

# Yankees and Canada

by Brent Jang

Four United States students attending the U of A on an international student exchange program say it's sad that Americans know so little about Canada.

"I wouldn't consider Canada to be another U.S. state," said Barb Aschom of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She said people in her hometown still imagine "snow way up the buildings."

Pat Murphy, from the University of Mississippi, said a "couple of friends had described Edmonton as being like Minneapolis, as far as the river valley being very pleasant."

"It's unfortunate Americans have so little knowledge of Canada since it's a neighbouring country. Especially considering many of us have been to Europe," said Lisa Williamson of the University of Mississippi.

Kathy Allison from Louisiana State University (LSU) says she had some idea of what to expect before she got to Edmonton but "there's so much to take in when you first get here."

Aschom, Murphy and Williamson have been in Edmonton since January. Allison has been here for over a year.

The two students from the University of Mississippi, Murphy and Williamson, say the U of A is very modern compared to their home university. "The Mississippi campus is centered around a broad grove, in the old concept of a southern university, with the new buildings furthest away from the center of campus," said Murphy.

"We have very few new

buildings, but you have to remember Mississippi was established before the Civil War," adds Williamson. "At home it's very conservative, very preppy. As a matter of fact, it's known as the Harvard of the South. It's quite trendy at the U of A though, more so than Mississippi."

Aschom said the main buildings at Miami University are centered around a quad and Oxford, Ohio is "definitely a university town."

Allison said LSU is well-funded and there isn't the same student political activity as there is at the U of A. She noted the Arts students were more prominent at the U of A than at LSU.

Murphy said Mississippi has always been a very conservative school: "There's only one place on campus where there's any remembrance of the Sixties, and that's in the library where there's a monument and there's a plaque next to it."

Murphy feels it was "a bigger change to go from my hometown, Chicago, to Mississippi, than it was to come to Edmonton."

Williamson said she has noticed an almost defensive attitude in Canada when it comes to musicians. "There are so many American and British artists, that disc jockeys here have to let everybody know that Brian Adams or Loverboy or Jack Green is Canadian."

"When people come across something that's Canadian, they like to tell you so. Like watching television, they'll say 'she's Canadian or he's Canadian.' I never would have known otherwise," said Murphy.

## Military-free zone

**Montreal (CUP)** - In a record turnout, students at Concordia University narrowly decreed their campus a military-free zone in a referendum last week.

But 10 blocks away, students at McGill University refused to ban research toward conventional, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare in a similar referendum.

The Concordia vote saw 2262 students cast ballots. Those opposed to military research won by 50.

The results give the students

association a mandate to fight the presence of military research on campus, but is not binding on the university administration. The administration had repeatedly said it will not stop military research just because students don't like it.

Students who campaigned for a military free zone at Concordia now plan to establish an ethics committee to review university research.

At McGill, 2717 students voted and anti-military campaigners lost by 483.

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