Economy good, debate bad

by Peter Michalyshyn

Two economists and one political scientist had little good to say about our economic prospects during an energy forum held by the political science department Friday.

Professors Brian Scarfe and Ed Shaffer predicted hard economic roads ahead. while

Fred Engelmann forecasted an "utterly unstable" political future.

Scarfe praised the Crosbie budget and said it was the best thing to come out of the Tories' seven months in power,

However, he said he feared the Liberals would be elected in the upcoming federal election.

and return to a policy of excessive federal deficits and low energy prices, which he blamed for inflation and high interest rates.

A lower budget deficit to reduce foreign indebtedness, an expansionary monetary policy to avoid unemployment and increase, were sound economic moves that the Conservative government had made, he said.

Scarfe also said Canadians aren't adjusting to economic realities and are consuming far too much oil. If prices don't go up now, he said, we're going to have to adjust "far too quickly" in the future.

Professor Shaffer said "a

regime of economic planning" is the only way out of the "world economic crisis" we are now in.

Fred Engelmann, of the political science department appeared less worried about the floomy economic forecasts than the question of political leadership in the future.

He predicted that the NDP will hold the balance of power in the upcoming election and they will side with the Liberals.

Engelmann said Crosbie's budget was hypocritical because he asked Canadians to "tighten their belts four notches" with higher energy prices and then "loosen them two notches" with the mortgage interest plan.

Sports quiz answers

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2. Rogatien Vachon and Phil Myre

- 3. Cincinatti, Rochester, Royals 4. a) Hubert b) Gordon c) Gerhardt d) Lorne
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- Jerry Koosman, 1976 Dave Cutler - 59 yards
- Tom Dempsey 63 yards

Atlanta, 1970 - 71, New Orleans, Bob Kauffman and Dean Memimger

Esposito, Bucyk, Hodge, Orr McKenzie, Sanderson, Westfall, Stanfield, Carlton and Cashman. 10. Bill "Cowboy" Flett, Ed-

- 54 monton Oilers

Snyder

interviewed

On Thursday, the Gateway interviewed the candidates for various positions in the upcoming SU election and presented their positions. Unfortunately, Ron Snyder, independent candidate for Board of Governors representative, was excluded from the interviews. We apologize to Mr. Synder for any inconvenience we may have caused him. Here are his views on the position.

Gateway: What do you see as the major issues facing the B of G representative in the next vear?

Snyder (Independent): It would be misleading to say there are three major issues or anything like that. There are so many issues that are intertwined that one affects the other. For instance, cutbacks affect tuition increases, which affect capital expenditures — you see what I mean? When you deal with one, you deal with the other. I don't promise anything because I represent only 5.21 per cent of the board vote, but I will use research to make the students' case known to the board.

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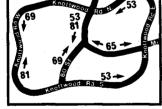
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