

# The Gateway

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## editorial

It's backslapping time of year as another season of student politics draws to a close. At tonight's changeover meeting of Students' Council, there are sure to be many encouraging words for this year's Students' Union Executive, and in examining the year in retrospect, I think it's only proper to offer a vote of thanks from the Gateway to the Exec.

This year's SU Executive have been one of the hardest working and intelligent of the past five years. President Len Zoeteman was best characterized by his role as mediator, willing to listen to both sides of an argument before arriving at a conclusion. This sometimes served him in bad stead since he was swayed in some situations where a firmer person would not have been, but on the whole Len worked hard, won the trust and admiration of many around him, and grew into his role as president as the year went by so that he filled his position admirably in his latter months.

Although it's not normal for a brother to praise his sister in this editorial column, I think most close observers of student politics would agree with me that finance vice-president Eileen Gillese did a lot of fine administrative and financial work for the SU. Her acumen and energy made her opinions highly valued at many meetings with the university, as well, and her work won many battles for the Students' Union, and a lot of respect for students.

And, even though I have of late criticized academic vice-president Ken McFarlane in this column, people should recognize that his skills as a debater in GFC and GFC exec., for instance, also won a lot of battles for the SU. McFarlane's programs should have a long-lasting beneficial effect for students on this campus and he is to be congratulated for his work on the many projects he promised to undertake and completed during his term of office.

Services vp Jan Gude was left with some big shoes to fill after hard-working politico Terry Sharon left office, but he filled them well, and, as with the other executive members, worked hard and brought a lot of reason and intelligence to his work with the SU. His work with the clubs was especially valuable, and his attitude matured politically throughout the year.

Executive vp Howard Hoggins, besides being one of the nicest persons that I know of who has ever held political office, devoted himself to his job and gave the SU some pretty good PR. More importantly, Howard took a moral stand at the beginning of this year, against differential fees, and has never backed down from it. So, on top of his work as exec. vp — which he did, and did well — Howard also devoted scores of hours to fighting differentials.

Despite such salutary commendations, however, I should note the Executive this year had one major failing — they generally shied away from "political" issues. They supported motherhood issues, of course; but backed away on public issues such as the Oct. 14 Day of Protest and the differential fee protest (save Howard's resolute support throughout). Let's hope they haven't established a trend...

by Kevin Gillese

### We deny YS affiliation...

In the last issue of the Gateway, there appeared in the election platform of the Young Socialists a passage advocating support for Cheryl Hume and Darrell Rankin.

When the Young Socialists approached us privately to offer their support for our slate we refused. Despite our clear "No," the Young Socialists went ahead deliberately in their Gateway submission to associate their campaign with ours. As a result several students have been misled into thinking that our slate is aligned with the Young Socialists.

In addition, we were not even informed that the Young Socialists intended to include any reference to us in their submission to the Gateway.

We categorically deny any affiliation, sympathy or support for the Young Socialists, and we

condemn their destructive political tactics.

Cheryl Hume  
Darrell Rankin

### ...so do we

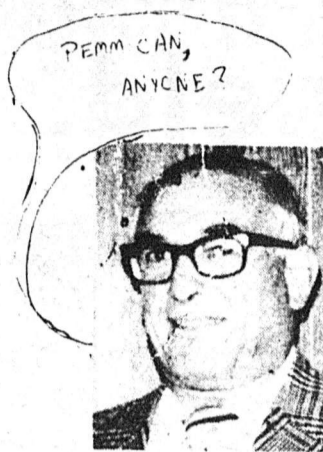
In reply to the letter by Hume and Rankin about the Young Socialists endorsement of them in the recent elections:

In the recent elections for Arts and Science representatives on Students' Council, the Young Socialists called for a vote by Arts students for the Hume-Rankin slate. We felt that we had a solid basis for endorsing their campaign as it was the only one in Arts that addressed itself to the real issues facing students. By endorsing them we were in no way implying that they are members of or are affiliated with the Young Socialists.

