

## Editorial

### Band-aid strip

In the great cookbook called *'Eating Your Words'* (Humble Publishing Corp., New York), this serving is perhaps more digestible than most. It is the steak and lobster of crow, the baked Alaska of swallowed pride.

In the Jan. 23 issue of the *Gateway*, I reprimanded the citizens of Calgary, Alberta for their apparent lack of interest concerning keeping the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League alive. And toward many Calgarians my feelings have not changed. But to them people at the York hotel and to 40 generous strippers. I happily admit to being wrong.

This past Saturday, a group of Calgary strippers organized by a lady named Erin Lee donated a day's worth of work toward charity and, more specifically, the plight of the Calgary Stampeders.

At the spotlight Club in the York Hotel, the entire staff worked for minimum wage from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday morning, raising over \$5,000 not including tips, which were also donated to the cause.

All the money was spent on purchasing Stampeders season's tickets which were in turn donated to the Ronald McDonald House, Uncles at Large and the Big Brothers.

After weeks of wathing the city's so-called "respected community members" snub a team that has been an institution in Alberta's southern city, these people — the dancers and drinkers that are too often labelled as the lower crust of any city — found a way to help many charities at the same time. Most of them would probably buy the damn tickets if they could afford to, but since they can't or won't they at least contribute to something.

The funny thing here will be to see just how the "white collar" people of Cowtown react. If a bunch of strippers can afford to work for free, no write-offs included, why can't some of the big businesses kick in their tax deductible dollar? And if they don't particularly want to sit through ten football games a year, then why can't they consider going the same charitable route that was taken by the people at the York?

It's a fine thing when people of a city rally around a cause, especially one that is tangible to the rest of the country, the CFL being on national TV and all.

Let's just hope that when all is said and done that the city of Calgary remembers who it was that made a considerable attempt to save the Stamps. Of course \$5,000 will not do the job entirely by itself, but if the financial upper echelon of Calgary put in as much effort as these people have, the Calgary Stampeders would indeed be the richest team in professional sport — not the poorest.

(Note: Feminists raged over a nude ride through the UBC campus [Sexist UBC Godiva ride to continue, Feb. 4]. It will be interesting to see if feminists — or even religious protesters — in Alberta will denounce the exploitation of the female body for such a worthy cause as the Ronald McDonald House.)

Mark Spector

### The Filipino fraud

The worst-case scenario for the Filipino presidential election seems to have occurred as president Ferdinand Marcos, through bribery, intimidation and outright fraud, appears to have manipulated the election results in his favor.

This has surprised almost no one as Marcos has made it a trademark of his 20-year stay in power.

However, it does leave two very interesting questions unanswered: Will there now be a civil war in the Philippines and if so, when?

The classic signs of a brewing South East Asian insurrection are all there: a corrupt and inbred oligarchy, a faltering economy which has shrunk by ten per cent in last two years, a growing rural-based communist insurgency and a widespread popular democratic opposition which has just been spit upon by Marcos's arrogant and criminal behaviour in this past election.

Any reforms to lessen the pressure currently threatening to blow Filipino society apart will now be impossible to implement. "Marcos is vindictive as hell," the *Globe and Mail* quoted one journalist who works for a pro-Marcos paper. "If I had written what some people had written, I'd be making plans to get out of this country right now."

The United States, has previously given its support to Marcos. In return, he has allowed them to establish two major military bases that the U.S. considers vital to its interests in the region.

However, even the Americans have recognized the growing estrangement between Marcos and his nation. They have tried to apply pressure on Marcos because they realize the possibility of full-scale civil war if changes are not made.

Marcos's answer? Court the Soviet Union, or at least threaten to do so. So, it appears the die has been cast and the agonizing sight of watching a nation killing itself in order to be free is about to be repeated.

If I was a 17 to 19 year old American male right now, I'd be trying to learn more about what Vietnam was all about than what a Rambo flick could teach me.

Bill Doskoch

News item:  
Getty shuffles  
cabinet.



"Who left the joker in the deck?"

## Letters to the Editor

### More than money

Dear Gateway Editor,

In regards to the February 4th article on page six entitled "... for now", I would like to respond with music to Gateway readers' ears!

CJSR is NOT in a "shaky" situation nor is its future in doubt.

