

Students' Union stuff

Students want a course guide. It certainly seems that way if the 85 per cent response "yes" to the question - "would you find a course and professor guide useful?" - in Gateway's Nov. 23 questionnaire is any indication. Only 87 people out of 716 said they would not find such an evaluation successful. Response from Students' Union members was strong for the

questionnaire (over 670 responses out of 742 were from SU members) but the overwhelming indication from the response is that not too many undergraduate students are interested in the activities of the Students' Union.

Over 500 of the respondents said they would prefer not to be more involved in the SU (and 90 per cent of the respondents were not involved in SU activities at all), listing a lack of time (36 per cent response) and a lack of interest (35 per cent) as the two major reasons for remaining uninvolved.

However, statistics which looked bad on first glance showed that some 130-odd students would like to become more involved with the Students' Union but are not for some reason(s). Of these 130, 50 students said they didn't know how to become involved, another 30 said they'd like to but didn't have the time, and another 20 said they would - but they're just too shy or self-conscious to take the first step.

Although there was good indication students read student news

fairly well, only 30 per cent of the respondents said they know what is happening in the Students' Union. Students said they responded best to Students' Union publicity when it took the form of Gateway advertising - but since the survey was answered mostly by people who read the Gateway often (and fairly thoroughly) SU officials said they're not treating those statistics as valid ones, although they may indicate wider trends.

The other forms of advertising which students said they responded to (in order of preference) were posters, banners and pamphlets.

Most students did not indicate they wanted any academic regulations clarified or changed, although nearly 200 students did make some response to that question on issues ranging from tenure to the 9-point stanine grading system on campus to the foreign student issue.

Three-quarters of the students said they wanted to subsidize student radio on campus but 85 per cent said they wanted to subsidize the Gateway - with the mean for those asking for Gateway subsidy stipulating it should be just under \$2 per student per year.

Students split 50-50 on the question of whether or not to subsidize HUB records, but 80 per cent and 85 per cent voted for subsidization of the SUB music listening centre and SU forums respectively.

Over 70 per cent of the students did not want to subsidize HUB billiards.

General results

Although some people seem to think students would like nothing better than to walk down to the corner store and pick up a pack of Mary Jane Lights every time they want to, response to the Gateway's Nov. 23 questionnaire indicates only 50 per cent of the students would like to see marijuana legalized.

Of the 701 people who responded to the question on marijuana legalization, 50.1 per cent said they thought it should be legalized, with 49.9 per cent disagreeing.

The question about legalizing abortion on demand drew a slightly higher affirmative response (54.4 per cent in favor) but reaction to the question often entailed written responses in lieu of yes or no - indicating more strongly-held opinions.

The proportion of students agreeing with legalization of abortion on demand was almost equally split between male and female responses - with 54.1 per cent of the males answering "yes" and 55.1 per cent of the females answering "yes." However, over twice as many males as females (259 to 125) answered "yes" to the question.

The question asking whether or not foreign students should be required to pay more than Canadian students for education in Alberta universities saw a 60-40 yes-no split. (As was pointed out, however, only 438 respondents voted in favor of increasing foreign student tuition fees, while a petition against such increases was presented Friday to the Board of Governors, containing 2,618 signatures.)

Of those 438 students who felt foreign students should pay more,

the highest proportionate responses came from the faculties of Education, Commerce and Engineering. The Faculty of Science had one of the lowest proportions of students agreeing with a differential fee for foreign students.)

Over 40 per cent of the people who said they wanted increases, asked for the increases to be higher than 100 per cent.

Respondents felt rather strongly that the tenure system should be abolished in favor of contract hiring with over 65 per cent voting for abolition (with a proportionally higher response from the 41 graduate students who responded).

But at the same time, those responding to the questionnaire voted nearly 80 per cent against the idea of professors unionizing.

Only 38 people answering the questionnaire believed the Oct. 14 Canadian Labor Congress' "Day of Protest" was a success. About 95 per cent believed the day was not a success and about 80 per cent thought the day was not a constructive way to protest.

