

Ship boycott unwitting

I feel that it is time that someone stood out and expressed a rational point of view concerning the Ship.

First of all, there has been no attempt by LHSA to provide students with the pertinent facts concerning the Ship. A surprising number of students have heard false or hearsay information, which is disturbing when these students are expected to make a decision concerning the Ship based on this false information. Apparently LHSA feels that it is up to Gail Brown to supply the facts.

Secondly, students have been denied the opportunity to support the new Ship. From the moment of its opening, an unofficial boycott was declared, so that few students were able to make an independent decision. Also a petition is considered sufficient evidence of student support. However, a petition does not allow students to show disapproval of the views presented in it. Suffice to say that peer pressure to sign such a petition can be very powerful.

Consequently, the proposed boycott and Charles McLaren's letter cannot be said to represent any students at all, until a concerted, UNBIASED attempt has been made to support this.

There is a second, more important issue involved as well. The Ship has always been operated by Housing and Food Services, and LHSA was allowed to provide entertainment on certain occasions. Consequently, charging that Gail Brown arbitrarily took control of the Ship is ridiculous. She always had control of the Ship. Also, charges that LHSA could have been used to provide entertainment rather than a program coordinator are groundless. For years, LHSA had the opportunity to provide nightly entertainment, yet failed to do so.

One of the major complaints concerns the increase in prices. However, according to a reliable source, each year has seen an average 10% in prices each year. We did not have such an increase at the beginning of this year, so it was due. However, along with this particular increase, we now have free entertainment, waitress service, and a larger choice of food and drinks — certainly a fair trade.

It is my opinion, consequently, that the protest concerning the Ship is only a protest against Gail Brown herself. The protest is ineffective because it is attacking Gail Brown on a point that cannot be won. The protest is divisive because it forces students into a conflict with, rather than working with, Food

and Housing Services. In a sense, the protest is idiotic because it forces so many students to react to what is essentially a non-issue, consequently reducing the prestige of the entire student body.

Thus, in conclusion I should say that I do not support the efforts of Gail Brown in eliminating student government. However, I feel that a boycott of the Ship would not result in any change, and would consequently lessen the effectiveness of LHSA, accomplishing Gail Brown's objectives for her. The protest over the ship is unwittingly playing into her hands.

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Important loss

I need to get in touch with someone who not only attended the public lecture given by Sir Denys Wilkinson, January 22, on the structure of the atomic nucleus but who also had the foresight to record the thing as well. A recording was indeed made but unfortunately does not include the question and answer period. Since this undersight, though obviously innocent of any premeditated mischief, nevertheless constitutes one of the many subtle ways in which censorship can happen, let me briefly explain why I think this case to be especially important. Though he never explicitly said, Sir Denys' lecture was guided by the well-entrenched, and very metaphysical, Copenhagen interpretation of the quantum mechanics. A question was put that pointed out that this is not the only interpretation available and that to suggest that it was to give an unnecessarily

distorted view of the nature of the atomic nucleus.

In other words the question provided information that I know is not provided as an integral part of the undergraduate physics programme at this university, and which I doubt was even available anywhere in the department. The fact that this information was not recorded as part of the official record means that this continues to be the case. As I see it then, this undersight in the recording of Sir Denys' lecture is of no small moment, which view I am willing to discuss at greater length with anyone, but especially to the one(s) who can provide me with a recording transcript of those precious, but missing, minutes. No small amount of beer is offered as incentive and I can be reached at 433-9782. Many thanks.

Roger Swan
Philosophy

Help for the helpless

I would like to thank several people who came to my rescue two weeks ago.

The cold weather and large amounts of new snow has made driving more dangerous and more complicated. There has been some good side effects, however, as people seem more willing to band together to help fellow motorists.

Two weeks ago, I was coming back to the university via the Whitemud shortcut (alias the

Whitemud Riding Stables road) when, because of road conditions, my car was pulled into the ditch.

The result was my car was stuck up to the door handles in snow. Several things happened next. First, two young ladies immediately stopped to inquire if I was alright, then two male university students stopped and began to dig my engine out. This was followed by a middle age gentleman stopping, who (thank heaven) was equipped with 2 shovels and booster cables, he began to clear a path with his shovel for my car, next 2 younger students pulled up in a stationwagon and boosted my car. While this frenzy of activity was taking place, a man in a four-wheel drive offered to try and pull me out. Chains attached, all of the above pushing, I was saved.

The end result, in twenty minutes after the start of my dilemma, — I was merrily on my way.

The February blues may be setting in and the outside temperature dropping, but it warms your heart to know the Edmontonians are willing to extend themselves for someone in trouble.

To all this winter's good samaritans on behalf of all the beneficiaries, "Thanks".

P. Larsen
Ed 4

Silly letters

It was good to hear from old Bart Beelo again. Here we thought he had flunked out of university almost five years ago because he couldn't tell the difference between penile, anal, oral, and in the ear or auricular to keep it in the adjectival form. A lot of us knew his Mom in the Biblical sense, and old Bart is right in what he says about her (*Gateway*, Feb. 16). She often said she would have used condoms before she had the old schmuck had she known then what she knows now.

