

Anti-social

I would like to put my bit in about University life.

Sure you have your studies, but that what you're there for; but my beef is the social life on campus. In my opinion it has gone to the DOGS!

The only events that occur regularly are the Socials. In my opinion these socials are nonsocial boozing parties for the unique clicks on campus.

There was a time when the Students' Union sponsored plain old dances where everyone had a hell of a good time, and the guys had a chance to meet new chicks and vice versa. That was the time when you had to sneak in booze and had great time doing it.

Now those days are gone and everyone is wondering what to do about low morale, but no one is doing a damn thing to solve the problem.

All I'm interested in doing is bringing the problem to focus and maybe, just maybe someone could make a move to solve the problem of low morale and get that old varsity social spirit back.

Ghost of the Past
Arts Faculty

Garbage

R.E. Phillips, Director
Physical Plant
4th Floor
General Services Bldg.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

RE: Nurses' Social, September 28, 1974. Central Academic Building, 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

It has been brought to our attention that on the Monday following our social, CAB had not been cleaned. At noon, several members of our clean-up committee were having lunch in CAB. They noted that garbage they had swept and placed in piles around the garbage receptacles was still there as they had left it early Sunday morning. Little piles of cigarette butts, cellophane and beer bottle tops, to name a few, were also noted in piles around the room.

Our clean-up committee had wiped the tables, stacked the extra chairs, stacked the chairs properly on the tables, picked up cups and garbage, and swept up what they could with the three brooms and one dustpan available. We feel that our clean-up committee left CAB cleaner than we found it, as we had to remove garbage from the floor and cups from the tables before the social.

We feel that \$170.00 is a reasonable charge for having CAB cleaned on the Sunday following a social, if in fact the work is done. After our social, this was not the case.

We bring this to your attention in the hopes that this might be rectified in future cases. We are sure that you do not appreciate paying for services not given anymore than we do.

Sincerely,
Jane MacDonald, President
Cathy Lang, Social Co-ordinator
Nursing Undergraduate Society

Sweetheart

Mr. W.F. Finn, Research Officer for the Civil Service Association of Alberta, in a letter to the *Gateway* (November 7, 1974) made suggestions which leave little doubt as to how C.S.A. of A. research if carried out.

"N.A.S.A. is a sweetheart organization," writes Mr. Finn.

In labour parlance this means an organization that receives favourable treatment from the employer to keep out rival organizations. What employer wrote the legislation that gives one organization a monopoly? It was the Alberta Government, and the organization that receives this protection is the C.S.A. of A. What employer pays the salaries of its employees during their attendance at conventions? The Provincial Government pays its employees to attend the C.S.A. of A.'s conventions. Does the Provincial Executive of the C.S.A. of A. suffer any pay stoppage while attending conventions all over the country (sometimes only to bring the greetings from the C.S.A. of A.)? Of course they do not. What employer guarantees the President of the C.S.A. of A. his job back if he elects not to run any longer in the position or gets defeated? The Provincial Government of course. N.A.S.A. does not receive these kind of 'perks'. I will leave the reader to draw his own conclusion which is the "sweetheart organization".

"N.A.S.A. is doomed to failure," is Mr. Finn's conclusion. This was the thought of many people in the C.S.A. of A. in 1968. It did not happen and, of course, this has incensed the executive of the C.S.A. of A. to the stage whereby they must destroy N.A.S.A. because many of the groups in the C.S.A. of A. have threatened to do the same as the people at the U of A did if the C.S.A. of A. does not shape up. We know, Mr. Finn, because we are the people they contact when they are considering such a

move. If N.A.S.A. is doomed to failure it will be because the membership of N.A.S.A. declare it not capable of handling the responsibilities of looking after the welfare of its membership, and not because the C.S.A. of A. says it will fail.

Mr. Finn makes mention of the Universities of Calgary and Lethbridge. Perhaps Mr. Finn was not aware that these people, and yes even the C.S.A. of A.'s employees responsible for these areas, requested our "Little Whity Book" and advice on how to obtain certain items.

Another item Mr. Finn attempts to capitalize on is the \$75 granted the Public Service employees and N.A.S.A.'s small \$60 increase. Mathematics indicate that a \$300 cash award which averages out at \$25 per month plus \$60 gives a sum of \$85. What Mr. Finn failed to indicate was the amount the C.S.A. of A. has obtained for Calgary and Lethbridge Universities which to date is zero! What has it obtained for the University hospital and other boards or agencies under its responsibilities?



