

What ever happened....

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to Betty Boop?

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U of A-ATA meeting may change stand

The Alberta Teachers' Association has reached interim agreements with the University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge concerning the extended student teaching program.

This leaves only the U of A in need of some agreement, but a meeting is scheduled for September 22 between the university and the ATA.

The student-teaching program ran into difficulties this fall when teachers had requested a minimum of forty minutes of release time from their regular load each day in order to provide supervision of student teachers and their programs. Teachers had not asked for extra pay, as reported in a previous issue of *The Gateway*.

Release time would require extra funding from the provincial government, probably to hire more teachers to provide the co-operating teachers with extra time.

The extended period of practicum teaching became a requirement in 1973, when new government regulations on teacher certification came into effect. The regulations stipulated that by 1977, four years of teacher education, including an extended practicum period, would be necessary for initial certification.

Plans to implement the extended practicum have been developed over the last two years, explains ATA President Patricia English. A key element of the plan, she says, is the role of cooperating teachers in the schools.

"The ATA is strongly in favor of extended practicum programs for the preparation of teacher candidates," Miss English says. "These programs, as perceived by the Association and according to the developments at the various universities up to the present, are better programs than

previous ones. They require greater participation and responsibility on the part of cooperating teachers."

But teachers only want to serve in the new program if it can be done properly, adds Executive Assistant Ken Bride.

"The government has not, up to this point, made any definite decisions with respect to funding this requirement," Dr. Bride reports. "Teachers in Edmonton, therefore, are withholding - for the time being - voluntary services required for implementation of any type of field experience sponsored by the university."

A change in the situation here could be forthcoming this week following the meeting between the university and the ATA.

"Journal" threatened

by Stan Underwood

Evidence that a rivalry exists between Edmonton's two largest newspapers *The Journal* and *The Gateway* was aired last week when *The Journal* refused to print a *Gateway* ad.

Tom Wright, Ad Manager for the Students' Union, and manager of Media Productions, said he was told the student newspaper would be pulling readers and advertisers from the larger paper's list if an ad appeared in *The Journal* touting *The Gateway's* classified section.

The ad was worth eight dollars.

Wright called *The Journal's* decision ludicrous, viewing the disparate sizes of the two papers.

"If I had a classified in *The Journal*, do you think I'd pull it

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GFC Exec condemns policies

The Executive Committee of GFC has discovered that discriminatory hiring policies exist in at least six university departments.

The departments of drama, economics, germanics, history, political science, and sociology have replied to the committee's request for policy information by saying they, as a policy, do not consider U of A grads for academic positions.

The departments of comparative literature, psychology, and English say they will consider their own grads for jobs, but they preferred the graduates of other universities.

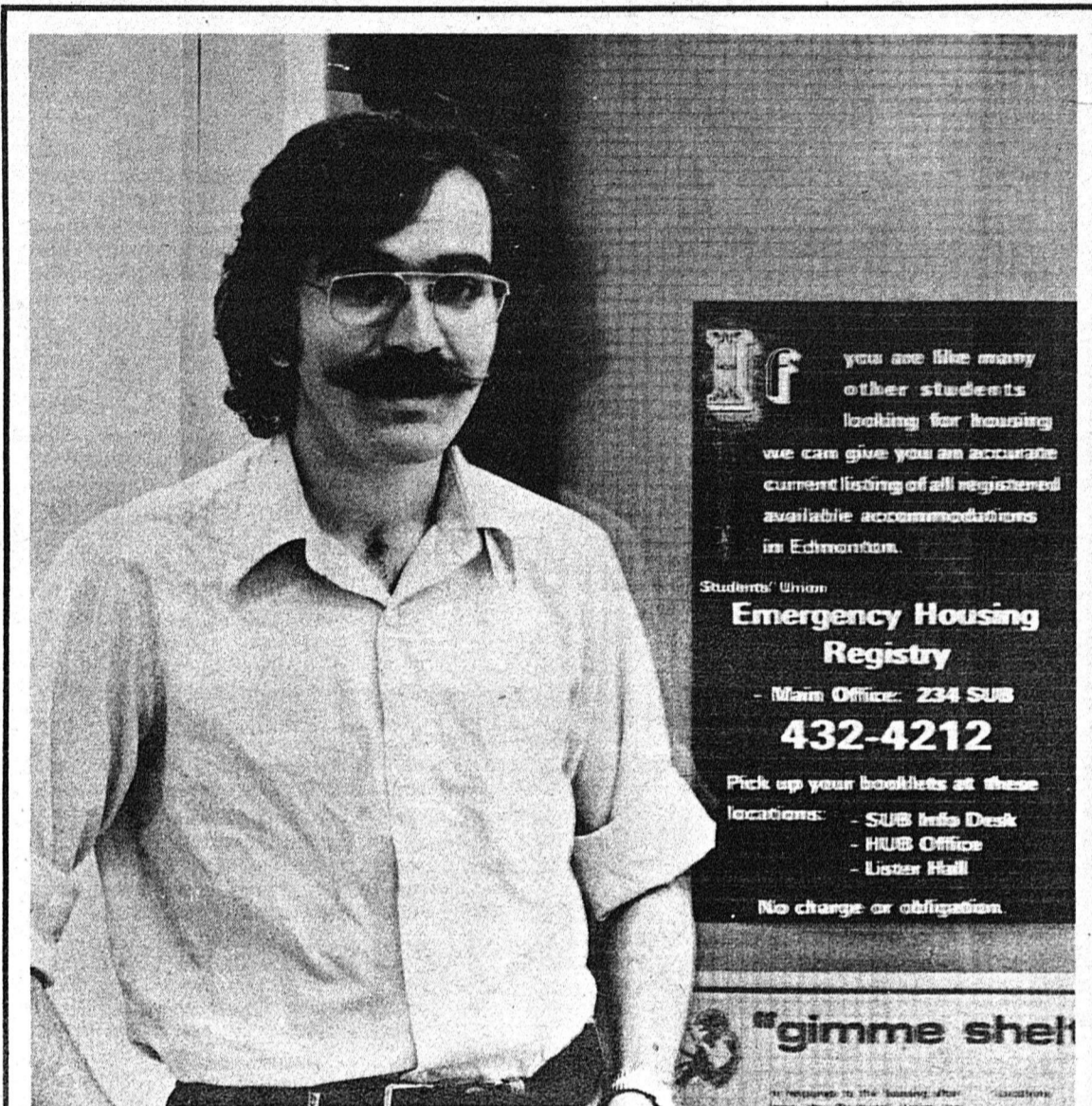
Dr. Harry Gunning, university president, said GFC should

