

The SA transition: A meeting of the minds?

"Welcome to the Student Association, Mr. Tkac."

"Oh, come on. I've been inside the executive offices before. I've been a senator for two years, you know."

"Yes, but until you ran for the presidency, no one had ever heard of you."

"Well, I have to go to my classes just like everyone else, you know."

"Of course you do. And now you are the president, the leader of the whole student body. If you want to, you can piss off hundreds of administrators from inside that comfortable private office over there."

"Well, I plan to do most of my paperwork out on The Mall. I like to keep an even tan, you know."

"So I noticed. Well, let me show you the inside of your private office, anyway."

"Hey! Don't you believe in knocking?"

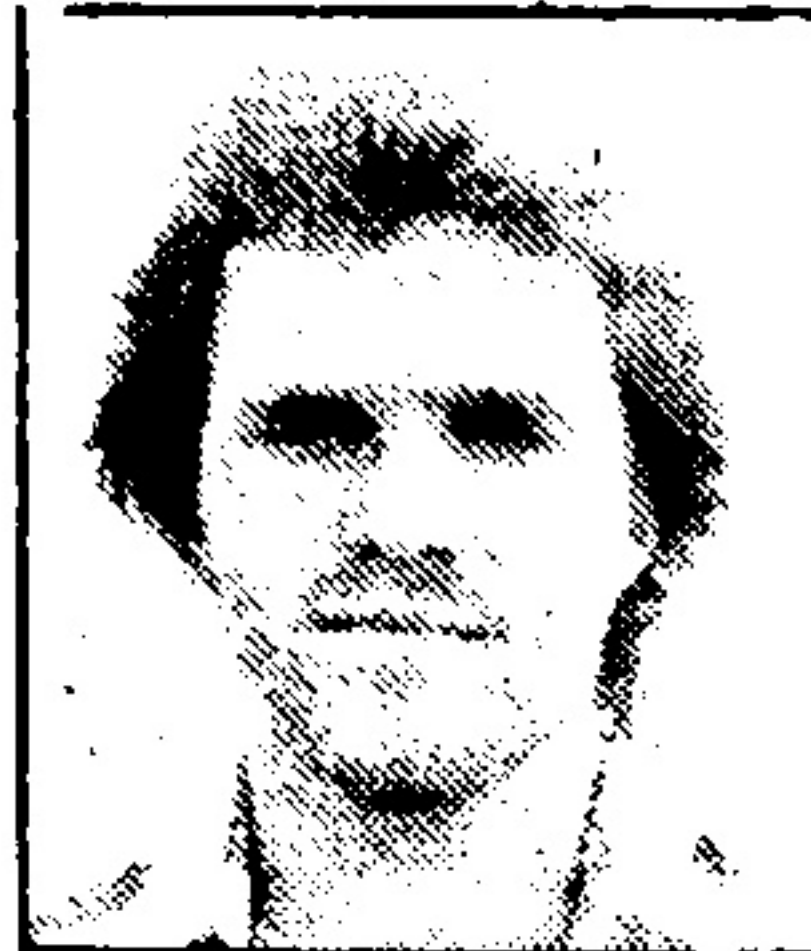
"Gee, sorry, Mr. Gallagher. Your chief political activist here was just showing me around. You want us to wait outside?"

"No, come on in, Tkac. I've been meaning to talk to you anyway."

"Oh, for sure, Ed. Like, what's on your mind?"

"Abbie, could you wait outside?"

"Sure, Ed. I'll wait for you in the outer office, Mr. Tkac."



Scott Williams

"Thanks. That's a good man you've got there, Gallagher. It's a shame I'm going to have to let him go."

"Who? Abbie? He set the campus on its ear last fall. That protest after the Board of Regents decided to build a new building was all his doing."

"Oh, come on. Nobody paid any attention to that. The building is practically half built now. Besides, I've got other plans. We're going to see the president to ask if they could turn on those awesome water fountains on campus. The way I figure it, if you want to get to the core of student unrest, give them more places to play frisbee and scope some action."

"Uh, listen, Tkac. Maybe we better not talk after all."

"What's the matter, fella? Not radical enough for you? You can't take up a cause that doesn't have inter-

national ramifications?"

"Yeah, well, I still say we could have brought the Marines home from Lebanon sooner if we only got 100 more students at that protest. I'm sure Reagan would have given in."

"Well, Ed, you might as well face it. For the next year, this campus is going to be a different place. No more protests. Oh, we might paint a few signs if the administrators advocate a return to black slavery. But, otherwise, no problem. Like, as long as they don't mess with our Greek Row parties."

"There's no doubt about it, Tkac. We are total opposites. You offer students a completely meaningless, narrow-minded and thoughtless set of promises."

"And you offer students nothing but poorly-planned, empty demonstrations! And students don't even bother showing up at them or joining your causes."

"Well, Tkac, all I know is if students thought we were the monsters we make each other out to be, neither one of us ever would sit in this office."

"I bet next you'll say a 'none of the above' choice would have beat both of us in this year's election. Like, ha, ha, ha."

"Well, if you knew anything about how the SA works, Tkac, you'd know that we don't allow students to make choices."