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We need evidence

By calling for a walkout to protest the proposed tuition increase, the Students'. Union has shown that it has not clearly thought out the situation.

Tuitions have not increased in seven years and in each of these years have made up less and less of the University budget; at the same time wages and prices have increased enormously to the University. Each year, therefore, we have had to ask the Government for more money.

Now, in times of economic restraint, the government cannot afford to increase its grant to the University. The University now has two choices; it could cut back on some of its expenditures, with the resulting cutback in services and programs, at the expense of the students, or it can increase tuitions and appeal to the student, the one benefitting from these programs, for more money. A University is a very special educational institution and students receive the best in materials and instruction. Surely this is worth something!

The facts and figures in favor of an increase are very compelling. SU has decided that the increase is unjustified and is asking us to walk out to protest. A walkout will not prove anything unless it is backed up with evidence to show that such an increase is unjustified. Until such evidence is produced to compete with the above facts and figures, an increase in tuitions is justified. The SU has not done its cause any good by reacting in an irrational and emotional way to a legitimate problem.

> J. Marini Arts I

Healthy and good

I agree with the Student Council motion that the health fee become mandatory for all. As it is, certain abuses have arisen due to the fact that some students use the Health Services although they have not paid the ten dollar fee.

I think that better advertising of the facilities and services offered would allow even first year students to take advantage of these. After all, most students have to go for a yearly

medical, so have at least one sure occasion to benefit from Student Health. And if you buy any amount of prescription drugs from Health Services, you will get back the initial \$10.00 fee in money saved on these, as drugs, pills and medication are sold at cost.

I have attended three different universities across Canada, and found that none had as extensive a health program as that of the U of A. For example, the U.of T has no dental service and does not fill prescriptions. Yet the health fee is obligatory, and is paid at registration with tuition and other fees. After all, students' Union fees are paid automatically by all students. but that certainly doesn't mean that all students are going to get their money's worth!

Finally, perhaps the system could be scaled, i.e., all student pay a \$5.00 participation fee to Student Health, and those who want full use of the facilities, pay the \$10.00 fee. But whatever students pay (\$5.00 or \$10.00) the U of A Health Service is a bargain.

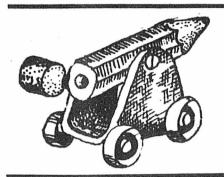
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Native Manifesto

A fellow student, from Fort Franklin in the Northwest Territories, presented me with the Gateway, Jan. 27. He wanted me to read the article entitled "Native Rights Defended in Forum," which commented on the talk given last Friday by Father Fumoleau, a Catholic missionary with lengthy northern experience. I did so. Your readers might be interested in a few relevant facts not mentioned in the article.

Father Fumoleau is quoted as saying, "the Indian does not understand selling and possession. Land is something given by the great spirit to all to share." But the native peoples of the NWT have declared themselves to be the Dene Nation, and have stated in their Dene Manifesto that, "We have lost control of our own lands. They want to establish a Dene government in the North which will be funded by tax revenues from exported non-renewable resources. In other words, they are negotiating a land settlement which would make them legal corporate owners of surveyed lands, with full mineral rights. "We are entitled, as owners of the land, to receive royalties." (Dene Manifesto)

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President's report disappointing

We've just received our copy of the 1974-75 report of the Board of Governors. It contains, along with the facts and figures of that fiscal year, a report from the president, Dr. Harry Gunning, in which "the beginning of a new era of dynamic growth for this University" is referred to.

I'd like the students to read a few exerpts from his

"We must continue to demonstrate with increasing effectiveness to our government and to the people of this Province that their support of the University of Alberta is the best investment that they could make in the future of this Province ... The Province in turn has made courageous new steps toward developing a more complete society for Alberta

"There is every indication that our government increasingly is beginning to understand that in meeting our legitimate needs, they are in turn helping to develop their own defensible economic and social objectives for the Province.

"The 1974-75 fiscal year in retrospect appears to be the beginning of a new era of dynamic growth for this University in the direction which will maximally

benefit the people of our Province.

Sounds to me like someone is doing a good public relations job for the university, but has failed to recognise the great importance the report could have had if the apple pie and hot chocolate could have been edited out.

A copy of this report goes to the most powerful and influential people in Alberta. It goes to the government to businessmen, to the university's benefactors in all areas. And Dr. Gunning wasted his report with motherhood generalities.

The president obviously knows more of the situation than me, but I simply can't see where the government "has made courageous new steps" in reply to his information on what a good investment the university is. I can't foresee any "new era of dynamic growth for this University" and frankly, I can't see where he can either.

Dr. Gunning, this university is up against the wall, why couldn't you have used your report to say it? This report could have been an amazingly powerful instrument to tell powerful people just what is going to happen in '75-76 or '76-77 if the punitive budgetting practices of the government continue. They haven't ended as far as I can see, in fact they've worsened. Why didn't you say that in stead of those rosy PR paragraphs?

I feel let down. I feel that my interests were not represented. And I think other students feel the same

way.

Greg Neiman

Election Candidates

Feb. 10 is election issue date. Please report to Gateway Photo for mug shots, and prepare 100 word election platform well in advance. Latecomers will not be served.

No applause is polite applause

It was heartening indeed to read Keith Layton's informative impressions of the recent Keith Jarrett Quartet concert (Gateway, January 27, 1976). Mr. Layton's review of a fine and memorable performance by the Jarrett Quartet was written with clarity and understanding, and was delivered in good taste, traits not always characteristic of Gateway music reviews. Not even typographical sabotage in the fourth paragraph affected the quality of the commentary.

However, it seems pertinent to pass comment on one aspect of the concert not covered by Mr. Layton, that of audience intrusion, in the form of applause, at certain "breaks" during the playing. One of the

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most impressive features of the Quartet was the complete musical integration of Messrs. Jarrett, Haden, Redman and Motian, and the intimate manner in which one instrument took the lead from another without dislocation or irregularity in the flow of the music. The perfection of the "breaks", that is, the ease and grace with which one instrument fused with or took over from another, was marred by the insensitive and untimely applause by certain factions of the audience.

Jarrett, and presumably the other members of the Quartet, appeared, naturally enough, to find this intrusion distracting and discomforting, and at one juncture in the concert, when Jarrett was changing from wooden flute and percussion to piano during the playing of 'Death and the Flower', the Quartet leader saw fit to gesticulate to the audience to quell the unseemly applause.

The lady who called for the "sexy sax" during the quiet piano introduction to the *encore*, Jarrett's interpretation of a beautiful Yaqui Indian folksong, was obviously not alone in her ignorance of concert etiquette and her lack of appreciation of good music. During "classical" performances,

applause is generally held until the completion of the piece of music. It would perhap enhance the reputation of the monton audiences in the mind of visiting jazz musicians response to their playing was similarly delivered when, an only when, the music the perform has come to an end the writer John Fowles one remarked, 'there are times whe silence is a poem.'

Appreciation is extended those responsible at the Students' Union for bringingth Jarrett Quartet to Edmonto and the wish is expressed the we can expect more music this calibre in Edmonton in the not too distant future.

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