

EDITORIAL

Phone your MLA

These are the people who control your destiny! Cutbacks affect everyone, whether faculty, non-academic staffer, or student. Phone your MLA and have them explain the advantages of a golf course over an educated public!

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Joe Clark on campus

Former Prime Minister Joe Clark was the Gateway Editor in 1959-60. Clark is on campus today, conducting hearings on disarmament and arms control. He will be in Room 142 SUB until 4:00 PM. The following editorial was written by Clark and appeared in the September 25, 1959 edition of the Gateway.

It is natural that when a new Editor-in-Chief begins his junket with the Gateway certain questions should be asked about his policy, his plans, and if you are extra persnickety, about his attitudes.

Students' Council of last year, when it actively debated refusing my application for Editor-in-Chief, asked these questions. They were not answered. You, to whom the students' constitution makes me responsible, will be answered below, in broad and general terms.

Our constitution and Gateway tradition commit me to: Promotion of wider interest and greater participation in student government and campus affairs;

A watch-dog role over the officials of the Students' Union;

Protection of what in my view are the best interests of the student body as a whole, and;

Encouragement of the growth of our University, physically, academically, and as a seat for culture and research.

I anticipate meeting these commitments.

I will try to run a newspaper that maintains that high standard of newsgathering which has been a consistent Gateway characteristic. However, I cannot promise complete objectivity. And I will not be content with a paper which merely reports the news of this campus.

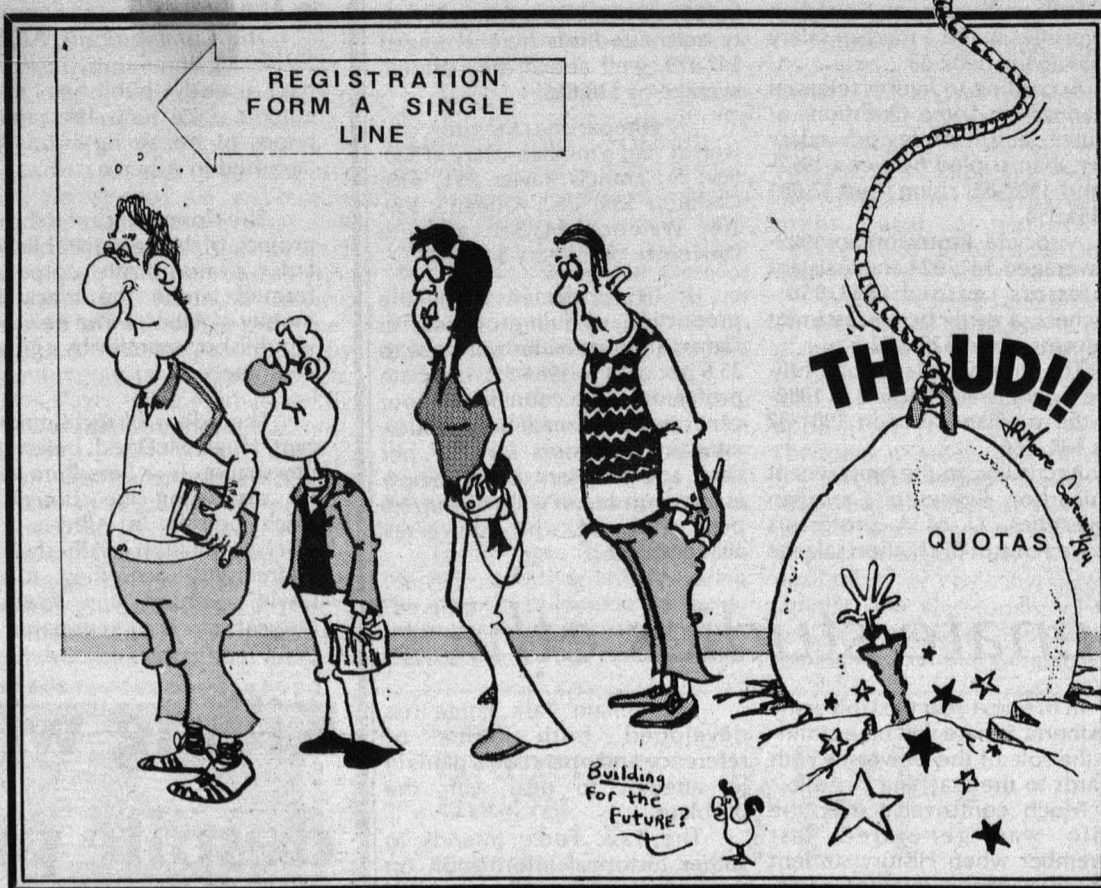
I pledge my paper to liveliness. Despite the unpopularity that such action may bring, I pledge it to all the editorial honesty I can muster. And I pledge the Gateway to irreverence.

