

## Dollars And Sense

A necessity for any campus, residences can become the heart of a rich campus life. In fact residences can make or break a University and have done so in some cases. They can become the centre of campus life and activities, and provide, if constructed properly, the ideal academic atmosphere.

The key to residence construction on the University of Alberta campus seems to be located across the river among provincial legislative powers. For years students have been crying for residences, and for some time the University administration has been doing constructive planning in this regard. Funds have been the stumbling block.

Governmental and administrative sources, lately, have indicated that residences are imminent. However students have, in past years, been lulled into complacency with similar talk which did not resolve itself into campus buildings. Now wary, the Students' Union has continued to press for residence construction, and has said it will continue despite hopeful government reports of residence buildings.

One more fight is in the offing, also dealing with money matters. With money for residences virtually assured, we must now ask, "How much money?"

Good residences as planned by University officials will cost money. They will be expected to provide facilities and atmosphere fifty years from now equal to that provided the day after they are opened. It is necessary that they are of an almost ageless quality, and quality costs money.

University control of design and operation is another fighting issue. Only with this control will the University obtain the most desirable residences. Residence planners, particularly from the University should be in control of the process from the drawing board, to the building, to the operation. Professional amateurs who think they know what a residence is should have no part in the show.

If the Alberta government decides residences are to be built, they should hand the job to the University and let the University do it.

## Constructive But Not Neutral

There has recently been in Canada agitation to turn the international allegiance of this country from the camp of armed Western Democracy to neutrality. The argument has run that Canada is a respected middle power, which as a neutral could lead the small and middle powers of the world in a campaign for peace. Its proponents have said that such a role cannot be played so long as Canada remains an armed and committed ally of the United States.

Realists have rejected the argument. They point out that Canada's history and economy rest in the West, and that our philosophy of life and of government is a Western philosophy. We cannot proclaim neutrality because in this conflict we cannot become neutral.

But even the realists have not dismissed the agitation. Impractical as the arguments for neutrality may be, they have raised in the minds of many Canadians the question: "What is our role?"

That question was eloquently and hopefully answered when the Prime Minister of Canada spoke Monday to the United Nations.

Canada will remain a committed middle power, jealous of her democracy, but jealous also of the autonomy of other states. She will contribute to the strengthening of world organizations, through helping establish bans of food and exports, accepting International Court jurisdiction, generally increasing the power and services of the United Nations. And she will employ her place in the middle to conciliate between the great cold-warring powers, and to raise the world standards of health and education.

This is a role in keeping with the traditions of Canada and the aspirations of her people. Indeed, it is a role we are uniquely cast to play.

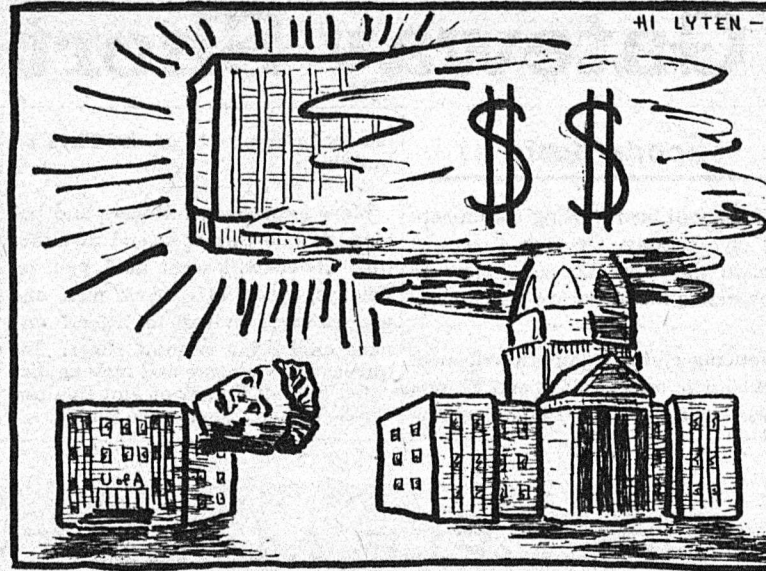
We are a democratic and Christian people, unable to stand neutral when the institutions of democracy and the precepts of Christianity are threatened.

We are a multi-cultured people, born as a nation in Britain and France, and drawing citizens and substance from every country in the world.

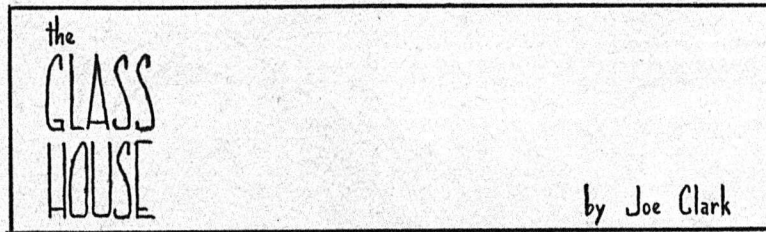
And we are, as the Prime Minister told the UN, "a middle power large enough to bear responsibility but not so large as to have traditions of national power or aspirations which might arouse fears or suspicion."

The role is not a new one for Canada; it differs from traditional foreign policy only in the critical timing of its enunciation, and in the newness of some proposals. Yet it can become for Canada a role as influential upon world history as the great revolutions of Britain, of France, of America and of Russia.

A poster in SUB's foyer welcomes "all overseas students and frosh". Surely they don't look that lost.



NEW RESIDENCES - SHINING THROUGH?



by Joe Clark

Provincial treasurer E. W. Hinman announced last week that his government is seeking private investors to construct student residences at U of A. He suggested, but didn't outright state, that if no private investors appeared, the government would build the residences.

