"There's one thing none of us should forget...

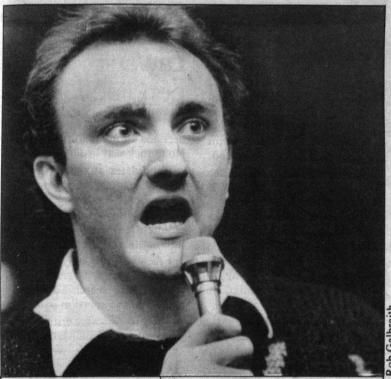
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...a political man is just in it for power and the smell of success."

— Peter Hammill
"The Old School Tie"

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Law student Wayne Knoch posed the question, "How many Housing and Food Administrators does it take to screw in a light bulb?"

Housing and Food's David Bruch (second from right) fields a question during the residents' food forum Tuesday.

PC may sue grads

by Shelby Cook

Scott Thorkleson's campaign manager has threatened to sue the U of A Graduate Students' Association. A GSA spokesperson publicly denounced the Conservative candidate Monday for his failure to appear at a GSA sponsored forum.

Campaign manager Larry Carr indicated a suit was possible if the GSA said Thorkelson broke his word

Held Wednesday, the forum included Liberal Una MacLean-

Evans, Reformer Doug Main, and New Democrat Halyna Freeland. It was located in the North Power Plant and lasted two and one half hours.

Carr said that he was responsible for pulling the Conservative candidate from the forum.

"I didn't want Scott wasting time at a forum where people have their minds set on who they are going to vote for," said Carr.

Carr doubts that his candidate will appear at future campus

forums.

Explaining that the "campus strategy is to get voters," Carr says that Thorkelson prefers campaigning door to door to making public appearances.

Stephen Downes, vp comm nications of the GSA, read a statement to the crowd of fifty, calling Thorkelson's absence "a breach of one's word that we find reprehensible." The GSA also found his conduct "deserving censure."

"He was very sorry," Wilson added later. His only comment to her was that "things never went well for him at Thursday's forum."

Thorkelson was initially in favour of attending the event but GRADS — p 3

Rez rages over food

by Boris Zvonkovic

Anger and frustration. Those were the general sentiments voiced by students at a Food Forum held last Tuesday night in the Lister Hall Cafeteria.

About 200 students, many of whom live in one of the student residences on campus, showed up to vent their anger and concerns to a panel of nine invited guests, which included SU representatives, members of Lister, Pembina, and Faculte St. Jean Student Resident Associations, NASA (Non-Academic Staff Association), and representatives of the University's Housing and Food Services.

Noticeably absent, though invited, were representatives from the provincial government's department of Advanced Education and the U of A administration.

Through frequent bursts of applause, heckling, and cheering, students voiced a variety of concerns from the increase in price of individual food items — which sparked the present situation of unrest in September — to the quality of food and housing on campus in general.

There was an overriding tone of urgency and frustration as one student after another told their individual stories of "greasy,"

"mushy," "tasteless" food and peeling, rusty, hot/cold rooms.

One of the main concerns of a majority of residents was the imbalance between the price of products and services being charged residents by the university, and the quality of those same products and services.

As John Mark Fisher, representative of Faculte St. Jean Students Association explained, "the paint's falling from the walls and insulation is hanging from the pipes... people are scared and are finally getting angry... we need a long term solution before something drastic happens."

Other concerns raised by student residents included problems with the mandatory "debit" meal card system, the Subway closure, and what some students claim as misleading advertising "on the part of the University, which led some students to believe they would be getting full room and board in residence.

Most members of the audience and the panel agreed with Mike MacIntosh, chairman of the Foods Maintenance Committee in Lister Hall, that "there has to be some fundamental changes [to Housing and Food Services] this year... we don't want to have this fight again next year."

Campus Crime Stoppers started

by Kevin Law

In an effort to reduce crime on campus, the University has joined forces with Crime Stoppers.

The cooperative agreement between the University and the Edmonton city police department means that when Crime Stoppers receives a tip on an alleged campus crime, the information will be passed on to campus security for investigation.

The announcement was made at a press conference Wednesday that was attended by Crime Stoppers president Tom Dunlop, Dr. Allen Warrack, University vp administration, and director of campus security, Doug Langevin.

Donlop noted the program is set up as a vehicle to prevent crime in order to make the University a safer place for students and staff. "At times we neglect to realize the campus is a city within a city. Up to 40,000 people pass through at any given time," he said.

Dunlop made it clear the program is not a "snitch program", as some students might think. "It's set up to prevent crime."

One of the most prevalent cam-

pus crimes is vandalism, and the program will hopefully identify people responsible. "This program will give people a chance to take information to the authorities," Dunlop said.

Over the past two years vandalism has risen 28 percent, and theft, the second major campus crime problem, is up 10 percent.

"We estimate \$125,000 a year is going out of campus in civil thefts, such as wallets and bikes," said Langevin, adding, "We have noted in the last two years more people from off campus are caught

in crimes than in the past."

It is hoped that having Crime Stoppers on campus will reduce, and even prevent theft and vandalism. The program will "be handled in the same manner as the city," said Dunlop, refering to the operating procedure for Crime Stoppers. "We won't know if the person calling is a student or not, so that anonymity will be maintained, and they could be eligible for a reward," he said, adding "all they have to do is pick up the phone and call."

The number to call is 422-TIPS.



Detective Vern Sampert, Superintendent Chris Braden, Crime Stopper's president Tom Dunlop and vp Administration Dr. A. Warrack launching Crime Stopper program, Tuesday.

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