Nick Cooke  
Katy LeRougetel

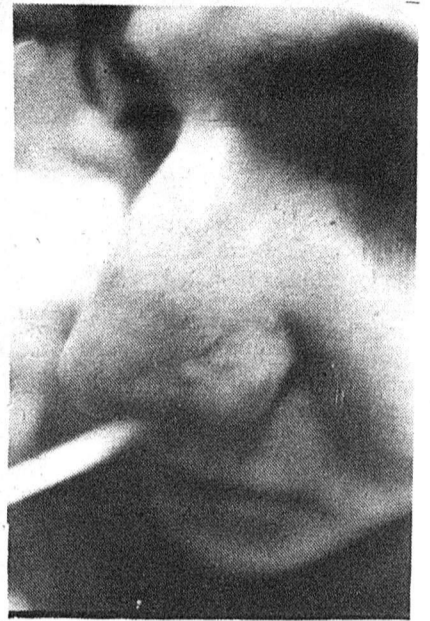
Here are the last-minute entries in the Cactus Buns contest. Mail in your votes today. And take note. Entomology dept. chairman George Ball (no. 2 last week) is out in front with 212 mail-in ballots to date!

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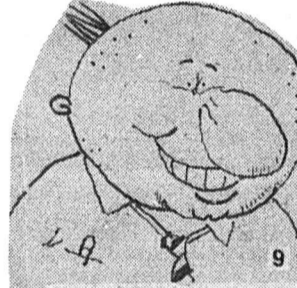


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BUBBY?

## Boat races are big deal

On Friday, March 18 BACUS (Business Administration and Commerce Undergraduate Society), ESS (Engineering Students' Society) and ESA (Education Students' Association) combined to sponsor the First (and hopefully annual) Inter-faculty Boat races. Education won the race and a good time was had by all.

What prompts us to write, though, is not to report on what has the potential to become a major social event, but rather to criticize the Gateway's lack of coverage for this event. When asked why they didn't cover the boat races, the Gateway editor told me they didn't consider the event newsworthy. I am certain that the participants, the spectators, and anyone else with a sense of pride in his faculty consider the event newsworthy; the five faculties involved (Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Engineering and Law) certainly represent a large enough percentage of students that they deserve to have their interests catered to.

Admittedly, some may consider boat races cancerous to the scholastic image of the university. A complete university career, however, consists of more than academic exposure. The experience gained in competing with others will serve to enrich our academic lives and in so doing enrich ourselves.

As concerned students, of course, we must be made aware of the decisions made by the political bodies which govern our education. There is a definite need for the Gateway's reporting on the decisions made by the Students' Union, General Faculties Council, Board of Governors, etc. Stories like

"Dinstein raps Canada companies' boycott" or "Pot rules evict tenants" (the Gateway, March 24, 1977, p. 2 and 6 respectively), however, should not appear until local events have been covered. Inter-faculty com-

petitions should be made public; regardless of whether it concerns beer drinking, flag football, or even swallowing goldfish.

Bob Raynard  
Vice President Sales and Service  
Education Students' Association

## Ags will be drags

The spring fever of the Aggies appears to bar none of the obnoxious indulgences which for the rest of the year are only repressed adolescent fantasies.

On Wednesday morning a female friend of mine passed by a group of Aggies in the Humanities Building promoting their annual bacchanal, Bar None. A square dance was in progress so she stopped to look on. Upon turning to continue walking to class when the dance finished, she suddenly found herself cinched by a lasso flung by one of the Aggies. Dragged back into the centre of the spectacle, she was immediately exhibited and auctioned to the highest bidder whose prize was to kiss her, regardless of her reluctance. It all happened so quickly that when released she was a little dazed and wanted only to escape.

Oh, but boys will be boys, won't they? After all, aren't women just simple, passive creatures who want only to be treated like cattle, cherished above all for the taste and fine texture of their meat? On the other hand, some cattle don't go to market, and perhaps it was only them to which the Aggies refer in the slogan printed on their T-shirts, "Thanks for the mammaryes."

Perhaps NightWatch has

become so effective in discouraging night-time assaults on campus that the sexually frustrated have been forced into the light of day, disguised transparently as practitioners of "good, clean fun."

Doug Elves  
Education IV

## Chairman sets record straight

With respect to one tentative surmise of "Ombudsman," 15 March, it should be pointed out that during this academic year, as has been the case since at least 1961, all full professors in the Department of History engage in undergraduate courses. Four full professors are currently on leave: three are on sabbatical — two having exceeded the required years of service — and the fourth is a visiting Distinguished Professor with a foreign university.

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Chairman  
Department of History