There is always a difference between what a minister says and what he indicates.

Mr. Hinman said nothing definite. Only the naive would expect him to. Because no matter when residence construction is announced, it can't begin until mid-summer or fall. So he will hold his announcement until Alberta's legislature convenes and, in the tradition of un rushed representative democracy, will first tell the MLAs.

The important question today is, What did he indicate? He indicated, as strongly as can be expected from a cabinet minister, that the government will build residences if private investors don't.

Most pressure groups receiving an indication as strong as that would holler Hosannah and make ready their next demand. Not so Alberta's Students' Union. Students' Council Tuesday decided to keep fighting for residences, and not to stop until the government of Alberta is firmly committed.

There is a maxim: Once bitten, twice shy. The Students' Union feels that in its dealings for residences its outstretched hand has been chewed to the elbow. It is now so shy of indications that it will accept no word on residences save a

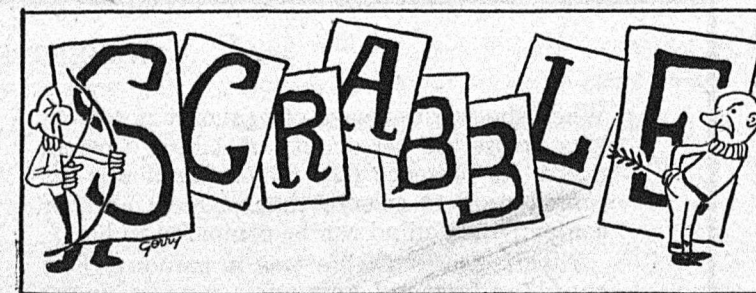
signed commitment.

This is an unfortunate attitude. But it was predictable and seems in many ways justified.

Students have been talking about the need for residences for at least ten years. In 1958 the Students' Union prepared and circulated a pamphlet about the lack of residences; the talk turned to agitation.

Three or four times that agitation carried student leaders to the Administration Building, where University officials "indicated" sympathy and support for the residence campaign. Twice last year there were brighter "indications"; twice there was rumor that residences would be built.

Despite the rumors, the sympathy, the support, residences have not been built. So now the student



Frat Clubs, to arms. Observe with horror the Varsity Voices section in last Tuesday's Gateway, notably a letter from Loretta. Cinch up your natty vests, shine up your fratty pins, and take arms against a sea of troubles (to paraphrase the Immoral Bard).

Loretta is a very strong-minded young lady. At the time of reading her letter, I was wearing a corduroy suit, matching (natty) vest, and suede shoes. Boy, did I feel conspicuous. Another point: it is interesting to note that a prominent Edmonton haberdasher is conducting a big advertising campaign geared expressly to corduroy suits. Think of the devastating effect of young Loretta's letter on this market.

Loretta, The Gateway needs you. I do not necessarily agree with what you babbled about, and I deplore the illogical way you put it down. But we of The Gateway think that your could do a good job here. I hereby challenge you to appear at

The Gateway office Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. I'll be wearing a corduroy suit and suede shoes. If you are not there, we will send

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## Letters To The Editor

Look Here, Loretta

To The Editor

The Interfraternity council viewed with concern "Loretta's" letter of September 27.

For any inconvenience caused here, we most sincerely apologize.

With due humility, we suggest that Loretta's opinion has been somewhat hastily preconceived. After familiarizing herself with our extra-curricular and academic campus leaders, she will find that a surprisingly large proportion are fraternity members.

Many of these, it is true, are guilty of wearing corduroy suits. All of these, it is also true, are guilty of a sincere desire to serve their fellow student . . . the large majority of whom are not fraternity members.

Peter Hyndman,  
Public Relations Office,  
Interfraternity Council.

Old Ghosts Arise

To The Editor:

Having been on this campus for nigh on three year, we have viewed with growing alarm the grave misfortunes which befall some students who come to this campus having behind them a background of neofascist, cum religious, neolithic money-changing practices.

Our hearts reach out to these poor unfortunates who come to this campus, having no inkling of how people live. But our sympathies have indeed been moved by the news that on this campus has arrived green from the luscious pasture of St. Alberta, the heir to the Father Divine of the Decros cult.

Students, is it not time that we save this poor unfortunate being from his horrid background? Do not your humanitarian sympathies cry out for righting the terrible wrong done to this poor boy? Let us unite and save him from his semi-lurid past. It is with great hopes for a better future for him that we nominate him President of the Frosh Class, 1960.

Your truly,  
Frosh Class Nomination Committee

government demands more than promises.

As with all issues, there are two sides to the residence question. There is a reason why the students have been bitten.

The provincial government, and apparently the University administration, in the past believed that residences were not as essential to the development of the University of Alberta as were other projects. A Math-Physics building took priority; so did additions to Engineering and Medical buildings, a gym and new campus work at Calgary.

It seems very likely that the student demands were considered shortsighted and immature, if they were considered at all. At any rate, the student view was not shared by whatever official of University or province decides which buildings make the budget.

Someday, residences will be built at this University. But even if each room is a rent-free presidential suite, the new residences will not be received with unreserved joy and good will. Before their building, they possess an atmosphere of ill will.

There is a lesson to be learned from the residence issue. It is not the fight-till-they're-all-down lesson the Students' Union thinks it has learned. Rather is it a lesson for the administration, or the government, or whoever decides University affairs.

In future, when issues of interest to students arise, involve the students as completely in the final discussion as is possible. Let these decisions concerning both sides be made by both sides.