campus at all) or crap that is totally irrelevant to anything at all. Your editorial page is generally non-committal and chicken-livered, and even "What the Hell" sometimes slips to the mundane. The only feature of any value is Varsity Voices, but even it is sterile because of a lack of controversy that you should have created.

If you are not prepared to wage a battle against mediocrity and lethargy to give use a proper University Newspaper, instead of this anemic, infant-copy of the completely banal Journal—I suggest—I demand—you resign!

Don Wells
Arts 4

Editor's Note: Mr. Wells—like a number of non-conformists on campus—wears a turtle-neck, sports a beard, rides a bicycle, reads avante-garde poetry and—oh yes . . . smokes a pipe.

Seig Heil!

To The Editor:

I admit that I am immoral, politically and otherwise. Therefore I am not involved in the mayor controversy. I am undoubtedly the only man who is tainted enough not to be concerned.

Seig Heil
Adolf Hitler

P.S. I do not wish to remain anonymous.

Richard McDowall's Musings



What is to follow below is an idea which has come to me often but which I never have put into language. The following letter which I received expresses what I have wanted to say.

"Some people read to get away from life; others read to get into life, to experience it more abundantly. There are virtues in both purposes. For escape from the vexation of events, we may immerse ourselves in books of our choice; we may read for information, to stimulate thought, to help our personal development, or because we enjoy reading.

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"No purpose requires us to analyze and parse the prose and poetry and tear it to pieces in search of hidden meanings. We profit most when we read with enjoyment, just as we look at the soft beauty of a flower without putting it under a microscope.

"Our approach to books can be influenced by this undoubted truth: books are the sole means of communication with great minds of the past, and the only means most of us have to commune with the first-rate minds of our own day. In our books are recorded all the thoughts, feelings, passions, visions, and dreams that have stirred the human mind.

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"Books are not inanimate masses of wood pulp with black marks on them; they are dynamic, vital things, capable of informing and enlivening our minds. After reading a good book we feel well above our normal best. Lifted on the shoulders of great writers, we catch a glimpse of new worlds which are within reach of the human spirit

"To learn from a book one does not have to agree with the authors' judgments and valuations, but it is interesting and useful to know what they are and that such opinions are held."

Reading is one of the true pleasures of life. In our age of mass culture, when so much that we encounter is abridged, adopted, adulterated, shredded and boiled down, and commercialism's loud speakers are incessantly braying, it is mind-easing and mind-inspiring to sit down privately with a congenial book.

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Adam Campbell



Short and Sour

To all the famous "picket-packers," guardians of "the" morality, sheep in students' clothing; I offer my heartiest congratulations—for making the headlines, that is. I could hardly congratulate you on your seemingly moral stand.

I did not consider your attitude or conduct moral and suggest you have sound reason to examine your actions.

For one thing you had best begin by setting your tenses straight. You have no evidence to support your "He is blah, blah," accusations against Mr. Hawrelak. He WAS what your placards said but the present tense is a little strong right now. Might I suggest you wait until you have valid statements?

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Also, I am quite confident that the people of Edmonton, who voted for Mr. Hawrelak, were not, in so doing, approving his previous controversial conduct. Are we also to deduce that because we rehabilitate a murderer we are condoning his felony? Rather posterous I should think. Yet, this seems to be your basic assumption.

More realistically, I would say that Edmontonians were faced with a difficult choice in the election; and they chose to give Mr. Hawrelak a chance to redeem his reputation. This, to me, is unquestionably more moral than taking a stand that he should perpetually bear the pockmarks of public disgrace.

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Yet you stand there reeking of righteous indignation, requesting the resignation of a man you helped to martyr. It is like requesting Christ not to rise after all the suffering He endured.

Let's face it, chaps. I think you had best take inventory of your morals and recognize them before you go around protecting the same.

Finally, if there is any moral (or maxim) to be deduced from all your deplorable shenanigans, it is solely that "the higher a monkey climbs a ladder, the more it shows its rectum."

What the hell

by Jon Whyte



Is it ethical to skip your ethics class to go to City Hall to demonstrate on a moral question?

I don't know whether this dilemma actually faced anyone but it does reveal the extent to which being a student involves more than just sitting around Tuck and talking 'til the girls come.

Beyond that, nothing. Next column, though, will be an original folk song on the Moral Lack of Edmonton. Stay tuned.

But there are more ethical problems which we face—

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(1) If you are taking out two or more girls at the same time and you ineptly call one of them by another's name should you (a) beg her pardon, (b) jump off the Ed Building, (c) tell her you confused her with Marilyn Monroe?

(2) You have missed a class because you were involved in a rushing engagement. Unfortunately, during the class an exam worth 25 per cent of the year's marks was held. Should you (a) see if the infirmary gives absence slips for hangovers, (b) write your father that you were arrested for being civilly disobedient, (c) jump off the Ed Building?

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(3) Your girl friend has just told you she is pregnant. If you marry her now, you will not be able to finish your year. It may ruin your entire life. Should you (a) attempt to prove you were at City Hall when the impregnation occurred, (b) find a friend who is in medicine who will prove his friendship, (c) leap off the Ed Building and the High Level bridge?

(4) Student Counselling Services has just advised you that you are inept, unintelligent, and that you should never have been admitted to university. Do you (a) give back your B.A., (b) sue your mother and father for raising such a social misfit, (c) try and walk up to the top floor of the Ed Building?

(5) Your parents have just found out your fiancée is not a WASP. Will you (a) send them a Chappy Chanukuh card, (b) send them a copy of the collected works of Ashley Montagu and Ruth Benedict, (c) tell them to jump off the Ed Building?