The general tone of Tuesday's article was familiar (though not overly responsible). The article set up a nice little confrontation, as if the CJSR deficit was verging on monstrous and that the SU may well pull the plug on the station. The article as such was not music to our ears and seemed a little off key. I will attempt some clear notes.

CJSR is owned and operated by the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (not the Students' Union). No doubt SU political influence and practical involvement in financial aspects of CJSR have and will always be of importance. However, it is somewhat misleading to use the word 'deficit' when talking about the annual SU allocation to CJSR. A better word is contribution or subsidy. Annual support from the SU is currently negotiable each fiscal year. We are quite similar to most other SU services and businesses in that we provide a service that is needed, respected, run by responsible personnel and is of significant benefit to the campus and beyond. Over 150 volunteers and a small core of hardworking staff help to make CJSR one of the largest volunteer organizations on campus and city wide.

CJSR does not just provide campus stories in news broadcasts and U of A sports coverage. Feature length programs and interviews cover a wide variety of student and campus issues. Live broadcasts of such things as Students' Union election forums are a good example of CJSR's ability to serve the student population and inform the community. Bi-weekly reports from the SU executive are aired on CJSR. This was undertaken through our initiative. The list is longer but perhaps these are relevant examples as to the overall value of CJSR to the campus. If the occasional comments I read in the *Gateway* accentuated similar positive aspects of CJSR there would be less hysteria over CJSR's imagined financial crisis.

Mr. Splane forgets that CJSR is an informational tool and an open educational 'forum' that is available to be utilized by all students and others. It doesn't cost very much to turn on a radio and absolutely nothing to listen. If a monetary value were assigned to all the above mentioned functions and other CJSR services, such as campus related public service announcements, there would be less "controversy" over CJSR

finances. It would be useful to mention that CKCU at Carleton University received \$80,000 a year from its student union, \$80,000 in ad revenues and \$80,000 from fundraising ventures. CKCU has been a major FM operation for about 10 years and has completed 8 annual fund-drives. Considering we are only two years old we have made significant strides towards increased fiscal stability and responsibility while at the same time maintaining our 'service' orientations to the campus community.

CJSW in Calgary receives \$56,000 a year (approx. 50% of expenditures) from a student body half the size of the U of A's in Edmonton.

CJSR will always strive to be worthy of any funding (not just SU money) coming our way and will always attempt to minimize the SU contribution. The recent article and Mr. Splane's comments did little to further 'understanding' of CJSR operations and demeans the efforts of CJSR personnel who have spent much time communicating with SU representatives.

I'd like to invite anyone who is interested to drop by CJSR Room 224 SUB and talk with us about any aspect of CJSR operations. We are in our offices all day long.

Don Buchanan,  
Station Manager  
CJSR-FM

### En garde, Splane

The Editor,

This will be the first time that we have ventured to reply to an article in the *Gateway*. We are referring to the article in the Tuesday edition on the future of CJSR radio.

It should be stated from the outset that we are writing both as supporters and volunteers at CJSR, and as students at this institution. The opinions expressed here are entirely our own and have nothing whatsoever to do with any official CJSR position.

Now, forward into the breach. So, it appears that a certain Rob Splane has recently stated that CJSR "just may have to be shelved." Do we detect just the faintest smile slipping through the impassive mask of the S.U. Executive? Is it merely a coincidence that there is an election brewing? Could much political mileage be forthcoming from this issue? Stay tuned for more in the continuing saga of David vs Goliath, 1986.

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Greg Halinda needed a hand putting a Gilbert Bouchard poster up. "Hans Beckers, darling," he sang. "Will you help me?" "Oh, why don't you call US darling?" snivelled Blaire Lowe, Blaine Ostapovich, and Pat Maguire. Determined to make Greg jealous, Dean Bennett called. "Oh, Louise Hill my fruitful, oh, Edna Landreville my sugarlump," but the only one who noticed was Alex Miller who ran out to buy a T-shirt that said "Call me spongy." Getting into the swing of things, Rob Schmidt announced, "Lefl Stord is a honey, Greg McHarg is a gem, and Bruce Gardave is the apple of my eye... did I do alright?" Then Dev ran in without his last name and screamed, "Juanita Spears deserves only the finest!" causing Pernel Tarnowski to run for cover and Martin Tevenson to throw away his "Ym vile and rotten" button.