

editorial

At the press conference Friday he came close to beaming. Yesterday, he chaired the General Faculties Council with only the slightest hint of nervousness. Because of his present position as Academic Vice President, he is familiar with the new position, but not yet accustomed to it.

The presidency will certainly change Myer Horowitz. Long respected as an educator, and then as an administrator he will assume the Office of the President with what seems to be a new personal style — a sense of humor.

Dr. Horowitz has always exuded a no-nonsense strength and efficiency in his duties as academic VP. Now, as president, he is relieved. He can relax. He can laugh a little.

It augurs well for the next five years. This will be a crucial time for the university community. Optimism and mutual respect among the students, staff and administration can make the tough times less trying. The President is the key to this cooperation, and Myer Horowitz appears to have the right attitude to bring us all together.

In welcoming Dr. Horowitz to his new post, we wish him continued good health, five productive years and in the end, familiarity without contempt.

Dr. Bert Hohol has accepted a temporary position as instructor at the U of A for the Spring and Summer Sessions.

Certainly this calls the good minister's judgment into question — after all, people who throw stones shouldn't go out of their way to live in glass houses. But it isn't at all surprising given his track record for overlooking objections, even obvious ones.

But the university! The Faculty of Education! Why have they deliberately set themselves up for this kind of criticism?

The announcement that Hohol will teach this summer leaves the department and the university only two, bad, options. They can keep him till fall and replace him which, though it may be a good idea by that time, would be politically indiscreet.

Or, once the election is announced they can appoint Hohol to the permanent staff and lose any remaining credibility on campus. Why did they do it?

Perhaps it would be best if the Dept. of Ed Psych. just sucked in its gut and reversed the decision. And took the abuse.

Better yet, Hohol should "reconsider" the appointment, resign, and bail everybody out.

But, if he had that kind of tactical savvy, the whole situation wouldn't have developed in the first place, would it?

Loreen Lennon

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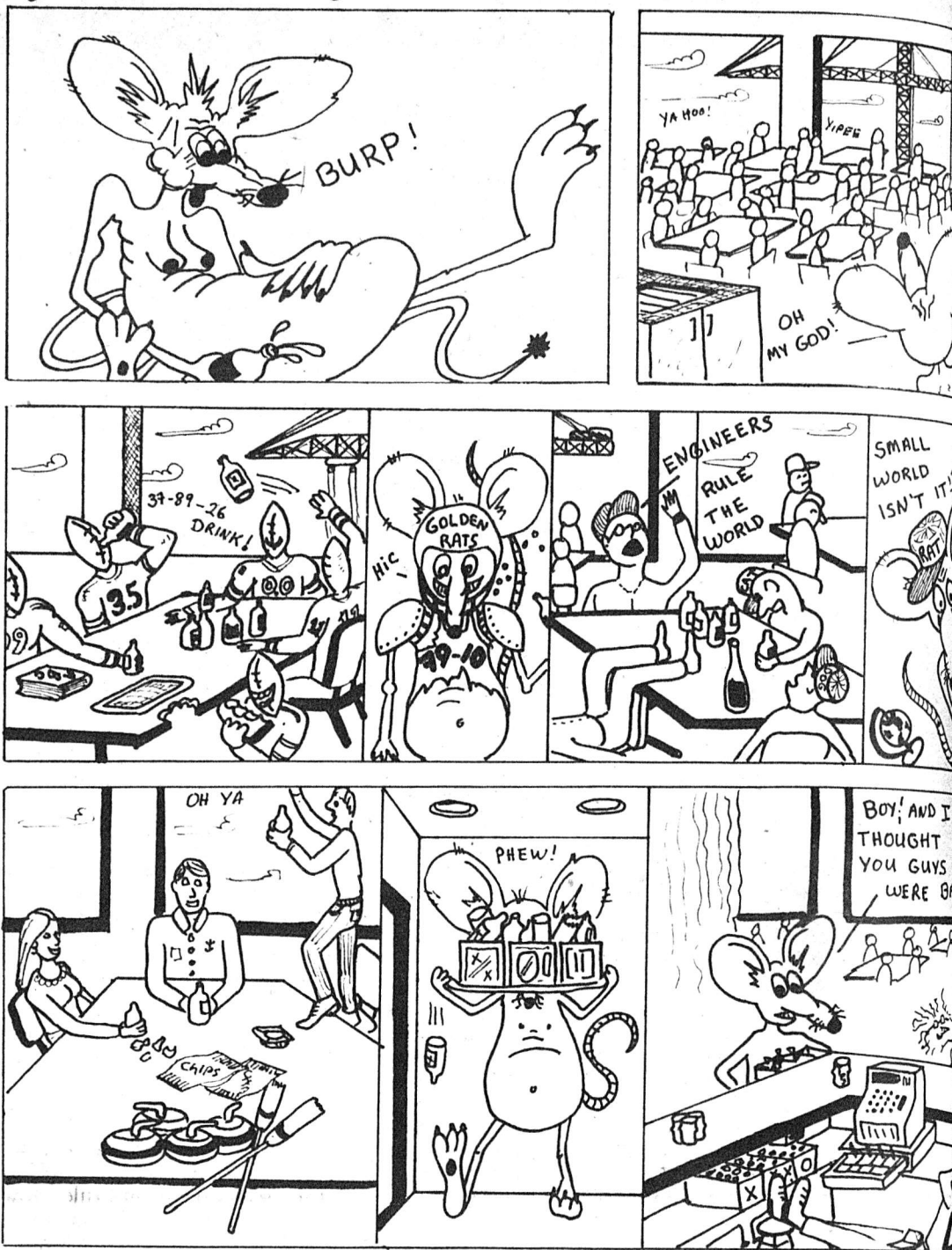
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Thanks for the use of the place, Willie.

