

I don't recommend going crazy to everyone...

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...because most people wouldn't be able to cope

— Lily Tomlin



Photo Bill St. John

John Martin and the rest of the band, Easy Club, played the South Side Folk Club last Saturday before a packed house. If you missed it, tune in to the beloved CJSR-FM in December for a live recording of the concert on CJSR presents.

Getty — like Lougheed

by John Watson

Alberta's political future was the subject of a talk given last Friday by Dr. Fred Englemann of the Political Science department.

After 14 years Alberta has undergone a change of leadership. Englemann talked about the differences and similarities between Peter Lougheed and Paul Getty and what this may mean to Albertans.

"Lougheed will end up in the history books because of the things Getty helped him to do," Englemann said.

Getty held a number of cabinet positions in past Lougheed governments and he is an accomplished politician.

Englemann, though, wonders if the Lougheed-Getty connection has ended. He asked, "Will the government of Alberta be run from a telephone in a Calgary law office?" But he has no answer.

Englemann accused Lougheed of running an extremely closed government. He points to this as an area where Getty can improve. "Peter did not utter one live word on the media in 14 years," he said. "I wonder if it can get much worse

— I really do."

The only immediate changes we can look forward to is in government structure. Getty has proposed to reduce the number of cabinet committees, which should make government more efficient, less time consuming, and less expensive.

Englemann does not expect to see much this year. Getty has been outside of the political arena since 1979.

In a conservative appraisal Englemann said "Getty is bound to win the next election." He expects the NDP to give him a run for his money though perhaps, winning a few seats in Edmonton, and a couple in the north as well.

While there may be "less energy under the majestic dome across the river, life with Getty will be quite like life with Lougheed."

"It is just possible we have taken a big step from Harvard business to the backfield of the Eskimos." But Englemann looks to the Halifax first-minister's conference as an indication of what life will be like with Premier Getty.

Club 'undemocratic'

by David Donnelly

The Bangladesh Students' Association (BSA) is currently under investigation by the Students' Union Clubs Commissioner, Barb Higgin.

The investigation began when students from the UofA Bangladeshi community submitted complaints to the SU regarding what they called unjust and undemocratic actions by the BSA executive.

The written complaints were not made available to the *The Gateway*, but involved sources came forward who requested anonymity because they feared - as international students - the BSA could damage their academic careers.

The complainants accused the BSA executive to have unfairly treated a former and a potential member. One former BSA executive member was suspended after he voted against a motion supported by the rest of the executive. The student insisted he was exercising his "democratic privileges" and chose not to support the Executive.

Another complaint involved con-

GFC might review WCT policy

There may yet be hope

by Ann Grever

Academic Affairs Board and Caroline Nevin, V.P. Academic, are presenting their recommendations to improve the Writing Competency Test to GFC, without Student Council endorsement.

"It's a matter of timing," said Nevin. The Council does not meet until Tuesday, Nov. 19 and GFC meets on Monday, November 18.

The Board came up with the recommendations after a public meeting on Thursday. About 30 students came to the meeting and a number of student groups voiced their opinions, including the Chinese Students Association, the Chinese Library Association, the Undergraduate Science Society, the Native Student Club, the Nurses Undergraduate Society and representatives from Home Economics.

The most important recommendation of the Board was that other indications of writing competence be considered, beside the WCT.

flict-of-interest charges as the executive, was not voting in the interests of the BSA, claimed the expelled member.

The BSA participated with the Bangladesh Canada Association (BCA) during Edmonton's Heritage Days Festival. The complainant feels the BSA was not given its fair share of the profits because the student executive was acting in the interests of the national association.

The complainant also claimed that Rezaul Karim and Rafiq Islam were physically attacked by a current member of the BSA executive because of conflicts concerning participation in Heritage Days.

The BSA executive stated they were willing to challenge these latter "unjust accusations" and maintained the allegations are entirely without concrete substantiation.

They claim ample opportunity was granted to all students to participate freely in the Association and that three registered letters were sent to the suspended executive member asking him to

explain his position on matters. Apparently, the 'suspended' student failed to reply.

The executive claims there is no conflict of interest involving BSA executive members who are also BCA members as the students organization was originally intended to be subordinate to the national association. "We have the same ambitions and same interests," said Fakhru Islam Chowdhury, the treasurer of the BSA.

While the BSA executive is not deeply concerned regarding the future disposition of the complaints, they are concerned the Students' Union has refused to offer them the specific written complaints from students which led to the investigation.

The BSA claims this does not give them fair opportunity to defend themselves.

Higgin has insisted on withholding all information regarding the investigation until the issue is resolved at the next meeting of the Building Services Board, November 18.

Rather the Board wants to following to be included as "a sufficient demonstration of writing competence."

- Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL)
- English 214 or one full course equivalent English course (both with a minimum grade of 6.0)
- English 30 Departmental examination

Another important recommendation was that the writing competence be a graduate, not an entrance, requirement.

Another meeting of Academic Affairs Board met last night to "put the finishing touches" on the recommendation, said Nevin. Then the recommendations will go to Academic Development Committee tonight, then to a GFC subcommittee on Friday, "where they will editorize it and hopefully put it on GFC agenda," for the Monday meeting.

"We are going in with a bargaining position", said Nevin. "The most important point we think is that they recognize the English courses as a demonstration of writing competence."

If GFC does pass the recommendations of the Board, then all 503 students who are now threatened will "be saved", mainly because "we're asking for it to be a graduate requirement."

Nevin urges all faculty associations who are concerned to contact GFC student representatives and to lobby faculty staff who sit on GFC.

When asked about recent examples presented by the Testing and Remediation Department, and printed in the *Journal*, Nevin said, "I question how random the examples were. We guess they are not the best examples they have."

"The exam itself is stressful and detracts from most students' performance. An English course is a better reflection of their abilities."

PSSSST... Wanna go to a CUP conference?

IMPORTANT meeting for all Gateway staff and volunteers THURS, NOV. 14 at 4 pm.

We will be finalizing the method for choosing delegates to the CUP National Conference. (See Suzette Chan for more details).

OLIVE ELLIOT of the *Edmonton Journal* will be speaking at 4:30 pm. (after the meeting) on column-writing.