

Holy Shit! I'm late for my first class.

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Tiger in their tank

Halifax (CUP)—After Dalhousie University student leaders clashed each other for three hours, a proposal to bring a tiger cub to campus was narrowly defeated.

The cub was to have been loaned to Dalhousie from Montreal's Granby Zoo to add spirit to the campus orientation week.

Councillor Ken Edgecombe condemned the proposal. Dalhousie should "never bring animals, especially those on the endangered species list, for promotional or special events purposes," he said. Edgecombe suggested that a save the tiger fund be established instead.

Orientation chair George Fraser said the purpose behind bringing the tiger cub to campus was to praise it, not degrade it.

Fraser had intended displaying the animal in a cage at orientation events including a blues concert and Sunday religious service. Dalhousie's chaplaincy had planned to write a sermon mentioning the cub, showing how like the tiger in spirit were the Dalhousie students.

It was rumoured that the St. Mary's University football team had already planned to steal the tiger.

When the special meeting was called to discuss the issue, some members thought it was to discuss the \$3 million funding cutback the provincial government had just announced, said council chair Peter Kavanagh. He added the three main summer issues, judging by the time spent in discussion and enthusiasm shown, were the increase in squash ball fees, bicycle security and the tiger.

Another meeting was called to reconsider the tiger motion and failed to reach quorum.

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Chancellor wants more people

The University of Alberta has a new Chancellor.

Providing a bridge between the public and the University is of utmost importance to the new Chancellor, Mr. Peter Savaryn.

"In the past, the University has been perceived as an Ivory Tower" largely, Savaryn feels, due to a lack of understanding. He adds that "while a certain amount of detachment is necessary, there is a greater need for people to understand the importance of the University to the community."

"Education is crucial for the quality of life...for survival" says Savaryn, and while he feels some work remains to be done before universal access can be achieved, "the biggest obstacles to education are understanding, notions, and attitudes."

"The Senate will attempt to create greater understanding to make education available for everyone."

He adds that the question people should ask themselves in regards to education is "not can I

but how badly do I want it?"

Mr. Savaryn felt that he was not in a position to suggest what issues would be important this year. "Issues should come naturally and we should concentrate on positive things."

"My job is to listen to the Senate, pull people together, and speak for everyone."

Mr. Savaryn is a past member of the Board of Governors and the Senate at the University of Alberta from 1972-78. He was admitted to the Bar in 1957 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974. He has held numerous executive positions with the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party.

The Chancellor of the University, chosen every four years by the Senate, presides at the conferring of degrees and chairs the University of Alberta Senate.

Savaryn feels many people lack a basic understanding of how the university system works. They also have preconceived notions and attitudes about university which need correction or clarification.

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Propaganda wins wars

(RNR/CUP)—Retired Army General William Westmoreland says the only way the U.S. can win wars in the future is to control the news media.

The former U.S. commander in Vietnam says the media—especially television—was the blame for creating an atmosphere of public discontent which crippled the military's ability to win.

"Vietnam was the first war fought without censorship," he says. "And without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind."

Nuclear drug problem

(RNR/CUP)—A Harvard medical school professor says the risk of nuclear war is increasing, due to incompetence, mental instability and drug abuse among soldiers at nuclear weapons facilities.

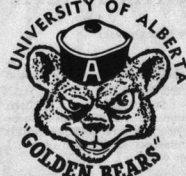
Dr. James Muller says the army removes 5000 soldiers from nuclear assignments each year—mostly for alcohol or drug abuse—including about 250 each year dismissed for using LSD or heroin.

The risk of an accidental nuclear attack grows, Muller says, as the superpowers build more complicated weapons—reducing the warning time before an attack—and as third world countries gain access to nuclear arms, without the technical expertise to control them.

"We've gotten away with avoiding an accidental nuclear war," Muller says, "for 20 or 30 years, but we can't get away with it forever."

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