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WITH RANDY RAT



Immigration law unjust

I read with some concern the comments of Mike Dowling on our current immigration hassles of some of the foreign students on our campus. Unfortunately, Mr. Dowling has missed the point of the FAS recommendations, but, even more unfortunately, Mr. Dowling's comments rest on assumptions which are both dangerous in their implications and reflective of a double standard of justice for Canadians and non-Canadians.

The issue at hand is not whether foreign students should be permitted to break the law without consequence. The issue in this instance is whether the consequence (having to leave Canada) is justified in light of the violation (being late in renewing a visa, sometimes by as little as one day).

The general principle espoused by Mr. Dowling that one cannot legitimately cry injustice when one has violated a law and been dealt with accordingly is dangerous on several counts. The law in question may not be

just. The penalties for violating the law may be excessive. The fact of the matter is that one can be dealt with according to the law and still have been dealt an injustice.

Perhaps what Mr. Dowling was really trying to say is that visitors to our country do not have the right to expect that they will be dealt with justly.

If so, I suggest he write immigration authorities and insist that when a student informed of the rules and regulations that govern his stay here" he or she also be told not expect to be treated fairly by Canadian authorities.

Fran Trehear
Office of Student Affairs

Slate slandered

This letter is a complaint against the blatant discrimination against rationality in your

article on the candidates for upcoming SU General election.

Our slate of five upstanding young individuals was high up at the label "joke slate" relation to the Liberal Democrats.

Foreign facts

In reply to the letter concerning immigration abuse (Jan. 23 issue) I would like to bring out a few facts regarding immigration and foreign students.

Firstly, foreign students (students that hold a student visa) DO NOT "immigrate to Canada" and therefore they DO NOT enjoy any of the privileges available to landed immigrants and Canadians.

Secondly, I can assure you that there is more than just "one phone call to the local federal office" to renew the student visa.

I hope the writer of the letter will lay off the scapegoats on this campus, and finally I would like to advise him to have more thorough knowledge of the issue before shooting his mouth off in public.

Henry Shen
Science IV

It's people like you who cause the ultimate downfall of western society. Liberal Democracy is the political and ethical view of the intellectual elite of this culture. Only inferior like yourself would perpetrate such trash as was evident in your article. There certainly are joke slates running this election — two of them, you believe them to be serious. Is there no Justice? Perhaps some day, if democracy is able to gain a foothold at the Gateway, the people will be able to read objective news. As at all times, let's let the people decide.

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Letters

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