

tinued our Soviet trade, Lada cars, vodka and whatever other trade commitments we had.

These actions point out the fact that the western world is economically tied to the Soviets and that media and political slurs, hype, whatever, have to be taken with a pound (454 kg) of salt.

In fact I find it ironic that the U.N. is promoting this Disarmament Week yet it is the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty that has allowed third world countries to get the breeder reactors and reprocessing labs to produce plutonium. Those countries which have signed the treaty, i.e. Iraq, have the tools and knowledge through misuse of the equipment, but the U.N. has through sloppy security measures and impotent policing powers, done nothing to stop or even publicize its shortcomings.

Another point brought out in the Oct. 23 Gateway, Bosman's article on pre-nuclear aspects shows even the other side of disarmament can be caught up in the numbers game, especially in the U.S.-Soviet conflict.

Continued number comparisons are made between the superpowers including massive numbers to mesmerize the reader into thinking that tomorrow the U.S. and Soviets are at war. Statistics are for losers a half full glass is not half full, its half empty - fill it up!

The Soviets and U.S. have too much to lose, they are at the top of the pile, revolution starts at the muddy bottom.

John A. Lamb
Sci IV

CFS directionless

Suzette C. Chan's editorial of October 18th, 1984, gave the impression that the author believes herself well informed on the anti-CFS issues. Bob Dylan once wrote "self confidence is deceiving... it gives people without balls a sense of virility"; but maybe I'm being a bit harsh, I did agree with some of the points she tried to make.

I do not feel, and I know that I'm not alone in this, that four dollars is an excessive amount for each student to pay to belong to a quality organization. I fully intend to make use of the benefits that CFS

brings while we still have it around. I also do not feel that CFS is too political in any direction. It has no direction.

However, as she said, "... CFS is so democratic that they can barely get anything done." I fail to see the virtue of belonging to an organization that has cornered itself through its own diversity. Perhaps she can, in her wisdom, explain it to me. The problem with CFS is that it cannot support issues with any strength because the issues of concern vary between so many institutions over so great a space.

Education, what we as students profess to be interested in, is a provincial responsibility. What better way to represent the students in a province than through an organization dedicated to that province? Look at OFS, and then think that maybe the students in Calgary were having some of the same dissatisfactions as we have now.

No, I am not against CFS as much as I am for an Alberta Federation of Students, and I think that its time is long overdue. Such a campaign would be more than just "political grandstanding," Ms. Chan.

Morag Humble
Arts I

Editors Note: The Federation of Alberta Students existed from 1975-1983. It disbanded due to lack of interest.

Smart and poor

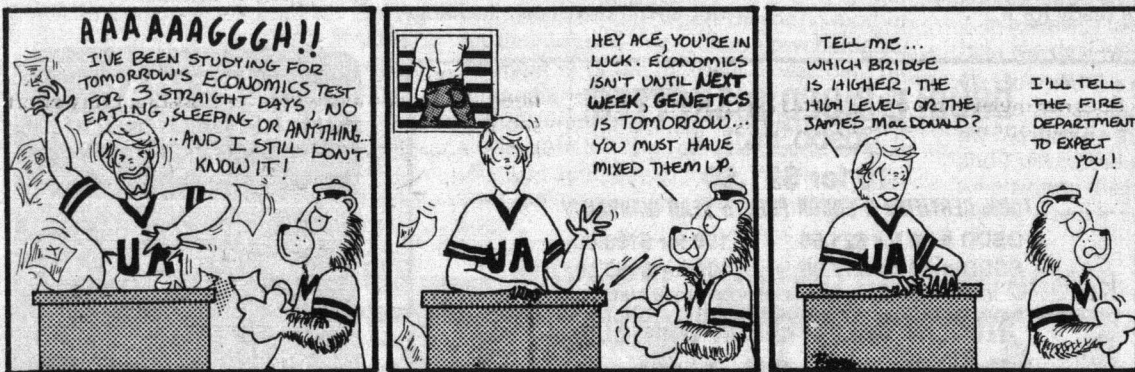
It is interesting to note that on the current U of A employment opportunities board there is a job (Equipment Assistant I) requiring a grade 11 education which offers remuneration of \$1338-1625 per month. Yet an Administrative Assistant I with grade 12 business training and 6-7 years related experience is offered \$1105-1362 per month.

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Aland Davidson
Education II

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by Shane Berg



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