If my year as editor is a quiet year, I will not count it as successful. At the command of a college editor are several instruments by which Hell can be raised, and convention attacked. I hope to use some of them, and to stir both the student body and the student mind.

While rebellion will be one watchword, the Gateway will never consciously abandon the basic principles of journalism. I am familiar with, and hold valuable, most of the traditions and practices of good journalism, and will not scuttle them for mere sensation or effect.

Joe Clark

News Item: One out of five eligible students won't get into the U of A next year.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time for action

This week it was announced that next the U of A will have quotas limiting the total number of first year students. How far away are limits on second, third, and fourth years?

The university has already been forced to cut \$5.5 million from its base budget. Lord knows next! With this reduced level of funding, the only solution is quotas. This may mean you.

Quotas don't mean smaller classes, they mean fewer classes. Less money means fewer Profs. Fewer Profs mean fewer classes.

Your Students' Union is organizing an Education Coalition. This is what you can do:

1. Contact any SU Executive at 432-4236, or drop by Rm. 259 SUB.
2. Come to the coalition meeting, at 3 PM Friday in the basement of SUB.
3. Write a letter to your MLA. Phone your MLA. Write a letter to a newspaper.
4. Talk to your parents, your friends, talk to people in high school, talk to strangers. Do something!

The time for action is now! Next month is too late. The Provincial budget comes down on March 27th. The next year is at stake.

K.G. Bosman

Gateway blows it

My goodness, such investigative reporting should not go unrewarded. A story about Hong Kong - only 3 weeks after Britain announces the results of negotiations.

A story about how hard hit the University is - without one independent examination of the budget, or what they spend their money on.

Nothing on the robberies or attacks that went

on during Reading Week. Not only that but not even a whimper when the administration announces (not only WHAT) but when committees will pass controversial items.

Perhaps unemployment would be an appropriate award.

Marci Schultz
Crab IV

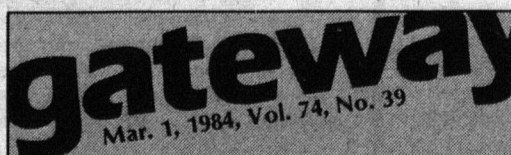
Back to school

*back to school
positive ions flood the hallways, the classrooms
faceless crowds, politely shoving so they won't be
late
junkfood & sugar available in every cafeteria, in
every machine
in four hours i haven't seen one smile or heard one
laugh
pens fly once more, replacing the mind in absorbing
facts
so much quantity, so little quality
back to school*

Risa Olekshy
Science IV

Nuke the seals

The sentiments that prompted Ms. Paterson's letter in the Feb. 16 Gateway have, I believe, broader implications than are immediately evident. For those of you that do not remember her letter it was an emotional and sarcastic expression of outrage over the Canadian harp seal hunt, the BC wolf hunt, and the use of animals for research on campus. My purpose in this letter is not to quibble with the substance of her commentary, but rather to elaborate on why I feel that it is symptomatic of a trend in public opinion.



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 Okay! Now we've done it! We forgot to put in a staff box. But are we going to lose sleep over it? No! So go away and don't bother us.

Gilbert