

VIEWPOINT

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Bus Shelters

Through The Editor to Harry V. Sims and Several Thousand Supporters:

This letter is just to inform you of what is planned re the erection of bus shelters.

A closed-in bus shelter will be built soon, to be coordinated with plans for the new Students' Union Building. It is intended that all buses will stop at this one shelter. The shelter will be heated and will contain several lounging chairs.

The shelters seen in Edmonton are provided by advertising, not the city. Although these shelters could be put up as a temporary measure, Students' Council felt that they were eyesores and were to be avoided. This kind of advertising is also contrary to university policy.

The solution, imperfect as it is, is to wait patiently and resignedly in SUB or the cold.

Stan Wolanski
Student Representative,
Campus Parking Committee

Error

To The Editor:

May I draw to your attention a rather significant error in The Gateway of Dec. 11. I was described as spokesman for a group of faculty members involved in the preparation of the statement which later appeared in the Edmonton Journal Dec. 11. I did not speak for the group and I most certainly did not speak for all my colleagues who signed the statement. Quite a number of my colleagues would not, I am sure, subscribe to my opinion of Mr. Manning's control of the Provincial Cabinet—in fact, as you will note, the final statement contained no reference to Mr. Manning.

Yours sincerely,
G. R. Davy
Professor of Political Science

Biting Hands That Feeds?

To The Editor:

It has become increasingly apparent by your recent attitude towards the Provincial Government and the Cabinet in relation to academic freedom and various other issues that the opinions of the majority of University of Alberta students are not represented.

With all due respect to your endeavors to provide news I might suggest there is a leaning towards the "sensational" and the "expose." In short, I further suggest that your policy is one that is leading to one of "biting that hand that feeds us," especially in view of the fact that the Students' Union is in the initial stages of entering into negotiations with the Provincial Cabinet for the purpose of providing a guarantee for a 2 million dollar debenture issue with which we shall use to finance our long awaited Students' Union Building.

I might suggest that the student population of this campus has waited much too long for this building and would feel quite disheartened if the Students' Union were unsuccessful in securing the government guarantee simply because of the after effects of the projected tirade upon Mr. Manning and his government (albeit imperfect). So why do we need this government guarantee?

Primarily, with it we will be able to secure a prime interest rate and also we shall be able to attract investment into the debenture issue. Without the guarantee there will be a real loss in funds to the student body (somethings in the order of 5-10,000 dollars per year on the principal amount).

Perhaps we should play it cool until the "cat is in the bag" then once this is achieved put a placard in my hand and I'll march over the high level bridge with you and we shall all storm the bastille.

Yours truly,
Hard-nosed Business Student
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Editor's Note—I think you do Mr. Manning and his cabinet a great disservice when you suggest they could veto financial backing of the proposed Students' Union Building because of Gateway criticism. Surely they are not that petty. Your attitude is an indication that perhaps there is some merit in Professor Mathew's statement that the provincial government "controls by fear."

About Dregs and Scum

To The Editor:

I have before me a hand-letter poster, written, suitably enough, on yellow paper. It was found tacked on the bulletin board in the basement of SUB and reads as follows: "S.C. (u) M.' Coming Events: Xmas—Dec. 25; Easter—April 16; Armageddon —To Be Announced." Since your newspaper is the only means through which I am likely to communicate with the cankerous little worm who posted this thing, please permit me to offer him the following information: George Bernard Shaw once made a valid distinction between the dregs, which settle to the bottom of the barrel, and the scum, which rises to the top!

Yours faithfully,
Terence Kallal
President
Student Christian Movement

Commonsense Common?

To The Editor of Commonsense Via The Editor of a Respectable Paper With a Letter Column:

Now we can be certain that COMMONSENSE is common. It is surely not original in the sense of news, though it may well have its creative aspects. But imagination might be better employed in the Inside of Gateway; yet if it remained so common, Jon Whyte would be better plagiarizing the Journal.

And you, Prof. Williamson; really! One might at least expect a good Marxist critique of the system. But perhaps you felt intellectual honesty would not serve your purposes as well as innuendo and smear. So all one gets for his reading effort are bits of the

This is the last Gateway for 1964.

Next deadline for Short Shorts is Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1965, 7 p.m.

Short Shorts for that issue should include all events up to Sunday, Jan. 24, 1965, when an exam-riddled Gateway staff produces another newspaper. Confusing, isn't it?

The last Viewpoint writers of 1964 offer their opinions on everything from bus shelters and dregs, to engineers and auntie Ethel, unfortunately they say everything except Merry Christmas.

fashionable sophistry amidst a flow of drivel. What could be more childishly non-intellectual than to construct an imaginary system of another's ideals from such questionable sources as the Journal and then pretend to knock down this straw man by calling such views silly?

Furthermore, that Socreds lie toward the other end of the political spectrum in no way justifies the insidious association of their views with those of Hitler. If you really wish some spectacular publicity you might be less deceptive and frankly call Manning's government the Fourth Reich.

If, as you say, recent statements by leading figures in Alberta show that Socreds should be taken seriously, it is indeed unfortunate that you in your editorial and elsewhere showed such a lack of seriousness in dealing with them. After No. 1, one certainly senses a need for sensible criticism, but Commonsense? ? ?

Disrespectfully,
Doug Hendrickson

Options

To The Editor:

I am glad Gateway has finally found something to talk about other than "Edge" and Sub-expansion. I refer to your recent editorials "Straight from the Hip" and "Mickey-Mouse Courses."

