

The test of Christian character should be ...

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... that a man is a joy-bearing agent to the world.

Henry Ward Beecher

Building policy referendum called

Council gives to library

by Peter Block

Council was in the Christmas spirit Tuesday night and donated \$100,000 to the university library for the acquisition of new books.

VP Internal Gord Stamp said the donation will demonstrate that "we truly care about the quality of education."

The Alberta government is expected to match the offer from the Advanced Education Endowment Fund, meaning the library will receive \$200,000.

There was, however, no guarantee that the government would in fact match the donation, although Advanced Education Minister Dick

Johnston has reportedly assured the continuation of the program until the end of 1984.

While debate lasted no more than ten minutes, some criticism of the plan was raised. Arts Councillor Todd Rutter felt it is the "government's responsibility to fund education, not ours."

Science Councillor Brinton McLaughlin stated that it is necessary to have "more awareness campaigns" so students are more aware of the crisis in post-secondary education. He said the idea was "really expedient" and "financially irresponsible."

Ironically, the university gave the Students' Union just over \$130,000

earlier this year to help offset the cost of the SU services. VP Finance Christine Ens raised this point, suggesting that perhaps the SU should simply give the university \$30,000 back "and call it even."

VP External Paul Alpern also raised some concerns with the gift. Alpern questioned whether the government might not interpret students' generosity as a willingness to pay higher tuition fees.

The short debate appeared to influence few councillors as only two of the 23 members present opposed the donation. Rutter and Arts proxy Sarah Wright voted against, while seven members, including Ens and Alpern, abstained.

In other matters, several councillors were part of a flip-flop that would rank with the best any government could manage. In October council approved a new building policy restricting racist and sexist events in SUB and ordered one of its committees to arrive at the legislation to enforce the policy.

The committee reported back to council Tuesday, only to have their proposal voted down and a referendum on the question approved.

As a result, students will have two referenda to vote on this February, as continued membership in CFS

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Photo courtesy Ring House Gallery

Author Chris Brookes will discuss the people of Nicaragua on Saturday.

Nicaragua in pictures

Ring House Gallery is sponsoring a lecture and discussion accompanied by slides on Nicaragua Saturday.

Speaking at the forum will be Chris Brookes, a theatre director, broadcaster and writer, and Elizabeth Brown, curator of the Peter Whyte Gallery in Banff.

Brookes has visited Nicaragua several times, including a six-month stay sponsored by Canada's International Development Research Centre to work with Nicaraguan theatre groups. He will give a reading Saturday from his new book, *Now We Know the Difference:*

The People of Nicaragua, the first book on Nicaragua written by a Canadian.

Brown has also visited Nicaragua and collected posters from and about Nicaragua. Ninety of them are currently on display at the Peter Whyte Gallery. The posters testify the changes the country has experienced since the 1979 Sandinista overthrow of the Somoza regime.

The event starts at 7:30 pm, Dec. 8 and admission is free. For more information, call 432-5834 or visit the on-campus gallery.

Gateway, City settle

by Neal Watson

The Gateway and the City of Edmonton have settled their two year legal wrangle over the police and fire department's seizure of a 1981 issue of the Gateway.

Under the terms of the final settlement, the city will pay the Gateway \$3,000 for lost advertising revenue. The city dropped an earlier condition to censor the paper's coverage of the settlement after the Gateway's staff refused to accept the stipulation.

Police and fire investigators seized 12,000 copies of the Nov. 19, 1981 issues of the Gateway because they felt a story on an arson in the SU Building might prejudice their investigation of the arson as well as incite copy-cat fires.

A woman was later charged and convicted with the Nov. 18 arson as well as a second arson in the building and one in HUB Mall.

The police and the fire officers seized the papers under the Fire Prevention Act which gives the

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Bear Country

by Shane Beig

