

# News

## The news pages should have:

- Third World issues
- National student issues
- sex and death
- speaker coverage
- gay issues
- racial issues (local)
- racial issues (international)
- women's issues
- University administration
- Club activities
- Black humour and satire
- News from other campuses
- Partisan politics (news)
- Partisan politics (commentary)
- employment prospects
- Student's Council politics
- Rumours, innuendoes, and lies (news)
- Rumours, innuendoes, and lies (commentary)

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## Do you think that the Gateway should:

- 58 -strive for objectivity
- 2 -neglect objectivity opting instead for opinion
- 15 -collectively jump off the high level bridge during rush hour
- 5 -stay the way we are
- 7 -stay away
- 13 -be agents of social change

## Have more...

- 37 -special issues (i.e. comics issue)
- 12 -scratch and sniff issues
- 40 -joke issues
- 14 -campus personality profiles
- 31 -science coverage
- 18 -other

## What

Students at the University of Alberta don't agree about much, according to the results of the Gateway Readership Survey.

There were, however, a few areas of consensus

Issues which are usually considered left wing (ie. Third World issues, gay issues, racial issues and women's issues) were considered unimportant by most of the respondents.

## you

Likewise, the editorial comments tended to denounce our "crappy left-wing bias."

This is not unexpected since the University of Alberta is a conservative campus in an ultra-conservative province.

We will try to provide a more diverse opinion forum but it should also be noted the Gateway is already radically conservative in comparison to other campus newspapers.

## want

Most people opted against sex and death and rumours, innuendos and lies (commentary). These are about the only two areas where the staff agrees completely.

The Students' Union and student organizations in general are of little interest to most of the students. This is unfortunate since all students pay \$54.50 per year for these services.

If students think these organizations are doing little in our interests, they should be outraged rather than indifferent.

## to see...

We will try to keep our coverage of these areas as succinct as possible while attempting to retain some sort of coherence.

The overwhelming support for more articles on employment prospects was somewhat unexpected. These issues do affect all students and will receive more attention in the future.

Most people think we should strive for objectivity rather than social change or opinion.

Science coverage is also high in students' priorities. We have attempted to cover more science

and research this year. So don't despair, things are coming along slowly.

Editorials in the Gateway received a lot of criticism. Some people did, however, commend us for our analysis but most want a greater diversity of opinion. We are now trying to run two editorials per issue.

Finally, most people want more special issues, joke issues and humour throughout the year. We are planning a literary supplement for March and have toyed with the idea of a special "1984" issue. So stay tuned for more high quality humour like the Foster Jean Relief ad.

# Quebec says let them eat cake

**Montreal (CUP)** - Premier Rene Levesque's inaugural address to the Quebec National Assembly will be marked by student strikes and youth demonstrations across the province.

And while demonstrators decry the treatment of Quebec's young people, the Parti Quebecois is expected to announce at the assembly's Nov. 15 opening measures that could cut welfare to recipients 30 years old and younger in half.

Other reasons for the protest include proposals to restrict student aid for college students, introduce tuition fees at the previously free community colleges and establish a new body to regulate college studies.

The Association Nationale des Etudiants du Quebec, organizers of the student strike, are also angry at legislation which allows some college administrations to refuse to collect fees for campus associations.

At least nine of ANEQ's 21 member associations will support the strike. Other student associations will set up information pickets or join unemployed youths demonstrating outside the National Assembly.

Together, students and the unemployed will demand more funds for education and employment. And they'll reject proposed legislation for a new "voluntary" make-work project.

The plan, which is expected to be announced at Levesque's Nov. 15 inaugural address, will mean increased benefits for those who participate. Those who don't will see their biweekly cheques cut to \$70 from \$140.

The plan has met general public protest. ANEQ voted against the idea at a Nov. 5-6 emergency congress, while opposition Liberals have also voiced their dissent.

Liberal welfare critic Christos Sirros called the job-training aspect of the plan a joke. "Retraining for what?" he asked. "What jobs are we talking about?"

