

members who expressed such a sentiment. I cas, however, directed by the members in attendance at the meeting to write a formal letter of grievance to Mr. Fredericks on behalf of the elected interim executive and volunteer core.

Second, you also claim in your article that I accuse Mr. Fredericks of failing to keep V.P. External Mr. Paul LaGrange well informed, failing to organize meetings with sufficient advance notice, failing to make himself available for consultation and failing to provide strong leadership. This is grossly inaccurate.

No one has accused Mr. Fredericks of failure. Rather, the members in attendance at the last ACT general meeting had concerns about his performance in these areas. Once again, you mistakenly attribute these concerns solely to me. Once again, I will emphasize these were collective concerns.

I believe in the freedom of the press. ACT is a Students' Union organization. As such, its affairs are of public concern. However, I told you, when you asked for information about this matter, that I was wary of its escalation for the sake of journalistic sensationalism. In order to avert this danger and ensure factual and objective coverage of the issue I provided you with a copy of the letter of grievance, some time before the publication of your article. I also suggested that you interview other members of ACT to ensure complete coverage.

I do not believe in the license for distortion. Rather than cover this issue with integrity, you compromised complete coverage of the facts for a front page story which is incomplete and misleading. This is disheartening.

Wade Deisman

ACT! IV

re: Act honcho scrap, (Sept. 24)

As an A.C.T! volunteer, I wish to express concern over the implications of this article. The situation in the Anti-Cutbacks Team would have been more accurately depicted if *The Gateway* had interviewed more A.C.T! volunteers. The impression given by the article is that the problems in A.C.T! are due to petty squabbling between two of its members. The problems are not personal, but are related to the efficiency of the campaign. Interviewing more A.C.T! members would have clarified this.

Christine DeMarcos
A.C.T! Volunteer

Intolerance

Re: Fly on the Wall, Sept. 24

Your adversarial attitude is just the sort of mindless tripe that promotes the sort of intolerance that you supposedly decry. The "big bully" in the vest may not fit your preconceived notion of what the proper "uniform" for a student should be, but who are you to judge? If we all looked like John Lennon, life would not only be boring, it would also be confusing.

The "big bully" in the vest could be a non-local, whose hair style and manner of dress are the height of fashion in his home town. He could be a reformed Hare-Krishna disciple whose hair is still growing in. The "could be's" are infinite but in your very small world there is only condemnation and mistrust. He could be the guy who remembers your kindness and generosity in a dark alley one night and saves your ass. He could just be a

construction worker who breaks his back building this institution, in which you hopefully will learn something some day.

Out of all the possibilities we only know one thing for sure; the man in the vest is a human being just like the rest of us.

Keith Bonnah

Education

What goes on in the university? Surely it's not just learning everything about Genetics or Medieval English Literature, or whatever your specialty.

What should be happening on campus? Learning is a large part of it. If we just absorb the stuff we get in class, it's lost after the exams, and we've gotten essentially nowhere. More important is thinking. If we think about the courses we take, try to relate them to everything else we know, the stuff sticks, and we learn to think better. This attitude should stay with us through life, if we are truly educated.

How many times have you heard someone say "When I get out of here, I'll never read another book." It's easy to blame the overcrowded system, but basically it's your problem. Yes, I mean you!

Ray Peterson

SU worth it

Re: Miffed at SU Fees (Sept. 22 Gateway).

I was amazed upon reading the above mentioned Letter to the Editor. In it Leslie Hicks declares obtaining no benefit from the Students' Union and, therefore, anger at being assessed SU fees. There were, however, no qualms about being assessed health

services and athletic services fees.

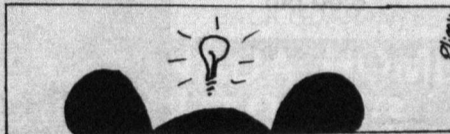
In the 3 years I have been on campus not once have I had cause or opportunity to use the health services or athletic services. I already pay Alberta Health Care, why should I pay another redundant health care fee?! I would appreciate the athletic services if, like the majority of students, I had time to use them. These services do not involve most students even indirectly.

The Students' Union is far from being an organization functioning only for some students. It is a union for the students and works for each individual. The SU is currently involved in a court battle so that you, the individual, are not forced to pay a \$60 hidden tuition fee. The SU is also involved in a conflict with the administration to keep the course dropping deadline until after you, the individual, have had feedback as to how you are doing relative to others and/or how competent your professor is in grading. If you took advantage of some of the SU services, the Gateway, for example, you would know this.

As for living in a democracy, it is a wonderful concept but it is just that; a concept. Welcome to reality!

S. Richter

Afterthoughts —



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