

demand, as Ms. Franchuk does, that women leave the "caring" professions in order to be paid fairly, then we'll be deprived of good people in important jobs. A rigid, patriarchal system has kept women from earning fair wages in vital positions; it's unfortunate that Ms. Franchuk chose to blame the victims.

Martin Nicol

Student council "fiasco"

The event that transpired in Students' Council on October 13 can only be considered a fiasco. Councillor Don Davies took it upon himself to undermine the integrity of all student councillors and the Faculty Associations they represent. By singling out the five Education councillors as possibly being in council unconstitutionally, he also violated one of the main foundations of our law and order system: Innocence until proven guilty.

Being a Law Councillor, you would expect that Mr. Davies would not assume we were guilty without researching the facts. It should be noted that Mr. Davies could have come to the E.S.A. office before hand to make an inquiry about how our councillors were chosen. If he asked politely we would have told him everything he wanted to know. Then, if he was unsatisfied, he could have made an issue out of it. Now every Faculty Association must suffer the humiliation of an inquiry into their nomination and election procedures which have been in place for years.

In closing I would like to thank the large majority of the councillors that voted against Mr. Davies' Motion to have us ejected, it gives me faith in the democratic system and the knowledge that there are people willing to stand up for justice in a council. As for Mr. Davies, who has incited the ire of Faculty Associations and councillors, I am sure he will receive his just reward.

Mark LaGrange
Education Councillor

Part of the action

I'm concerned as to where these Education students are that Christine DeMarco referred to at the council meeting on September 13th. I haven't seen them. Where were these interested and enthusiastic students last March when the Education elections took place? Were they not around or too busy? No excuse. Dave Nelson (VP-Academic) and I were student teaching, Dave in Red Deer, and we managed to run. Where were these now distraught and perplexed Eddies that are so willing to serve Education needs as councillors last summer and most of September when we advertised that positions were open and we were in desperate need of people. If these people do exist, I question whose needs they really want to service.

Where are they now? If they're so keen about the Faculty of Education, I wish they'd drop in and see me. I'd put them to work; we certainly have lots for them to do. If they're lost in Arts, Science, or Law, just go to the south end of Hub Mall and look for the big building with the inspirational art work on the North end. That's Education.

We must be doing something right over here because in the past we've had trouble getting 2 or 3 people for council, now everyone wants a part of the action.

Don Hackel
President, ESA

SU finances

I must, in the strongest possible terms, disagree with Karen Colvin's letter "Ignorance" (Oct. 14, 1987, Gateway).

As I read her letter I grew quite angry with the attack K. Colvin had made on Leslie Hicks. It seems to me that if K. Colvin had addressed the SU fees issue and not personally attacked L. Hicks, her argument may have had more validity. I personally feel there is a problem with the mandatory \$45.00 one pays towards the Student Council. If one does not wish to use the services provided by the payment, then why should one be forced to pay the fee? To some people \$45.00 may not be a large amount of money but to others it's a great expenditure.

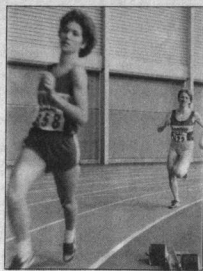
If the fee were made optional, why should the SU be concerned that the students wouldn't pay it? Doesn't the SU have enough confidence in its own system and services? If it's such a good deal then wouldn't students

A challenge to the department of athletics

Re: Cuts by department of athletics.

I don't think the U of A track and field and cross country programs were cut due to prejudice as coaches Had-down and Rose suggest. I think the programs were cut due to ignorance, stupidity, and poor judgement and other such qualities we've come to expect on the part of the department of athletics. At least Mr. Steadward did not have the temerity to include value to students and quality of program among the criteria used in cancelling programs. Instead he cites cost, marketability, growth and tradition. Indeed, the costs of the two aforementioned programs were minimal when compared to some of the sports programs under the auspices of the department of athletics. I feel that one of the greatest credits of the track and field and cross country programs was its tremendous volunteer support. This costs nothing in terms of dollars and cents but is invaluable in terms of getting people involved and giving them a feeling of direct participation in a varsity team. I challenge any of the remaining sports programs to show me such dedicated support on such a large scale in their own programs.

Mr. Steadward speaks of tradition. Perhaps he has got blinders on, allowing him to only see football, basketball and hockey; but there is (or rather was) a fantastic tradition in both the track and field and cross country programs. Mary Burzinski, a U of A alumna who went to the World Championships in Rome this past August representing Canada, is the last name on a long list of fine U of A athletes who have represented their country and brought much credit to their university. I'm afraid Mr. Steadward is sadly mistaken if he feels that there is no tradition in these two programs his department cut. Granted, it is not the same sort of tradition as with the foot-



Track and field cut through ignorance.

ball team where success is measured by whether or not one makes it to the ailing CFL. Rather, varsity running, throwing and jumping provides the necessary and vital link between high school athletes and national calibre athletes. In reality, the most disastrous repercussion of the removal of the running programs is the undermining of the high school program. Promising Alberta athletes now have nowhere to bring their raw talent to what is polished by varsity competition. What we shall see will be yet another exportation of Alberta's resources. You're so right, Mr. Steadward; How can the track tradition even begin to measure up to the annual 6-week effort of the football team? How could I even dare to compare the successes of the track and field and cross country teams with those of the football team? So, when WAS the last time that the Bears football squad won CWUAA or (GASP!) CIAU? On the question of marketability, shall we compare programs on a dollars spent per fan measure. I'm not

sure that track would lose...

Mr. Steadward expressed surprise in his remarks to the Gateway, Oct. 8, 1987, that no supplicants seeking a cross country club had come to him. In all honesty, why should they? The minimal support which they had was cut. Most of the current U of A athletes have left to other institutions where they are guaranteed a program. As is the way with university life, there is a constant influx and outflow of people. It is those who are coming who shall miss out.

