

## Cutbacks...spending...cutbacks...spending...cutbacks...spending...

To the Editor:

I am sure that the university can absorb some kind of a cutback without raising tuition or compromising quality of education. However, I truly hope that the government realizes that, as necessary as cutbacks may be, it should be very careful about where and how it is cutting.

I am one of many students at the university making a great personal sacrifice for the sake of knowledge. I have a wife and two children, which means that I have to work part-time while I study.

Inflation waits for no man. With tuition raised, and perhaps smaller student loans, then the issue for some of us will not be the quality of education, but rather education at all!!! It seems ironic that ultimately those who are already making a sacrifice will be the ones to pay for the cutback.

George Martin

To the Editor:

As the readers of the Gateway will know, the University of Alberta has for years cried wolf, or at least that it was short of money. Chronically short of money — for Gateway readers from the past will recall demonstrations in 1978, 1968, 1958...

While our esteemed leaders, movers, and shakers have not reminded students that they could help save money by turning off lights in unused rooms, they have asked them for more money, and for the students to lobby for the university to get a larger grant from the provincial government.

I would like to pose a different question to your readership. If the university is really short of money, why:

— does each vice-president get a car from the university?

— does the university buy \$38,000 brass signs for Rutherford Library?

— does the university remodel the 3rd floor of University Hall each year, put up new expensive pictures, and repaint the hallways?

Marci Schultz

## Where's that old spirit?

To the Editor:

Re: "Sullied Image" letter, January 27, 1987.

Oh dear, how my heart cries out in agony for the poor Arts and Education students who were "attempting" to study in the *Business Building* during *Business Week*, and felt they were so "rudely" disturbed by *Business students!!!* Were the former being held against their will by Commerce students dangerously pointing Accounting texts??? Could the "annoyed" not possibly have chosen a more accommodating location in a campus the size of the U of A, or were they suggesting that the high spirited festivities be quietened so that these three could study in the midst of it all? Honestly, the absurdity of the situation astounds me. The only logical conclusion I could draw as to why they felt compelled to stay in this "horrid environment" was they wanted to exercise their use of a thesaurus and practice alliteration techniques by writing a letter to the *Gateway*. "Overzealous... malign... inexplicable establishment... interconnecting... inept... inexcusable... incomprehensibly atrocious... rambunctious... din... sully... WOW!!! If you feel compelled to write such a verbose letter, please choose a worthy cause and not such a silly incident as this. C'mon guys, let's get our heads out of the clouds for a minute and think about supporting some honest to goodness U of A school spirit for a change.

Valerie Croll


*A Letter to Keri...*

by Marc Simao

When I was five, I did not want to be an astronaut. Nor did I aspire to be a big league hockey player, or a cowboy, or Fonzie. I wanted to be a cat. Yes, a cat. I figured I might as well get all this out in the open since my brother was telling all of my friends anyway. (Can anything be more embarrassing than being with a cute girl and your brother popping in to say, "Guess what he wanted to be, once?") Also, with the popularity of Bill the Cat, it's probably cool to be a cat. (Isn't that a song?) Anyway, getting back to the cat dream, I will point out that it did take me several years to get over the fact that I could never be a cat unless I worked at Fantasyland. I would pretend that I was cat and if questioned as to where my tail was, I would explain that it was stuffed in my pants. As I have matured in time, I have given up the crazy notion of obtaining cathood. Now my dream is to be a mountain.

**The Managing Editor needs help!**

Artists, feature writers, and funny people — Please come see me. There will be a features brainstorming session Thursday at 5:30. Bring any ideas!



## The Stork Report

by Ruth (Mom) Anderson

CAMPUS BIRTHRIGHT is a pregnancy support system that has been active on the U of A campus since 1985. Campus Birthright utilizes all available community resources to help students cope with the stresses of pregnancy.

Besides providing free confidential counselling, Campus Birthright provides guidance for financial help, maternity clothes, and baby layettes, when necessary. Campus Birthright offers assistance in job placement and shelter homes. As the international Birthright organization has over 600 chapters in Canada and the United States, Campus Birthright has support systems available in many Canadian cities should a pregnant woman or girl wish to relocate.

Men often call Campus Birthright wanting to provide support for a girlfriend or wife.





Campus Birthright President, Carol Farkash, says, "We emphasize the health and welfare of mother and baby, but we welcome any person who needs a listening ear and a caring heart." Prenatal classes designed specifically for single mothers-to-be are available through the Birthright Edmonton office.

Campus Birthright offers free pregnancy testing, but stresses the fact that their volunteers are not qualified to give birth control information.





Bernice Ward, Liaison for Birthright Edmonton and Volunteer Coordinator for Campus Birthright, emphasizes the need for student support members. These support members can assist Campus Birthright by giving of their time in volunteer work. Volunteers are trained to develop communication and counselling skills. (Financial donations are also helpful.)

Campus Birthright has office hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (After hours an answering machine will take your message.) Phone 432-2115 for caring support and confidential counselling.





### Vamp on Camp

WHO IS THIS STRANGE BAT... 	... NONE OTHER THAN THE MYSTERIOUS VAMP ON CAMP. 	BUT VAMP IS MYSTICALLY BONDED TO HUMPHREY SMITH BY THE ANCIENT... 	VAMPIRE'S CURSE TUNE IN NEXT WEEK... 
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### Johnny Everly

These three guys told me the futures go bright I gotta wear shades! 	Does this mean there's gonna be like a nuclear holocaust and I should protect my eyes? 	OR IS THIS GOING TO BE A TRENDY THING IN THE FUTURE WHEN I'M RICH, SHOULD I INVEST IN VARNET AND RAY-BAN STOCKS? 	CHILL OUT MAN, THEY PROBABLY FOUND OUT YOU'RE GOING TO BAR TU-NITE! 
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### The Worse the Better

The Following is a RADICAL Step in cartooning GENIUS (It's True!) Cautions may be hazardous to mental stability without mirror (use one!) 	I seez I don't make lately! 	I would appear! 	I'm proud of this! 
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