Because an organization has a large budget in Mr. Finn's opinion makes it more responsible to the members needs. I do not share this opinion. The reverse could be true, the richer an organization gets the fatter it can get away from the grass roots membership, and the more contempt it can demonstrate for common law and procedures.

Mr. Finn wrote the "members of N.A.S.A. would lose nothing if they regrouped into a branch of the C.S.A. of A." They would be allowed to elect their own executive and ratify their own agreements. He does not say you will lose the autonomy we fought for from 1966 - 1968 with the C.S.A. of A. The C.S.A. of A.'s convention delegates and the Provincial Executive agreed by a majority vote that the degree of autonomy required by the Non-Academic staff at the U of A could not be achieved under

the structure of the C.S.A. of A. Hence they voted to allow the U of A's branch to break away. In 1968, Mr. Bill Broad, (now President of C.S.A. of A.) indicated his strong support for the U of A's position and agreed that the C.S.A. of A. could not provide the service required by the Non-Academics at the U of A. Mr. Martin Van Kessel was also a strong supporter for the U of A's stand. Mr. Finn did not say what happened at Calgary when the C.S.A. of A. stepped in and took over the rights of the Branch. He also failed to indicate the delay the negotiators encountered because the C.S.A. of A. wanted the contract signed in the name of the C.S.A. of A. and not in the name of the Calgary branch. Nor does he mention the fact that in the Public Service, the staff under the purview of the contract, have compulsory membership imposed upon them unless they can prove religious grounds to the C.S.A. of A. that make membership alien to their beliefs. Is this autonomy or dictatorship?

"The C.S.A. of A. has come of age," Mr. Finn says. The organization was founded in 1919. Are we to assume the measure of 'coming of age' is illegal walk-outs, work-to-rule, and demanding the resignation of elected Ministers? If this is the meaning of 'coming of age' then the riots, destruction of private property, and ugly situations that have resulted in bodily injury we have read about in other parts of the country must be when you graduate.

No, Mr. Finn, it does not take any courage to walk off a job. If the staff at the University felt this was the answer they would not be lacking in courage. After all they had the courage to break away from your organization. They indicated they would not put up with the operation of the C.S.A. of A. They have the courage to stand on their own feet and be masters of their own house. The C.S.A. of A. might be wiser in utilizing its funds in trying to alleviate the problems of their membership instead of wasting money sending hundreds of membership forms and letters to the staff at the U of A.

When the membership of N.A.S.A. feel the organization is no longer serving the interests of the University they will choose a new organization, be it the Teamsters, C.U.P.E. or C.S.A. of A.

Readers should not confuse the C.S.A. of A.'s Mr. W.F. Finn with Ed Finn, Public Relations Director, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers and also the author of "Beyond the Adversary System in Labour Relations".

Phil Arnold
N.A.S.A.

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"Someone told me it's all happening at the zoo, I do believe it, I do believe it's true, at the zoo."

With apologies to Paul Simon, I feel something should be said about our University-operated zoo. I'm not sure that Paul and I are talking about the same zoo, though. I refer to that infamous establishment loosely referred to as the Students' Union Cafeteria, situated of course in the beautiful Students' Union Building. The whole cafeteria operation is comparable to the best refugee soup kitchens in the Mid-east, nothing short,

Nothing in George Orwell's 1984 can compare to the horrors of SUB Cafeteria 1974.

With the only alternative being to eat in another University cafeteria, or eating from the idiot machines in the common rooms, take my advice and don't think about it too much: it's liable to upset you and make you throw up your dinner.

*If you happened to miss the Nude Edmonton Pageant on the tube, don't let that worry you either. *Gateway* is looking into the possibility of sponsoring the Miss Nude U of A Pageant. All applicants are cordially invited

to drop around to the offices and arrange for the photography session in the darkroom. If enough interest is generated (for the contest), there's no reason not to make the Pageant an annual *Gateway* event.

*If you're looking to get into some funky electric jug band blues/rock 'n roll, you get your chance next week. Hans Staymer is doing a thing at the Hovel and he's got just what you need. And if you're looking for a plain old double bandstand knock-me-down drunk, slink on over to the Lister Complex for Skulk this Friday. Edward Bear is the headliner for the dance.