Another issue to be seriously looked at is that of facilities. This university has been blessed with not one, but two track facilities: the Steve Fonyo outdoor track and the Rick Hansen indoor track. What nice tribute to Messrs Hansen and Fonyo that we named facilities for them devoted to activities no longer practised on this campus. The sheer hypocrisy almost renders me speechless. But not for a few more sentences...

Mr. Steadward may not be aware of this fact, but the world record holder in the 100 metres also made a 60m world indoor record in the latter facility. There will be no more track meets on Ben Johnson's favourite track. It is one of the best facilities of its kind in the world and it has been relegated to the status of a glorified joggers' arena. No Alberta hopefuls will run there again as a Bear or a Panda. I think this is an absolute tragedy.

I challenge Mr. Steadward and the department of athletics to take another look at the decision that was made and to correct this grievous wrong. Perhaps he might even let the athletes know that their program has been reinstated, since he did not have the courtesy to let them know it had been cut in the first place.

Stobhan Muldowney

be willing to pay the fee?

I understand that the Student Council does have an important role in the University system. However, I also feel a two part fee structure could work for this system. A system where a mandatory portion goes towards necessary services and an optional portion goes towards social and entertainment events. But, that is an entirely different issue.

I feel it is important that the SU prints the 1987-88 proposed budget and the monthly expenditures in the Gateway, NOW. This electoral victory for the NDP will bring Canada to its economic knees.

Tara Howarth

Unfair assessment

Re: Liberals (Gateway Oct. 6)

In Dave Yadalle's letter of Oct. 6 the virtues of confused Liberal policies were praised while the Progressive Conservatives and the New Democrats were slammed.

If for one, am not going to defend the dangers and naive policies of the NDP. An electoral victory for the NDP will bring Canada to its economic knees.

However, his assessment of the Progressive Conservatives is unfair, while his view of the Liberals is selective at best.

In regards to defense policy he accused the Conservatives of over-spending. Nothing could be further from the truth as the Progressive Conservatives are maintaining this country's commitments to its allies. Additionally, a Canadian government is finally taking the sovereignty of this country seriously.

On the other hand, the Liberals' stand on defense is unclear. For instance, do the Liberals support cruise missile tests? John Turner carefully avoided the vote on cruise testing while his caucus was divided. Now Turner is against cruise testing. What will the Liberals' stand be tomorrow?

The Conservatives did bring Quebec into the constitution, something the Liberals failed to do. Muldowney's cooperation with

the provinces is a welcome sign after years of Trudeau fighting with the provinces and waving his finger like a madman.

Meanwhile, the Liberal caucus is divided over the Meech Lake accord. John Turner supports the accord but Donald Johnston, David Berger, MacMillan, Keith Power, John Nuziata, Charles Garcia, Maurice Foster, Nerman Robichaud, George Henderson, David Dingwall, Lloyd Aworthy, Sergio Marchi, Brian Tolbin and Robert Kaplan have all expressed publicly their reservations over their leader's stand. Who do I listen to when the Liberals make statements on Meech Lake? The leader of the party or his fourteen dissenters?

Mr. Yadalle then accused the Conservatives of providing the economic destabilization of Canada. Did Mr. Yadalle read the latest OECD report that rated Canada's economy as the healthiest among the major industrialized nations? Additionally, the Progressive Conservatives had the political courage to take on Free Trade and Tax Reform. On these two issues the Liberals have refused to take a stand. For instance, on Free Trade the Liberal policy is haunted by MacKenzie King's Conscriptio Crisis: Free Trade if necessary but not necessarily free trade.

One could go on and on showing Liberal inconsistencies, but space is limited. With each passing day, it gets harder and harder to tell who is leading the Liberals and where the party stands. Mr. Yadalle you should take a second look at the Party you should take for.

James Heekan

Criticize correctly

Mr. Rutkowski: I have just a few points to bring to your attention.

First I cannot address an issue which is not raised. Mr. Rodomar raised slander, untruths and innuendo in his letter but little else.

Second, if you want to find out how the IRSS deals with the issue you raised, please attend our next event in early November.

Third, the real issue is that we will not allow individuals like Andrew to take advantage of our efforts so as to address a crowd that could never hope to bring out on their own.

Fourth, if you want to criticize letters, that's fine, but please be consistent. In other words I suggest you re-read Andrew's letter and pay closer attention to the content.

Finally, as a full-time student I do not have all day to sit around constructing the perfect letter, nor do I intend to take that kind of time out from my studies to do so. If you do not like the way I write them, the solution is a simple one—don't read them.

Michael Hunter
President, IRSS

Home in Jesus

Re: A Safer Home Gateway Oct. 1.

I thank you for your comments, Cler Haber. I also thank you for your patient regard my response. I do not intend to indefinitely use the Gateway as a tool for my personal interactions with you, however, after much thought and reflection I strongly feel that even as I am going to reply, you will not be able to understand the position I take.

It comes down to an issue of faith. Simply, for me to live in Jesus Christ and to die would be so much better. You see I know it is Jesus who holds the keys to life and death. I will not be afraid to die as my life is in His control. Why do you think he went down to hell for 3 days, anyway? It is a great God that I serve, who would not cause me to suffer beyond that which I am able to endure.

What I have trouble with, is the depth of your belief if you so choose to run for your life, rather than stand firm.

I know how great my God is, as well as how great His love is for me. So, as I stand, my safety lies, not in a home, a people, a country, but in a Great God who is worthy to receive glory and honor and praise. Though he stay me, yet will I hope in Him. Jos 13:15.

Bonny C. Dearing