Your crusade on behalf of the frustrated (and perhaps dampened) male is a hopeless one. The architects and brief-case manufacturers have formed a league against us.

On a more serious vein, Gateway is to be commended for recommending a "Philosophy of Science" course to fulfill requirements for either an arts or science option. An artsman, I face the annual task of selecting a science course which is interesting and relatively good, but not so terribly difficult as to take up all my study time. Such a course as you recommend would be greatly appreciated.

May I suggest that the people who organize our courses consider for a moment the problem of overspecialization. Perhaps if they would read such books as "The Encapsulated Man" by Dr. J. R. Royce, head of our psychology department, they might realize their responsibilities more fully.

Yours,
Ralph Melnychuk
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P.S. I am not plugging my department—I am not a psychology major.

Editor's Note—I am a psychology major, and I see little practical value in anyone reading Dr. Royce's "The Encapsulated Man." Certainly, it will be of little value to "the people who organize our courses." Obviously I am not plugging my department either!

Crucified

To The Editor:

This campus used to be a pleasant vale of learning and leisure where students and others were able to live in heavy seclusion. Suddenly we became a "University" with Capital U.: Our student population exploded with hutterial velocity and so we lost our sweet identity.

Instead of being a "student" I have become UG (undergraduate); I have lost many privileges, which I resent but I have accepted most of the changes with re-

signation. We have become BIG and so we have to become streamlined in order to exist.

We all try to see the administration's point of view and I believe that we are helping. However the administration is going too far: if it goes any further in treating us as numbered babies, it will be faced with a reaction which it will not be able to overcome.

My example is our streamlined library system. We were given cards as a help in filling out our book-slips and I thought "How Kind!" not realizing that there would be a catch. Two weeks later comes a rule that we are not allowed to take our books without these helpful cards. My bitch is that some people forget their cards and yet are in dire need of a certain book, but still those twitty females refuse to give out the book, even though, for example, I as the student have been served by the particular twit countless times, and she has known me personally for a long time. Peel, baby, streamline by all means, protect your books like Manning et al, protect our morals, but for Pete's sake have just a little feeling for human error. Find some way whereby a student can take out a book without an infallible card.

I am crucified by the outside world if I prove myself to be a student, and yet I am crucified by my world when I do not.

An Albertan Jesus

Nationalized Universities

To The Editor:

I couldn't help smiling, upon reading the article on page 8 of Friday's Gateway about nationalized universities, at the thought of Most Masterful Manning and his boys taking over financial control of U of A. I can well imagine the following scene:

English Prof: Oh Captain, I was wondering if you could give us another few hundred dollars. The \$88.59 you gave us on the first of December has, I'm afraid been depleted.

Captain: What duz "depleted" mean?

Prof: I think it means "used up," Sir.

Captain: Oh. (Pause) What do you want it for now?

Prof: Well, we were thinking of doing a little publishing on our

own. Nothing much, you know, just a pamphlet or so. Maybe we'll even try writing a magazine. We would also like to get hold of some novel—I guess it hasn't come to Alberta yet. I think it's about some kid who's always trying to get into a bar. Never succeeds, of course. Well sir, what do you say?

Naturally the Good Captain doesn't reply. He can't poor soul—it seems he has something stuck in his mouth. By [George] Ernie, it looks like a foot!

Dave Block
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Heart of Matter

To The Editor:

It appears that the engineers have a budding philosopher in the form of one Roy Davies. His first two points are garbage.

Point three is the heart of the matter. I do not believe that this university needs fink holes or walls to induce our students to support a worthy cause. Blitz day, Emile, the blood drive, and Treasure Van gained excellent support in a dignified, mature manner.

How censorship entered the picture in point four is a mystery. Is Mr. Davies related to Wm. Torgerson?

Regarding "Latin or Greek phraseology," at least we can distinguish between Greek and Gaelic. Stick to your French, Mr. Davies.

The crumbling mosaic masterpiece, (mis-quoted from "Mosaic tower") refers to the Engineering Building, not the wall. Clean your glasses, Mr. Davies.

Perhaps if Davies survives his freshman year, he will reach a level of maturity equal to the ENGINEERS who made themselves conspicuous by their absence at this crude exhibition of engineering taste. It is my opinion that a minority of first year blue jeaned, boozing, obnoxious, small "e" engineers destroy the prestige of what is undoubtedly one of our best and most difficult faculties.

Mr. Davies, you have a long way to go before you can honorably accept the Iron Ring that symbolizes the large E Engineers that Dean Gads and his staff try so hard to produce from the likes of you.

For the ICEC
D. Cannard

But Where Was Alice?

Auntie Ethel and Uncle Alf
Were having tea with Cousin Ralph,
A Social meeting, to their Credit
Till "Edge" was mentioned, "Had they read it?"

Cousin Ralph grew red with rage
And took the centre of the stage
Declaimed a sample of its verse
Containing vulgar words or worse.
Uncle Alf said such a word
Should be obscene and not be heard

Aunt Ethel, not in veneration,
Said the present generation
Showed signs of much degeneration.
Gave this startling information
Not specific derogation
For the good of all the nation.

Maybe they should take a journey
And leave it up to Uncle Ernie
Who's reputed to be sweet
And keeps his mouth unfilled with feet.

The Mad Hatter