Good thing the *Gateway* was not promulgating prophylactics when our parents went to school here. How would you explain it to your son that grandpa was into rubber? Very circumspectly, no doubt.

Matt Talbot
Alcohol II

RIFLESCOPE



By Bernie Peters

CRIME DOES PAY

This columnist is a little upset about the poo-hooing *The Journal* has been doing about our city being Canada's crime capital. At *The Sun*, we prefer to look on the bright side. With violent crime on the upswing, the future for *The Sun* looks great, especially Page 3. Who can argue with a half-naked broad on Page 2 and someones bullet-riddled body on the very next page. So remember, when it comes to rape and murder, it's better in the morning.

WOMEN'S LIP

A good secret is real hard to keep. So it goes with our editor, **Ron Collister's** proposed new moustache. The inside story says Ron is having a little trouble. It seems Ron is really short for Veronica. If you don't believe me, look at some of the old album covers from Veronica and the Ronettes in the 50's record section of the library. Ron's surgery was less than perfect, and he came out sounding like a British fag doomed to a life of boring journalism and Conservative politics. When **Bill Bagshaw** found out, it was bye-bye Billie boy. The moustache is actually Ron's new way of combing his nose hairs.

THE REAL LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Well, **Peter Lougheed** has again decided to prove to Alberta that good help is so hard to find. With a mediocre corps of cabinet ministers, an army of comatose backbenchers and a smattering of new faces (if you can call over forty new!) the Tories head out to do battle with the opposition, if they can find them.

There are three reasons why the Tories will win big again. Clark, Notley and Taylor.

Nick Taylor's borderline senility is bound to have Albertans confusing him with **Gordon Taylor**. Uncle Nicky proposes to save Alberta's wealth by leaving it in the ground. Unfortunately, mother earth does not pay interest, build hospitals or pave roads. Details, details.

Grant Notley's idea of when to spend the Trust Fund is an old Tory slogan — **NOW**. The trouble with Notley is even if he becomes Premier, he will still have to show his ALCB card to get into a bar. It's not that Notley isn't useful, **Cheryl Hume** needs someone to look up to, desperately.

Lougheed's chief opponent is **Bob Clark**. That in itself shows how bad off Alberta politics is. Opposition leaders named Clark are just not taken seriously. The Socreds have got to learn the importance of being Earnest . . . **Manning**.

The only one worried about the election is the president of the Sominex company. Sales in Alberta will no doubt drop.

THE NEW DENNIS MOORE

My heart pours out and bleeds for **Paul Rimstead**. It seems the *Sun* has put a \$25 limit on Rimstead's expense account. At \$25 a day Rimstead will never make it past the third race. But don't despair, because help is on the way. By some act of God a copy of Friday's *Sun* fell into the hands of five orphans in **Bangladesh**. These five young lads have dug deep into their CARE packages and have adopted Paul Rimstead as their **foster child**. It's nice to know that Paul will no longer want for powdered milk, corn meal biscuits, and vitamin C tablets.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The stubbornness of University President **Harry Gunning** is legendary, but this time he has gone too far. Last

Friday, Harry died, but keeps refusing to admit it. Despite severe rigor mortis and after not having a pulse for three days, Harry persisted in showing up for work bright and early Monday morning. I asked Gunning family physician, **Dr. Ralph Doublebill**, if maybe Gunning was not aware he was dead. "No, a person would have to be quite dense not to notice that he has kicked the bucket," replied Doublebill. "It's one of those things you just can't ignore." Mrs. Gunning is extremely upset, not knowing whether to cash in Harry's life insurance policy or to hang on to it. She also told me, "When Harry comes home he looks so ghastly, like a corpse...er...come to think of it, he is a corpse." Funeral arrangements have not been made, pending notification of the deceased.



Letters

Letters to the editor should be addressed to the Gateway, Room 282 SUB, Edmonton, or dropped off at our office. Please include your name, student I.D. number (if applicable) and phone number. Please limit letters to 250 words or less. If you wish to write a longer piece, come to see us. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for libel.

Minorities

Who (or what) is the Campus Crusader, you may ask. Better yet, who cares? For those who are interested (all six of you), the Campus Crusader is just what the name implies (brilliant deduction); a crusader for the rights of those on campus who, not the "silent majority"), subjects covered may be trivial, but most often controversial, and usually irrelevant. It should be read as a "joke column," however, the "lighter" side of university life will be emphasized. For most, if not all of us need a periodic break from the "rationality." The aim is to present a somewhat unique perspective on a variety of issues. Sometimes the rights of the majority will be defended, but more often the somewhat suppressed voice of the minority will be heard. Major issues on campus will be avoided, enough is said about these elsewhere.

The Campus Crusader
S. When do we get our clock
back?