

# editorial

## Here we go again

Sometime last spring, *Maclean's* ran a cover feature story on the "new breed" of university students, depicting us largely as selfish, apolitical and rather smug opportunists. While *Maclean's* is hardly a pillar of social responsibility itself, the magazine was at least partly correct in its conclusions.

Over the last few years, U of A students have displayed an increasing lack of concern or knowledge of what is going on around them. While students have much more time (and theoretically more intelligence) than working people to become involved in social issues and political activity, they have become the exact opposite of what their time and intelligence afford them. In a word, they are apathetic.

Because of the policies of the provincial government, the self-protective attitudes of the faculty and the lack of concern of some students, the university is moving further and further away from the community and the realities of the outside world. Students come to be teachers, doctors, and actors; they do not come for an education. Much of the public views us with distrust because many students use their education not for the betterment of society, but for the betterment of themselves.

The *Gateway* is not going to reverse these trends this year, nor are we planning to be totally out of line with what the majority of students think and say. But we want to provoke thought on issues that are important either to students as a group or to students as part of society.

We hope to include several forums for discussion on topics such as energy, male domination in society, racism and Canadian politics. As well, we will be providing close coverage and analysis of university and students' union events.

In Arts and Sports, *Gateway* coverage will be as extensive as possible, with liveliness and accessibility being the keynotes. In both departments, readers can look for more features and a balance between reporting and commentary.

Due to popular demand, the ears will be returned to the front page, beginning next week. For those who do not know, the ears are those little witticisms that used to appear in boxes on either side of our front page flag, and we suspect that thousands of students will be glad to see them back. Cartoons and other humorous items will also be included, though readers should remember that there is only one Frank Mutton and he has now been long retired.

Future editions of the *Gateway* will not look like this one. This issue was an attempt to introduce new and unfamiliar students to some of the people and institutions on campus that they will be reading about frequently. This year's *Gateway* will be built on the many positive trends established in last year's paper, and will seek to improve on last year's shortcomings.

The drive to 1981 has begun. It remains to be seen if students will accept the challenges that face them. The *Gateway* welcomes comments and participation, and will endeavor to provide an interesting and intelligent newspaper.

And, by the way, welcome back!

Gordon Turtle

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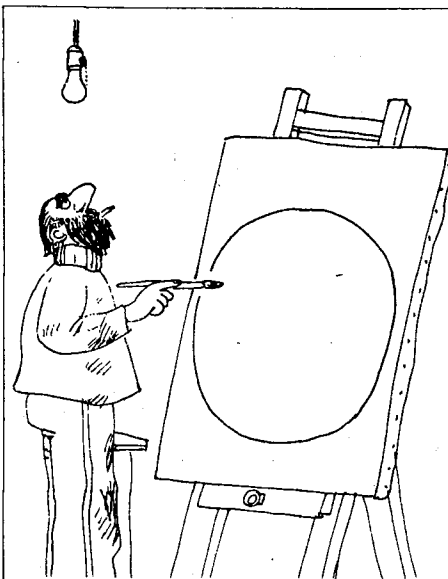
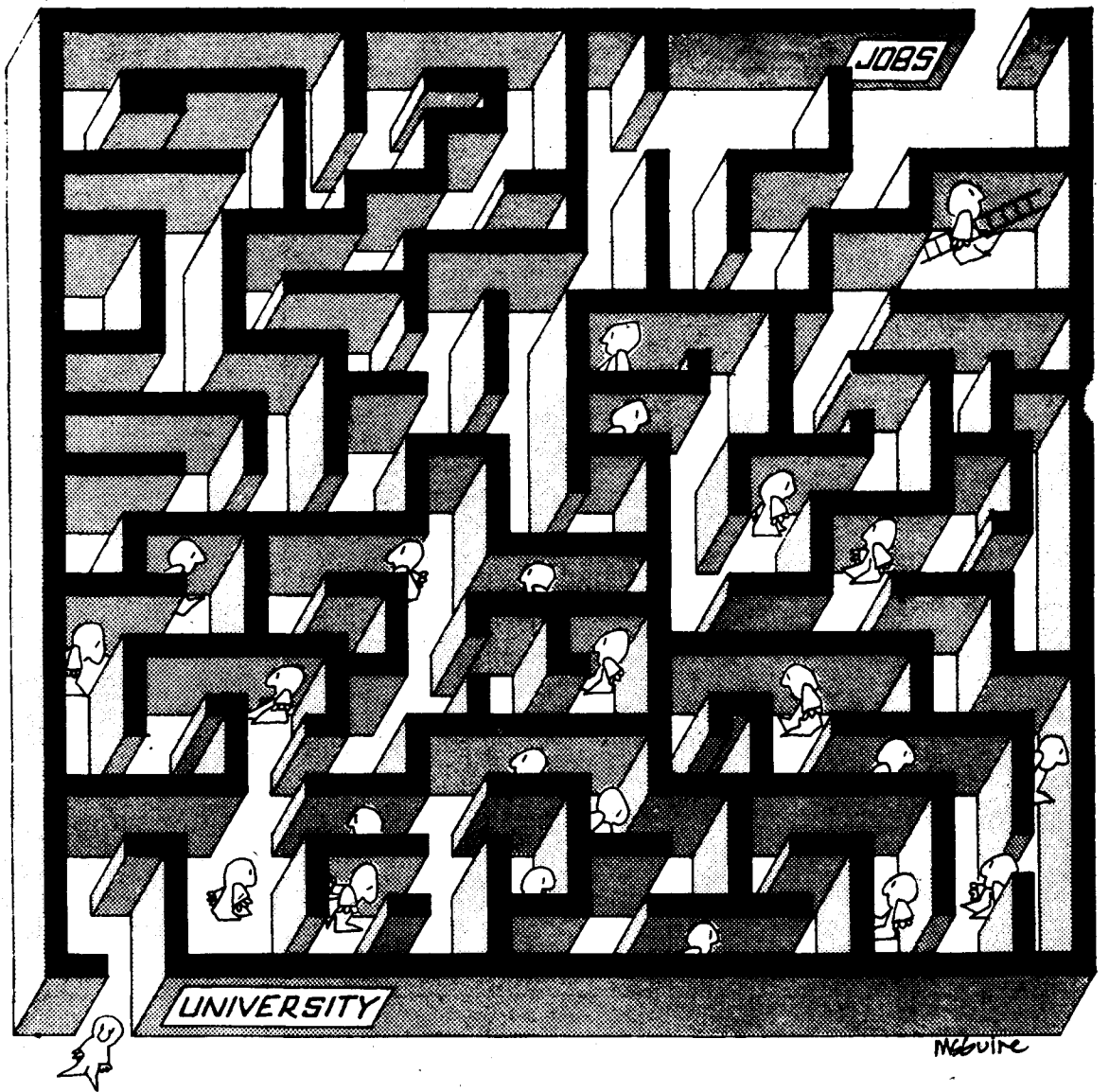
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## WE NEED INSPIRATION!

(And a Few Staffers wouldn't hurt either)

The *Gateway* is the volunteer paper of the University of Alberta, and that means you. If you are interested in working at the *Gateway* in any capacity, please drop in to the office any time (believe me, there's always someone there!).

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