make a policy statement on the issue requiring that university departments hire on the basis of merit alone, not considering place of graduation as a main factor in hiring.

Beth Atkins, a grad students' rep, said she favoured a system whereby other universities' graduates would be preferred.

"I think part of the instructional process is meeting other people in your field," she said. By hiring local graduates, this university may be depriving itself of outside influences and experiences.

Other members commented that though this may be



Requiem for a directory

This week will witness the demise of the housing directory, and the dispersion of its staff. During its hectic five month existence it grew from a one man publicity outfit with a list of less than twenty housing vacancies, to a large fast working organization with a list over twenty pages long. Between organizing the housing lists, and the temporary housing units Ray LaPerriere found time for more talk show and interview appearances than most government officials would receive in an entire term of office.

Quota questionnaires to be sent out

The GFC executive committee has drafted a questionnaire to be sent to all departments, requesting information on acceptance policies in quota courses.

The questionnaire is intended to be an annual request, requiring faculties whose courses are either formally or informally under quota restrictions to give data regarding the sex, age, academic, and other qualifications of student applications, and to rank them such that GFC can view the priorities of quota faculties in accepting students.

Dr. Myer Horowitz, vp (academic) of the university, said it was important to include the words "formally and informally" with the questionnaire.

He said it was important to GFC to receive hard and complete information on quota policies including those policies involving restricted enrolment courses in non-quota faculties.

"I know there are cases where the student believes there are informal quotas, the parent believes it, and now I'm even getting to suspect it. We are now becoming aware of 'hidden' quotas, which I feel is the more dangerous situation."

The questionnaire asks the faculties to state the percentages of resident Canadians, Albertans, and foreign students, etc. in their programs as well as information on how the faculties view the minimum requirements of high school grads, transfer students, mature students and re-admission applications for entry into their courses.

Another Airport '75

OTTAWA (CUP) - A member of the Carleton student council is convinced that Ontario students can afford \$5 million dollars for a used Boeing 707, set up a corporation to fly it, and then persuade students to use it.

The student reps on the committee agreed with Horowitz, asking that the questionnaire require specific information that could be well tabulated for further policy decisions.

One committee member requested information should relate to the last academic year only, and that it be well publicized that some priorities can change from year to year.

Faculties should not be required to stick to old policies simply because they are the ones clearly outlined and in the public's possession.

Information is also required as to the reasons the quotas exist, whether they be staff, space, or equipment reasons, so GFC could make policies with these considerations in mind.

Most members agreed it was about time some hard facts were assembled regarding the quotas issue, and felt since it was an annual requirement of the faculties, GFC would be better equipped to handle the delicate academic and public issues surrounding it.

Dan Perley, the Vice-President of Internal Affairs of the Carleton student council, is so convinced that he has visited the Boeing plant in Seattle and talked to senior executives of the company. They claim the plan is feasible.

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