

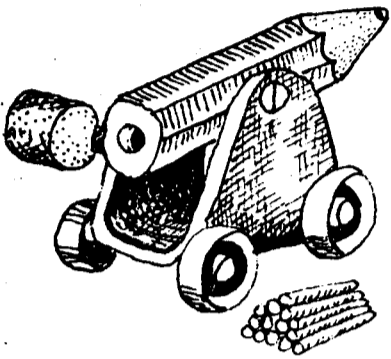
propaganda in a campus wide newspaper.

The C.S.A. of A. has no more power or "clout" than N.A.S.A. except that they stoop to illegal strikes to get their own way sooner than reasoned negotiations and community understanding. There are more people on campus than just non-academics. N.A.S.A. cares for them also and speaks to the Provincial Government of the University financial problems as a whole. I know for a fact that in an appeal for more money to the Government they instigated a joint submission from the students, grad students and academics because the financial

situation was affecting the University as a whole.

If the C.S.A. of A. cared more about their present members than just counting heads, they would try to conserve their money and keep the dues at a reasonable level instead of whacking it about on costly advertising. By this method they might gain more credibility with their present members which seems to have disappeared at the present time. What about the vote of non-confidence from Medicine Hat?

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## editorial

### Arts by-election invalid

It has become apparent that a more suitable method for choosing representatives to sit on Students' Council will have to be devised.

The current method calls for an election wherein the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast is declared the winner. Theoretically, this method should show the preference of the voters, and is therefore the best indication of the will of the majority. But this method only works in theory.

As is the case in the Arts faculty by-election held last Friday, the winner has been declared after receiving only 62 votes. With a total of approximately 3,000 eligible voters, 62 votes is not a proper indication of anything. If the results of this by-election are going to be ratified by Council as being the wish of the electorate, then the whole voting system is a joke.

In analysing the election results, the easiest claim to make is that the Arts students are apathetic. A total of only 132 voters cast their vote: that represents approximately a 3% turn-out, and 3% is not a valid enough indication to represent 3000 students.

If student apathy is the cause of the poor turn-out, then a better method of selection has to be employed in the future. Anything will be more valid than the system now used.

Perhaps a survey should be conducted to determine why the turn-out was so poor.

Were there enough polling stations?

Were they in the best places?

Was adequate time given the candidates to conduct their campaigns?

Were the voters aware there was an election?

Regardless of the individual who won this particular by-election, I cannot accept him as the choice of the Arts faculty. He only received 62 votes.

If Council would like to see the democratic process best served in selecting the members, its first responsibility will be to reject the representative put forth by the Returning Officer as not having a valid mandate. Its second responsibility will be to devise a new and better method with which to perpetuate its existence.

Bernie Fritze

## World Food Conference

The recent World Food Conference has raised global controversy and interest from all levels of society.

Many say that it is high time that a worldwide effort is being made to curb the impending global famine that looms on our future's horizon.

Others say that Canada's pledge of 1,000,000 metric tons of grain per year for the next three years is an example of the adage: "too little too late", while others hail it as major step forward by ourselves as a progressive (and also rich) country, an example to be followed by as many other progressive countries as possible.

*The Globe and Mail* heads an editorial on this topic with "Fine Words will not Feed the Hungry" and cartoonists and satirists are having a field day depicting the efforts of rich, well-fed diplomats trying vainly to understand the problems that starving nations face.

Common citizens are expressing disillusionment in Canada as outcries are raised when the government finds that millions of dozens of eggs are allowed to rot, that Canadian farmers are shooting their cattle rather than marketing the much-needed beef, food price indexes rise to heights heretofore unknown, and all the while prophets of doom proclaim it is too late for the world to save itself.

As Helen Andrews says it in a letter to *The Globe and Mail*, "Surely our society is truly mad."

Our government, that ever-present watchdog, that protector of the downtrodden, is also worried about aspects arriving out of the Conference that may not have entered our minds.

The following is an excerpt from Hansard recording the November 7th meeting of Parliament:

Douglas Roche (PC, Edmonton-Strathcona):

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. At the world food conference in Rome today, the United States proposed a new export planning group which is seen by many in Rome to be another rich man's club in control of a vital commodity. Will the Canadian delegation in Rome be instructed by the Government to insist that any such new group have representative membership of rich and poor nations so that a power cartel on food will be avoided?

Privy Council President Mitchell Sharp:

Mr. Speaker I am inclined to agree with the sentiments expressed by the hon. member. I will take his considerations under consideration.

Mr. Roche:

Recognizing the Acting Prime Minister will want to examine the United States proposals in detail, may I ask whether he will now give his assurance that any food authority established at the Rome conference will be truly international and that Canada will insist on this?

Mr. Sharp:

Mr. Speaker, that will be in accordance with established Government policy.

Canadians must also be aware that there are those who could possibly seek profit at the expense of starving people. There is already enough control on the part of super economic powers over the food industry, as those who understand the workings of multinational food agencies know far better than I.

I would suggest writing a letter to Mr. Roche, seeing as he is sympathetic to this cause, asking him to do his utmost to see that the World Food Conference does not produce another monopolistic cartel.

The World Food Conference is too important a gathering with too important a cause to be reduced to the level of becoming the basis for some entrepreneur to make money at the sole expense of the starving, and of those who, like Canada in its pledge, are trying to do something honest and honourable in at least partially alleviating the hunger of two-thirds of the world's population.

Greg Neiman

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\* The newest and the best way to get involved in a research project on this campus was discovered the other day quite by accident. No longer do you have to get a degree, apply for the job, brown nose, or have an uncle on the Board of Governors.

All you really have to do is go hang around the Nuclear Research Station over by the Faculty Club. Apparently, someone screwed up really good and the whole premise, including a twenty-foot perimeter of the building, is radio active. All you've got to do is go get your

overdose of radiation and you'll be part of the research project on the effects of radio active overdoses. Keep up the good work, Strangelove.

\* Hank says the Bookstore was in a real uproar last week when their newest shipment of bestsellers arrived. Seems the line-ups to purchase one book in particular stretched the length of the store. The book is called *The Cat's Revenge* by Claude Balls. It's a real ripper with a bloody climax that leaves everyone with serious withdrawal pains. Make sure you pick up on it.

\* If you're suffering the homesick blues because of a lack

of attention from your dildo, or your woman is running around with the garbageman and you can't afford to go out and drown your sorrows, I've found the real solution to help get your head together.

Trip on over to The Spaghetti Factory and get a load of their jukebox. Man, you ain't seen nothing yet till you've seen that jukebox. It's incredible. It's an old Wurlitzer with all the fancy lights and it's loaded with heavies by Chuck Berry and Sha Na Na and the likes. It'll take your head right off. Go on down there and boogie for a while.



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