Both McGill and Concordia universities' student associations have decided not to participate in the strike, though they will set up pickets.

English students aren't ready for a strike, said Genevieve Morin, external affairs executive of the Concordia Association. "There just isn't a sense of urgency at Concordia," she said. "Students don't know why they are striking."

## Marxist band crosses line

**Vancouver (CUP)** - A unionized British Band with Marxist political leanings crossed picket lines at the University of BC to play a concert in the student union building.

The Gang of Four met Office and Technical Employee Union pickets and a handful of student supporters Nov. 7 outside the building just prior to the show.

A union member told the band they were crossing a legal picket line but one member said. "It's too late, we're here now."

One student protestor carried picket signs which read "Gang of Scabs" and "The Gang of Four has crossed this line. Will you?"

Another band member said he was vaguely aware of the OTEU dispute with UBC's student council, the union's employer. The band's manager Kevin Harvey said he was against crossing lines.

"We had no prior warning that this was happening and consequently we know very little of the details. We can't just turn up with all this equipment and disappoint 600 kids."

But Harvey said he and most of the roadies signed an acknowledgement of the pickets and that they crossed in protest.

The band's road crew crossed earlier in the day to set up equipment.

The Student Union's employees started striking for a wage increase Nov. 3. Since then, management has continued services with help from student council executive members.

# Shocked over shock

**Toronto (CUP)** - Former recipients of electroshock therapy were among 50 anti-shock protestors who recently demonstrated at a Toronto psychiatric institution.

The Ontario Coalition to Stop Electroshock want Canada to ban the treatment, said Don Weitz, one of the protestors in front of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, Oct. 29.

"We think it is a crime... they call it treatment," said the former electroshock patient. Weitz said the treatment is "a form of lobotomy by electrical means."

The institute has given 2500 people 22,000 shock treatments since 1966.

The Canadian Psychiatric Association supports the treatment and no medical association opposes it.

Psychotherapist Bonnie Burstow said electroshock patients lose memory and suffer brain shrinkage that can possibly harm their creativity, energy, enthusiasm and ability to learn.

Similar protests took place in San Francisco, Denver Philadelphia and Boston.

# Bylaw needed

A meeting of the Bylaw and Constitution Committee of the Students' Union will be called to discuss the drafting of a referendum bylaw.

Referring to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board's recent decision to overturn the CFS referendum results, Students' Union President Robert Greenhill says, "by February (when the SU elections and a new CFS referendum are held) we need airtight referendum and election bylaws so this doesn't happen again."

On the first page of its decision, DIE Board quotes a 1974 recommendation that such a bylaw be drafted and states, "perhaps Students' Council may see fit... to provide adequate guidelines pertaining to referendums."

A referendum would presumably make provisions to guarantee that both the YES and NO sides of the referendum are represented in the campaign and clarify what these campaigns can and cannot do.

"It has always been one of my major contentions that we need a bylaw for referendums," said Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer.

"I would like to see a concise set of guidelines drawn up that are easy to interpret and easy to follow," said Greenhill.

If these guidelines are made, they must be approved by Students' Council.

# Basketball experience

**(RNR/CUP)** - Their record may not be all that impressive, but Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa, is going on with its basketball program.

"Mellow MIU" as it's known, has been playing basketball since 1975, along with offering courses like "the natural and invincible growth of order from the unmanifest source to the unbounded goal of life."

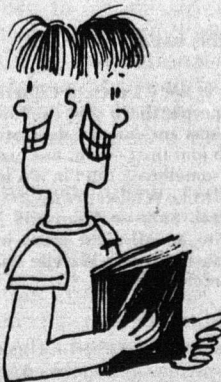
Perhaps there should be a course in levitation, too: the mellow ones took on William Penn last season and lost 115 to 18. Coach Steve Cooperman says, "Most of our games are legitimate basketball experiences. That one was a night of total character development."

I hate two-faced people.



yah, so do I.

Look out! Here comes one now...



ugggh, it's disgusting.

Sarah 43