

"O hound of Crete, think-st thou my spouse to get?"
Henry V, from Shakespeare's play of the same name.

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"Take my wife . . . please!"
Henry Youngman
20th century comedian

Pay now... ...or stay home

by John Watson

About 900 students had their registration cancelled because they failed to pick up their timetables last Tuesday and Wednesday.

University Registrar Brian Silzer said that was a concern in his department. "We were afraid students might not take us seriously about our intent to cancel."

The cancellations may be a boon to students who were late registering by making space available in courses. In past years the registrar did not know until October which sections had room.

"Nine hundred is not that many students," said Silzer, "about five to six hundred . . . never come through every year."

The registrar's office was able to open up the courses because of the new computer registration procedures used for the first time this year.

And, according to Silzer, the system worked very well. "We are very pleased with the performance," he said, "the system has been well received from students and staff."

The Gateway conducted an informal poll to determine how

long it took people to go through registration procedures at the Pavilion last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The average time reported was between half an hour and forty-five minutes.

Silzer believes it was considerably less time than that. "Our own little studies showed on average it was taking 15 minutes," he said.

And he continued, "If they spent half an hour, they spent 15 minutes waiting (for their start time)—we stuck to schedule."

Floyd Hodgins, past president of the Students' Union told Silzer any line up of more than one person is intolerable.

Although Silzer describes that goal as "probably unachievable", he is pleased. "We came very much closer to it this year," he said.

Computer registration is efficient in other ways as well. The system would not allow students with outstanding university bills (library fines, parking tickets) to register.

This allowed the university to collect close to \$40,000 which the university might otherwise not have seen.

U of L has slanted perspective

by Cam McCulloch

Most students feel a little unsettled at the beginning of a new term. For approximately 3700 University of Lethbridge students this feeling may be more than fleeting.

Their main building is shifting vertically and requires extensive and expensive repairs.

According to an engineering consulting firm's report, the expansion joints of University Hall are overstressed and need stabilizing. Part of the problem, ironically enough, is the campus bookstore.

Due to a critical space shortage at the U of L the bookstore is situated on the sixth floor. But its tremendous inventory is too heavy for the building to support any longer.

The cost of stabilizing the building is estimated at between

\$600,000 and \$800,000. Funds for the work will be provided by the Department of Advanced Education.

University of Alberta VP External, Mike Hunter, who is part of a group attempting to get a Students' Union Building for the U of L said, "I may be too pessimistic, but because government bureaucracy is involved I wouldn't be surprised to see the cost balloon to 1 or 2 million dollars."

The reparations will take twelve months to complete, with minimal disruption of academic activities. Robert Comstock, U of L VP of Campus Development expressed confidence: "We are pleased that the building foundation remains stable, with no indication of it sliding toward the river or of that possibility in the future."

"Auto Rescue" has a field day

by Emma Sadgrove

City police started extensive tagging and towing in the university area on September 8. According to their public information department, this is "largely as a result of past complaints by residents in the area."

A large area surrounding campus will be covered to deal with the problem of students park-

ing in surrounding neighborhoods. This is the same situation as last year. The campus area is not covered since it is the responsibility of campus security.

This crackdown on parking violators will be taking place for the next month. Students without parking spaces should be forewarned that it is expensive to try to beat the system.



Fab four facsimiles frolic last Saturday

photo Rob Schmidt

What? Another term to go?

by Ken Hui

A recent proposal to implement a trimester system at the university is under consideration.

A trimester system offers courses in three single terms in any academic year. There are many trimester universities in the United States at present. Students can be enrolled in any of the three terms in a year.

"From time to time, a lot of people seem to think that the university buildings and facilities are not used much in the summer," said Dr. Zelmer, Associate Vice-President (Academic).

Dr. Zelmer said some decisions will be made over the course of

next year. The university is putting together a series of policies that will be debated in General Faculties Council and at the Board of Governors.

The Students' Union and various faculty associations are welcome to express their concerns.

Will a trimester system create any difficulties?

"A totally trimester system is such that most of the courses are available in any single term. That will be very expensive and difficult, especially with senior courses. Besides, a lot of the full-time professors have their own research activities. Some faculties, such as Agriculture, have

to do field research in summer. Moreover, a lot of the lab assistants are graduate students who need the summer to finish their thesis. There will also be extra staff payroll, especially for those instructors," said Dr. Zelmer.

After all, Dr. Zelmer feels that most of the students may start their academic year in September and the enrollment in summer or January may not be that high.

Craig Cooper, the Students' Union Vice-President Academic, said there are many conflicting ideas generated at the student level and he would comment about the issue at a later age.

The UN tries to save us all

VANCOUVER (CUP) — More than 50 Canadian cities will join with communities in 60 other countries at noon Sept. 16 to observe the United Nations' International Day of Peace.

In 1981, the UN declared the third Tuesday in September to be an international peace day, and has celebrated the occasion ever since. To mark the day, the UN General Assembly rings the Peace Bell in New York, then calls on the peoples of the world to join them in a moment of silence.

Last year, University of Toronto professor Don Evans and Humber College instructor Austin Redpath organized A Peal of Peace in Toronto, bringing the event to Canada for the first time.

This year, similar events have gained the support of the premiers of seven provinces and the leaders of the two territories. More than 50 mayors, from St. John's to Victoria, are already committed to make peace proclamations on the day.

In Vancouver, there will be an observance at the UN Pavilion at Expo 86, while the federal government has asked that the day be officially recognized by ringing the carillon in the Peace Tower on Par-

liament Hill. A number of Anglican and Catholic bishops have agreed to ask member churches to ring their bells.

The tradition of silence followed by sound was begun during World

War II, when the BBC broadcast a "silent minute" at 9:00 each evening, allowing listeners to stop and offer a prayer for peace. With the chiming of Big Ben, the silent contemplation would end.

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