

- form car pools
 - knock on doors in the surrounding community to try to solicit parking space in exchange for a fee, snow-shovelling, etc.
 - take the bus (if available)
- There is not enough parking on campus for all those who want and need it. I'm looking for feedback.
- Paul Alpern
SU VP External

Letters to the Editor should not be more than 250 words long. They must be signed and include faculty, year of program, and phone number. No anonymous letters will be published. All letters should be typed, or very neatly written. We reserve the right to edit for libel and length. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.

Switzerland and ASA

As most students are probably aware, a student campaign has been launched to impeach Floyd Hodgins (president of the Students' Union), Paul Alpern (VP External) and Gord Stamp (VP Internal). As representatives of the Arts faculty we have concern about the performance of the Executive Committee; however, it is our intention at this time to be neutral in the Impeachment Campaign.

We may take a position on this campaign, but only after talking to the students we represent. If you wish to discuss this, or any other issue, please drop by the Arts' Student Association (ASA) office at 2-3 Humanities to talk to us or leave a message.

Margaret Baer
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Arts Representatives to Students' Council

ATTENTION GATEWAY STAFF:

There is a staff meeting in room 282 SUB at 4:00 pm

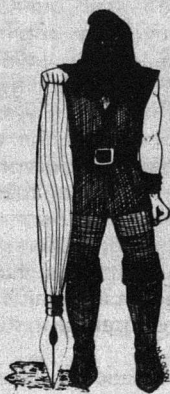
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SEPTEMBER 13

New volunteers welcome

CHOPPING BLOCK

by Jens Andersen

Readers of the "Chopping Block" last year may recall my farewell column, where I finally hung up the oversized pen. In particular, you may recall I put so many loopholes into the resignation that it looked like a clause in corporate tax law.



With all these qualifications, notwithstanding and hedges, I thought it would be easy to revive the column. When I talked to our editor last week, however, he countered with the unreasonable argument that a resignation is a resignation.

"You're a journalist," he bellowed, "not some weaselly politician like Nasser or Trudeau, secretly hoping for another kick at the can. This is a newspaper, dammit, and we've got certain standards."

As you can see, poor Gilbert is still a bit naive. Worse, all my Socratic reasoning and Oxfamished pleading failed to budge him from his choirboy pose.

Finally he said, "Look Jens, you can't have your frigin' column. Not unless you totally debase yourself and turn it into a food column."

Well! No doubt this was intended as a decisive rejection. But my lawyer is pretty good at contracts, and he says I can hold him to his word.

Now, most of you university-indoctrinated bozos probably consider a food column as something too trivial for the editorial page. But in fact, the editorial page's very existence is predicated upon food. All opinions, after all, are the result of cerebral processes which would grind to a halt without nutrition. And the quality of these thought processes is directly proportional to the quality of food a person ingests.

It has been clinically proven for instance that a steady diet of Kraft Dinner will lower one's IQ anywhere from 10 to 30 points. Eat well and you will be in peak mental form. Eat poorly and you won't even be able to handle an Ed Foundations course.

Garbage in, garbage out, as the computer folks say. But nowadays there are no Nietzsches to hammer home the absolute necessity of food for inspiration. No

one gives food even a minor role in creativity. Who, for instance, would look at some architectural prize - say, one of the churches on 96th Street around 108A Avenue - and speculate about the meal that could have inspired such a fine edifice (perhaps roast duck washed down with a bottle of Moselle.) And who would think of the Physics Building or V-Wing in terms of vending-machine coffee, or process-cheese sandwiches washed down with a glass of Edmonton tapwater (a dilute solution of clorox, phenolic compounds and God knows what else).

Turning to politics, the crippling effects of vitamin deficiency on left-wing thought haven't even been suggested, nor has anyone attributed Lubor Zink's diatribes to heavy-metal poisoning, although the symptoms must be obvious.

Speaking of old Lubor, did you read his column the day before the federal election? In it he stated that undecided people should not vote. By "undecided" he meant "uninformed and/or apathetic."

"Where else," he asked, "can undecided voters be put at the end of a long election campaign?"

In fact, a good many undecided people were both passionate and well-informed, but were simply taken aback by the pathetic specimens they had to choose from. In Edmonton East, where I reside, there wasn't a single candidate who wouldn't make a sensible voter gag. Nationally, with Stanley Knowles retired, there were only a handful of marginally inspiring candidates. Flora MacDonald is the only one I can think of offhand.

I suppose I should have voted for the least disgusting candidate, a dull, conventional NDP dreamer who was known to be a distant second, and who lost by over 7,000 votes. Or I could have voted for the man from the least disgusting party, despite the fact that he was a typical Chamber of Commerce clone. But somehow it all seemed so futile.

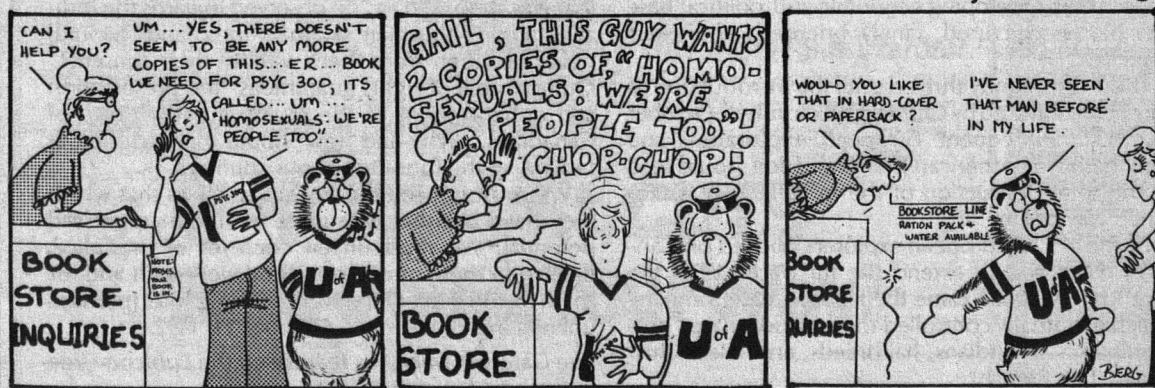
Leave voting to the imbeciles and fanatics. And where else can decided voters be put when they choose so eagerly between horrible alternatives?

Returning to the issue at hand, the Gateway editorial page is also a sad testimonial to poor nutrition. Students, of course, are notorious for subsisting on junk food and nitrosamine beer, but when they crank out wretched opinions for the editorial pages diet is never suspected as the cause. If any explanation is offered, it is some vague theory about schmuckface's grade three education, or his/her congenital chowderheadedness.

The obvious solution is to print tasty recipes that will restore the flow of nutrient-rich blood to students' brains. To this end, my next column will give directions for preparing Gourmet Sunny Boy Cereal.

Bear Country

by Shane Berg



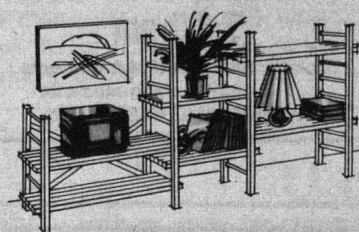
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