

"With God as my witness..."

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...I thought turkeys could fly."

Arthur Carlson  
WKRP in Cincinnati

## Prank leaves 5 chickens dead

by Gilbert Bouchard  
and Bill Daskoch

Two agriculture students found out the hard way last Thursday that chickens don't fly and may face criminal charges or university disciplinary procedures as a result.

The two, believed to be a part of a group of five students acting independently of their faculty club, tossed a bag of chicken feathers and then five live chickens off the second floor balcony in CAB during the Engineering Week rally at noon.

"They thought they would flutter down," said director of campus security Doug Langevin, "but they fell like rocks."

"I only saw the chickens land," said an unidentified female Agriculture student, "One bounced off the stage and landed near my foot."

"People around here were pretty grossed out and said so, except for someone from the Agriculture Club who was mildly amused."

The chickens, two painted red and three painted black, were "half-dead," said Engineering Students' Society executive vice-president Dale Hildebrand. "Two of them couldn't even lift their beaks off the ground."

The engineering students running the event disposed of the chickens by wringing their necks and tossing them into the dumpster, he said.



Chickens "fell like rocks" and grossed out spectators

The fact that the chickens' bodies were disposed of may prevent criminal charges of animal abuse from being laid.

"We need physical evidence as to the injuries of the animals verified by an expert, usually a veter-

inarian," said SPCA constable Rand Wakeford. "After all, the chickens can't testify in court, you'd need an expert."

As of yesterday, the SPCA, who have jurisdiction over all matters of animal abuse, said they were still

studying the possibility of proceeding with criminal charges.

"If the SPCA does decide to press charges, we won't," said Langevin. "But if they don't, they will likely be charged under section 43.4(b) of the Student Code of

Behaviour which states that no students shall knowingly create a condition which unnecessarily threatens the health, safety or well-being of other persons or threatens the damage or destruction of property."

## Free trade with U.S. costs say experts

by M. Levenson

Two leading economic analysts presented a slick sales job for Free Trade Friday night.

David Crane, author and *Toronto Star* writer, drew a bleak picture of increased bilateral trade with the U.S. Paraphrasing Frank McKlowksy, he said, "Once they own your assets, they own you."

He went on to explain that without Canadian control of 'core' industries, Canada would be blackmailed into accepting U.S. control over foreign political and sales policies, domestic anti-trust and anti-monopoly policy, resource development and the deployment of available research and development funding.

Crane then recommended Canada follow the example of Japan and Sweden by imposing tight controls on foreign ownership, maintaining an attitude of world competitiveness, and emphasizing Canadian research and development.

He was quite clear on the point that such measures would cause short-term discomfort, but also made a valid point when he called for long-term and far-sighted economic policies to replace the politically expedient policies in effect now.

His 'opponent' in the 'debate' was quick to propose a long-term policy.

Carl Beigie, director and chief economist with Dominion Securities Pitfield Ltd., called for a national economic policy framework that would protect strategic industries and resources.

This is a somewhat radical idea in that its application would necessarily erode the power of the provincial governments over their own economic development.

Mr. Beigie felt that the dominant role of foreign ownership in Canada had not been as positively played as it should have been. He suggested that Canada should demand more from foreign owners.

"Access to Canadian resources is a right, and with this right comes

obligation," said Beigie. "Canada should insist on Canadian control of research and development that would provide work for Canadian peripheral and support industries."

"We must negotiate with the Americans and make it quite clear that some areas of the Canadian economy were not subject to

negotiation."

Both speakers made a strong case for Canadian control of key industries and research and development. However, it is difficult to accept Crane's comparison of Canada with Sweden and Japan, as both countries are nothing like Canada when you go beyond the

economic indicators of profit, productivity and pokey lines. Also, while the vision that Mr. Beigie proposed was appealing, it is hard to imagine the U.S. wanting to negotiate with Canada if Canada refused to negotiate the very aspects of the economy that the U.S. is most interested in.



Patricia Marchak attacks free trade

Photo Bill Daskoch

## Big Enchilada in charge in Sask.

by Richard Sandhurst

**SASKATOON (CUP)** — The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union no longer has a president.

A motion to change the title of the office from "President" to "The Big Enchilada" was passed at USSU's 1985 general meeting in November.

U of S Engineering student Mike Jackman said he put forward the motion to remove some of the mystique from the person bearing the intimidating title of "President".

"We now have a very accessible individual whom students... will be able to come and talk to because he has a bonehead name," Jackman said after the meeting.

Student Council president (now Big Enchilada) Ian Wagner was not amused.

"I've always considered myself to be a pretty approachable guy," the Big Enchilada said. "How much more approachable do you want to get?"

Student Council Arts representative Veronica Dutchek said she urged people to defeat the motion

because few people in Saskatoon take students seriously and calling the Student Council president "The Big Enchilada" would only make matters worse.

Mike Fisher, Canadian Federation of Students Saskatchewan executive rep, said he disagreed with Dutchek.

"I think I'm in favour of this," Fisher said. "Anything that can fill up this room for the most boring meeting of the year, I have to vote for. Let democracy be served."

The Big Enchilada said the motion was useful because it got a lot of students to attend the meeting, but urged it be defeated because it was "ridiculous".

The motion was amended by Engineering rep John Melin to give the president the official title of "The Big Enchilada, professionally known as the President" because council could lose its representation on the U of S Board of Governors unless the word "president" was included somewhere in the official title.