

Former teacher criticizes Clark

by Peter Michalyshyn

The man who says he taught Joe Clark everything he knows about politics found himself criticizing Clark's government in a debate Friday.

Dr. Max Baird, who taught Clark at the U of A, teamed up with Garth Stevenson, both of the Department of Political

Science, to examine the Clark government's record before a large crowd in Tory Lecture Theatre Friday.

Baird denounced Clark for trying to govern as a majority, when he represented only a minority of the electorate.

"Why he didn't pay decent respect to the other parties

mystifies me," he said.

Baird went on to say he advocated the continuance of minority governments. "It's time Canadians came to terms with the multiple party system," he said.

"The sooner we come to think in terms of minority governments, the better government will be."

Moreover, Baird said Canadian political parties were only "marginally" different in ideology, although he admitted there was still a tinge of Toryism in the Clark approach.

For example, the proposals to cut government spending and reduce the deficit represented standard conservative ideology disfavoring big government, he said. So did proposals to sell Crown corporations and reduce inflation, which cuts into business profits.

Baird said the Tories "suffer inequalities better than the rest of us do," by promoting larger economic growth, while expecting the market to take care of itself without government intervention.

Stevenson agreed with Baird that the two major political parties were much the same. However, he too outlined some important differences.

In federal-provincial relations, Clark takes what Stevenson called a "confederal" view, in which the provinces would be both autonomous in their own spheres, and yet would have real input in federal policy-making.

The Liberals, on the other hand, favor a "classically federal" view, in which federal and provincial jurisdictions are completely separate, he said. This leaves residual power with the federal government.

Stevenson criticized the Tory "confederal" view as a "recipe for national paralysis."

There are also fundamental differences in energy policy, Stevenson said. While the Tories favour self-sufficiency in energy, the Liberals maintain the need for some imports.

Stevenson was also critical of provincial ownership of offshore resources.

Stevenson did commend

Clark on a few points. He credited Clark for keeping the "ultra-reactionary Tories" out of the cabinet, with the exception of Sinclair Stevens.

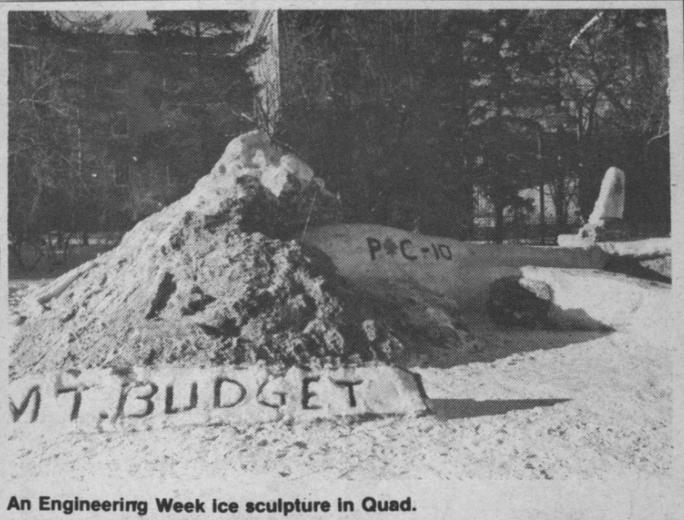
He also said Clark wisely avoided over-representing the West in his cabinet, something Stevenson said John Diefenbaker did not do.

On the recent Washington acceptance of the "Northern Tier" pipeline route, Stevenson said he didn't think any government in Canada could have influenced the American decision. Moreover, he said he preferred to keep foreign pipelines off Canadian soil.

Finally, both Stevenson and Baird agreed on the likelihood of a Liberal minority government being elected on February 18.

Stevenson supported Baird's earlier comments, noting "our minority governments have generally been better than our majorities."

The debate was the first of three scheduled before the upcoming federal election. The second debate on the energy question, will be February 1.



An Engineering Week ice sculpture in Quad.

Photo Brad Keith

Orientation day starting up

by John Lear

An annual University Orientation Day (UOD) for high school students may replace Varsity Guest Weekend (VGW) if a trial run is successful, says the university's assistant registrar.

The first UOD, to be held February 28, will be more efficient and condensed than VGW, says Doug Burns, Assistant Registrar. If the day is successful, it will become an annual event, he says. Advance registration forms for student visitors will allow the university to determine approximate attendance, says Burns. The registration forms will also contain information on exactly what faculties or departments the visitors wish to see, he says.

"In the past there was no way of knowing who was coming to Varsity Guest Weekend ... some areas of the university were not being visited, and other buildings were over-crowded.

"This type of orientation program ... has been generally approved by the high schools we have contacted. Many institutions, including the University of Calgary, have implemented this type of program," says Burns.

