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Money Problems

In December we called for some definite action by organizations conducting housing surveys amongst married students. One such organization has since published results of their findings and the report raises a number of interesting and significant facts concerning student finances.

As a result of their study, the Students' Wives' Club have called for university-sponsored, self-supporting housing for married students and a "more adequate" loan scheme for students.

We also stated in December that it is debatable whether students who assume the responsibilities of marriage should be given special housing considerations by the university. However we do agree with the Students' Wives' that education is, or should be "a right, not a privilege." In other words, every student, married or not, should have the means for an education and he should have them whenever the ability and desire for an education exists. This does not necessarily mean the student should be removed from the responsibility of paying for his education, only that the financial means, through various loan schemes, should be available to him as required. The Students' Wives' survey indicates that many lack adequate support.

According to the survey, 36 per cent of 362 undergraduate students studied have an overall monthly cost-of-living expenditure between \$200 and \$250; 24 per cent are in the \$250 to \$300 range while 18 per cent exceed \$300. Similarly amongst 168 graduate students, 38 per cent spend between \$250 and \$300, 22 per cent are in the \$300 to \$400 bracket and 11 per cent exceed \$400.

According to Klinck, Mr. Williamson stated on Friday in the arts rotunda: "Of what importance are a few million lives to accomplish the needs of revolution and reform."

"Mr. Williamson's statement should identify him," said Klinck.

The foregoing paragraphs were carried in the Jan. 27 issue of The Gateway.

Mr. Williamson denies having said or implied the statements attributed to him.

The Gateway regrets any inconvenience, damage, or unpleasant consequences the statements may have caused Mr. Williamson.

As a matter of policy we do not normally use "second references." We are not perfect, however. We do make mistakes. Unfortunately, Mr. Williamson was a victim of one of these mistakes.

At the same time, the survey reports that 65 per cent of the undergraduate families and 50 per cent of the graduate families earn less than \$5,000 yearly. More than 20 per cent of undergraduate households are shown beneath a salary level of \$3,000.

Thirty-three per cent of those interviewed indicated dissatisfaction with federal and provincial loan schemes, while 17 per cent feel they have not received sufficient aid. It is probably safe to assume that many of the 33 per cent are among those who had not heard from the Students Assistance Board when the survey was completed in December.

Thus the survey is but further evidence of what this paper and many student organizations across the country have maintained for some time—namely that a great disparity exists between student finances and the cost of higher education. Amidst growing speculation of increased tuition fees, married students, as well as their single counterparts, are not faced with a very bright picture.

Administration officials and all those concerned with the financing of university education in Canada would do well to consider these and a host of other facts garnered by student-affiliated groups across the country.

VIEWPOINT

To the Editor:

The Gateway should declare itself officially bankrupt. For it is indeed bankrupt—intellectually.

Readers have been subjected to a constant barrage of empty charges against all phases of contemporary society. Instead of performing the valuable role of bringing issues to the attention of students, the paper has chosen to completely ignore, and deliberately exclude any information which would reveal the complete story in any given situation.

One example will serve to illustrate the kind of "editing" which has been so prevalent during the last tedious terms of Gateway raving, designed to mislead uncritical followers. The Hon. Hooke delivered a two-and-a-half hour lecture in Red Deer during November, discussing at length a number of issues. The Gateway, reading a two paragraph report of the speech in another paper, declared war on the provincial government, without either having a copy of the speech, or even having heard the same. They neglected to approach those who had heard the address, and the thought of approaching the Minister never occurred to them. Instead, they came forth with such delightful epithets as "put up or shut up," and ranted at length on topics and personalities they neglected to investigate. Undoubtedly they were content with the facts as they heard them from Mr. Mathews (that subtle public speaker!).

Feeling that the staff would appreciate the opportunity to secure at least some accurate statements, I arranged an interview with the Minister involved. The interview took place, but it is unnecessary to note that no report was ever printed.

The Gateway is guilty only of gross misrepresentation of important issues. But it is not to be condemn-

ed — perhaps its immaturity is innocent.

Owen A. Anderson

Editor's Note:

The Gateway, it seems, does not have a patent on mis-representation. Mr. Anderson conveniently overlooks the fact that Mr. Hooke refused to take advantage of my offer to give him the same space and freedom in The Gateway as Mr. Mathews. Mr. Hooke said he would be "too busy" before the opening of the legislature (some two months hence at that time.)

Mr. Anderson also forgets that Mr. Hooke never bothered to correct the statements attributed to him in the papers of Alberta (e.g., The Albertan, The Journal, The Herald—all of whom attacked the statements with as much vigor as The Gateway.) If Mr. Hooke is "too busy" to defend himself and his government, if he is too indifferent to correct alleged mis-information, then, perhaps, The Gateway should be excused if it is unwillingly to do Mr. Hooke's "dirty work" for him.

However, Mr. Anderson, you will be happy to know that if and when the difficult chore of transcribing the two-hour interview is completed, you will find it in the pages of The Gateway. Really, we had good intentions—but Mr. Hooke said so very little, and took so long to say it.

Next Move, Yours!

Through the editor to the Campus Conservative Club:

The Liberal Club is pleased to accept your challenge to a debate on Public Power in Alberta. In keeping with our party's firm policy we would be pleased to debate against the implementation of public power in Alberta. We hope to see you at noon on Feb. 11th.

Stan Church,
Liberal Club

Bruce Ferrier

Exposes New American Legion Movement-'Banning'

With Help From Shakespeare

NEWS FLASH — National Commander of the American Legion says student demonstrations at Berkeley indicate need for ban on Communists speaking at educational institutions.

This recent statement indicates to me a need for a ban on American Legion commanders.

Of course, "banning" is "in" nowadays. We all know about the Ban the Bomb enthusiasts and banned books, not to mention Premier Banning.

This movement has great promise. Think of the membership you could get in a Banned Book of the Month Club.

Of course, the idea could spread to other areas. Student pickets carrying banners with such slogans as "Ban Sex," "Ban Johnson (no relation)," "Ban Banners," "Ban Ban Banners," and Ban Banner-Banning Ban Banners" are all possibilities. Really far-out types will not forget Ban Deodorant.

If this movement takes on national proportions, and we do away with everything, people might begin to wonder. Perhaps this eventuality is what Macbeth had in mind when he saw the Ghost of Banquo:

Avant, and quit my sight! Let the earth hide thee!

Thou hast no speculation in those eyes

Which thou dost glare with!

... Hence, horrible shadow!

But "banning," or dogmatic condemnation of that which deviates from the accepted norm, is so much easier than logical and reasonable evaluation of respective merits and demerits, that we may be sure of its continued popularity. People like the American Legion commander will continue to condemn by reflex things that they hate, fear, or do not understand, no matter what abridgements of justice or common sense are involved in their condemnations.

Even the highly-idealistic Ban the

Bomb movement cannot hide the stigma of irrationality. The wearing of that little black button, for no matter what pure purposes, reveals a lack of reasoning power. People ought not to be so helplessly simple as to believe that demonstrations and placard-carrying will change the opinions of governments already committed to a nuclear policy, by a net of international tensions too tightly-woven ever to be unknotted. Fanaticism, even in a good cause, cannot be endorsed.

But the answer is not simply a return to rationality. In spite of whatever intellectual enlightenment is available, men go on "banning" whatever conflicts with their basic principles and prejudices.

The American Legion commander suffered not only from ignorance but also from bigotry: a blind adherence to his "democratic" principles. To be cured, he must accept that not only are other people allowed to think, they may also be right.