But only about 40 per cent believed labor should be penalized in any way for protesting in such a fashion.

More than four-fifths of the respondents did not believe that the recent election of the Parti Quebecois would lead to the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada. When asked if Quebec separated, whether or not this would be good for Canada, over 150 people out of 400 said they believed it would be. Only 64 per cent (or 269 people) said they thought it would not be good for Canada.

Répondez, s'il vous plaît

This questionnaire offers you the chance to tell us at the Gateway what you read and how often, as well as give us an indication of how well we're doing this year. Also, the Students' Union wants your input on their questions of general interest around campus. The questionnaire isn't long and we'd ask everyone to take a few moments and fill it out. Completed questionnaires can be dropped at counters in the Cemerov, old Rutherford, new Rutherford, Law and Education libraries, at the Ester Hall desk, the cash registers in HATT, Fridays and SU records and box office, and at the SUB information desk.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sex: Male () Female () Age: _____
 Are you a member of the Students' Union? Yes () No ()
 Are you an undergraduate student? () grad student () staff member () paid subscriber () (If you answered undergraduate, what year () and faculty? _____)

GATEWAY

How often do you read the Gateway?
 () once a week () once every two weeks () once a month () less than once a month ()
 Which sections and various parts of the Gateway which you read most often? () Editorials () Columns () Letters to the editor () (Frank Mutton?) () PRO? () () "Ombudsman"? () () Dirty/Linen? () () Services Serve Us? () () Full-length features? () () general interest? () () political? () () scientific? () () other? () please specify _____
 Do you read the Gateway on a scale of 1 to 5?
 1 2 3 4 5 6 Never read ()
 Do you think Gateway should be subsidized by the Students' Union? Yes () No ()
 If yes, by how much per student per year?
 NOTE: there are 54 issues of Gateway per year. 50 cents () \$1 () \$2 () \$2.50 () \$3 () \$3.50 ()
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STUDENTS' UNION

Do you feel the Students' Union should be subsidized by the following?
 Student Radio () Yes () No ()
 HUB Record Store () Yes () No ()
 Music Listening Centre () Yes () No ()
 HUB Billiards () Yes () No ()
 Forums () Yes () No ()
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 HUB Billiards () Yes () No ()
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ISSUES

Do you think the recent election of the Parti Quebecois in Quebec will result in the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada? Yes () No ()
 If Bub Slug ran for Prime Minister in the next election, do you think he would win? Yes () No ()
 Do you think abortion on demand should be legalized? Yes () No ()
 Do you think the recent election of the Parti Quebecois in Quebec will result in the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada? Yes () No ()
 If Bub Slug ran for Prime Minister in the next election, do you think he would win? Yes () No ()

B.S. just won't win

Sixty per cent of the people who answered the Nov. 23 Gateway questionnaire did not feel Bub Slug would win in an election for Prime Minister. But just about half of the 700 respondents to the question "If Bub Slug ran for Prime Minister in the next election, do you think he would win" wanted to give more than a Yes or No response. A lot of people felt B.S. couldn't win as P.M. but might stand a chance as (1) leader of the Conservative Party, (2) Premier of Alberta, or (3) Students' Union president. Some of the comments this question elicited are reprinted as follows:
 Only if he changed his name to Jacques Slug.
 Yes—he looks like Joe Clark.
 You mean he isn't Prime Minister?

No—gotta do something about that nose.
 Yes—at least he's acceptable to labor.
 No—slugs are slower than ignorant Joe Clark.
 No—but I'd vote for him.
 Bub who?
 This question is ridiculous! Who cares?
 No—but it'd be close.
 Are you serious?
 His brother Pierre Slug has won the last three elections. Why not Bub?
 You are really fuckwits.
 You guys should write jokes for Sonny and Cher.
 If he ran, I'd vote for him.
 Depends on his organization ... look what they did for Carter.
 Typical Gateway garbage.
 Come on, people!
 Depends how well he can speak Ukrainian.