About 3500 students from

selected northern Alberta high schools are expected to attend UOD this year. Attendance at last year's VGW was estimated at about 14,000.

Student visits to the university on UOD this year will begin with an introduction to the U of A at the Jubilee Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. Students can then attend presentations by five faculties or departments of their choice. Parents of prospective university students will also be able to attend a morning information session and a guided tour of the university February 28.

Each of the university's eight faculties and departments

will give one presentation per hour between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. February 28. The presentations will include displays and information on admission requirements, courses, fees and career prospects. Displays by various clubs and organizations will also be featured.

Although only 3500 students will attend UOD this year, if the day is successful, no restrictions will be placed on the number of visitors to subsequent UODs.

CAB, SUB and the Phys. Ed. Building will be the centers for UOD presentations.

Death a way of life for this heart specialist

by Nina Miller

"It ain't safe to die unless you know where you're going," an author and heart specialist told a full house at SUB Theatre Friday.

Life after death was subject of a speech by Dr. Maurice Rawlings from the University of Tennessee, who was sponsored by the One-Way-Agape Club,

However, he devoted the first part of his speech to the dangers of heart disease. It is "the number one killer disease" he said, and urged the audience to get into shape while they are still young.

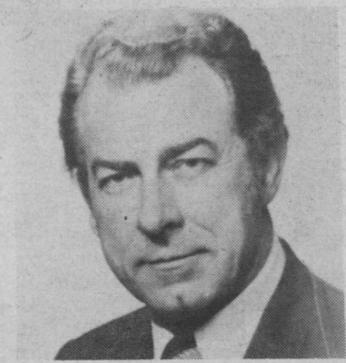
He also urged the audience to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation to "bring heart-attack victims back to life."

Rawlings' interest in life after death runs deep, he explained. "I studied in seminary for three years to become a minister but I quit because I couldn't believe that there is Hell."

But as a heart specialist, he was exposed to more and more people who had been resuscitated after clinical death and had been through hell-like and heaven-like experiences.

"I used to believe we became fertilizer for plants but my patients convinced me I'm wrong. They changed my life," he said.

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Dr. Maurice Rawlings

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The Gateway is holding its semi-annual ROOKIE NIGHT Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 282 SUB.

Edmonton Journal News Editor Steve Hume will give a newswriting seminar, and our arts and photo editors report they "desperately" need staffers. All news writers are urged to attend.

We'll hold you captive.

Advocate

by

Colin Wong



It has been suggested that to fully enjoy your rights, you must know them. Do you know what rights you have as a student here? To test whether you know your rights, try to answer the following tricky true/false questions.

1. If a professor has given you adequate advance notice, he can examine you on materials in the syllabus even though they have not been covered in class.
2. To qualify to live in university residences with your non-student spouse, you must be legally married.
3. Your instructor cannot give an assignment that is due after the last day of class.
4. You are taking Econ 201. There are more than 600 students in the class. Your professor says that if the midterm exam marks represent the final raw scores for the course, 20% of you will fail. He is intimidating the class, as the university does not allow a marked departure from the suggested curve for a large junior course.
5. Your professor cannot have access to your student records.
6. All but you in the class have consented to change the final exam date. If your instructor agrees to let you write an equivalent exam on the original date, he can change the date for the rest of the class.
7. You have just walked by a broken door. Suddenly a security guard comes up to you, accusing you of breaking the door and demanding to see your ID. You can refuse to comply because you have reasonable cause to believe he is harassing you.

ANSWERS

1. False (a position taken by the Dean of the Law Faculty.)
2. False, common-law relationships are also acceptable. Furthermore you no longer have to prove that you have been living together for 5 years. Common-law relationship is now accepted on its face value.
3. True, but this is only a general rule. Students and instructors can agree to the contrary.
4. False. Where there is a marked departure from the suggested curve, the instructor and department are only required to review the distribution carefully, they are not required to adhere strictly to it.
5. True, only your department chairman and dean have such a right.
6. False. Unanimous consent is required, and this must be obtained one month prior to the new date.
7. False. Better to co-operate.

SCORING

Give yourself one stanine point for each question you answered correctly, and another two points if you appreciate that you have a responsibility for the smooth operation of their university (therefore complain only if you are truly aggrieved).

EVALUATION

- 8 or 9, Excellent: you can be assertive to the point of annoying your instructor.
6 or 7, Good: leadership quality. You know that in real life you cannot assert every right. Sometimes you have to compromise.
4 or 5, Pass: you are the silent majority — quiet, nice students that every professor likes.
3, Conditional Pass: supplemental privilege granted, watch for the next quiz.
1 or 2, Fail: at least you are honest, you could have passed by guessing.