

# LETTERS

titution) I was "forced" to take these subjects. Having completed these courses I can honestly say that each, though they will not become continuing concerns of mine, broadened my horizons and played an important part of my academic career. Oddly enough it was probably the competition that spurred me, a person with little natural gift for understanding geomorphology and elimatology, on to placing fifth in a class of over 200 students in physical geography. My learning, though "compelled", was indeed satisfying in that field. Ironically, the course that I enjoyed most thoroughly (and worked very hard at) was a required course that I would not have otherwise taken. I realize that I am drawing too heavily on my own experience here but it would be interesting to find out if many other students do not share similar backgrounds.

Well, again I've written too much (I'm sorry Ms. typist) so I won't attempt to answer Mr Cregier's letter point by point. Dr. Rahman's article which I believe will be printed this week, will be far more

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ed paper, certain expectations of its structure and quality are held and it is to be graded by someone other than the writer.

Now, to evaluate the writing of such a research paper. I do not feel that I would have been "bullied" by the "establishment". I do feel that a significant amount of learning would have taken place despite the use of "carrot-&stick devices". That the grade for the paper would probably not predict my career success is certain but then all the grade is supposed to do is to indicate the level of competence shown on that particular project.

It would be argued that the above example deals only with a topic that I would have been receptive to. Let us say that I had been given something that the "establishment" felt important or something that I particularly did not like. Such indeed is the case with my taking courses in philosophy, social statistics, cartography, & intermediate physical geography. In the sense that to get my degree (which is my justification for paying to attend a formal ins-

by means of more publicity.

If you have any questions in regard to this report or any other Student Union activity, please do not hesitate to drop in and see us.

Mike Duffy

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could be reserved exclusively for them. Whatever the case, there is no present consensus that such propositions have been obtained, so that it seems to be no misuse of language to use the term 'know' in contexts involving mere rational belief.

Focusing on the interview in its context rather than just its intellectual content, it becomes possible to talk about something more than just the cogency of its argument.

Mr. Dalton's article has provoked at least three reactions which at least pretend to have something of the intellectual about them and at this time in this place such a consequent has little precedent. Mr. Dalton's article draws attention to what seems to me to be genuine problems concerning knowledge. e.g. what sort of rationale makes a belief rational? Do some rationales preclude rationality? (Faith?) Are there viable non empirical rationales for empirical assertions? Faith, Keep truckin' Stan!  
K. Butler

## Report

I have also proposed to council that commencing next year when new committee heads are chosen, that they immediately submit a budget proposal for their entire duration as committee head, rather than in September. This year's budget for the Student Union will be drawn up by the Treasurer, the Comptroller and the Business Manager.

While on the topic of changes, yet another suggestion would be that each class be required to raise funds for their own graduation, over their four year stay, and not as in the past be required to gather funds for their first three years. This would give the students a much greater incentive to work for their class.

As far as income is concerned, with the enrollment down, we have less funds to operate with, but we have tried to offset this by means of an advertising committee under the chairmanship of Kenny MacNeill. To date this year Kenny has brought in over \$4,000..., which compares to the \$500... brought in over the entire previous year.

Around the middle of October an indept study into our insurance policy was completed and steps were taken to increase our coverage area to

meet our present demands.

Since the Comptroller is not required to submit a report, here are a few facts on the Barn.

Last year frozen water pipes cost the Student Union approximately \$1500.00. This was due to the furnace trouble and air vents in the Barn. Both problems have been overcome at very little cost to the Student Union, and it is very doubtful that this will occur again this year.

The Day Care Center is in operation once again, though under the control of the parents of the children attending. The Student Union is renting the space to them for the price of \$1. per month and we are keeping their books for them to ensure control.

Due to fire regulations, almost all the doors in the Barn required repair so a contractor was hired by the Student Union.

The major change in the Barn has been the taking over of the food service by the Student Union. This was done in order to cut down in cost of food to the students, and as far as I can see to date, this has been a success.

Over the summer months, the Barn was rented out to various organizations and produced a profit of \$1400.00. It is hoped that next summer this amount will increase,

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