

EDITORIAL

Time to think

Monday morning I awoke to the sound of a dee-jay saying, "hey everybody, it's the start of another week but remember, it's gonna be a shortened one because Thursday is a day off."

To many people November 11 is just that. It's a chance to take a mid-week break and do some shopping on a day when the stores are a little less crowded. Yet with everyone thinking the same thing, the stores won't be empty at all.

To highschool students it's a welcome relief from the drudgery of day-in, day-out classes. But it's really too cold to do anything outside so almost everyone will go to those 'empty' shopping centres or just mosh out in front of the likes of 'The Love Boat'.

For the kids below highschool, Thursday is just one hell of a bonus. But for many others, Thursday means something a great deal more. Those people will set Thursday aside and commemorate the day in a fashion that will be uncomfortable for the rest of us. I do not say foreign because the ceremonies held on 'Remembrance Day' are not foreign to us. I think we all stood outside our respective highschools at one time or another wondering why we're standing freezing to death while someone blew a trumpet and another raised the flag. No one should try and deny the fact that very few of us could or wanted to relate to the meaning of those ceremonies.

To us, it was 'Remembrance Day' and we left it at that. But now we have the advantage of looking in retrospect on those various ceremonies and we should begin to really examine what the day is all about.

On the surface, Remembrance Day commemorates the day a truce was signed between the Allies and the Axis powers to end World War I. It is a day to remember not only that, but to also remember the end of the Second World War.

We take note of the many men and women who died trying to preserve something they felt was important enough to die for. We praise them, thank them for a day and then for many of us, forget them until November 11 rolls around again. We do the memories of those men and women a great injustice. Remembrance Day should mean much more to us. It is a day when people should support the idea and goal of peace as much as any anti-nuke demonstration purports to do.

Remembrance Day deals in truths and realities. It brings the memories and thoughts of war and its consequences vividly to mind. We can look back and see the horrifying aspects of war and vow that war shall never happen again. Shouldn't we build on that for the future? And yet, the anti-nuke weeks completely passed over this day and I'm sure that many who took part in anti-nuke parades will be parading around shopping malls Thursday. Banning the bomb is all very well and naive but isn't the goal, the ultimate goal, the preservation of peace? Shouldn't a day commemorating the end of war and the beginning of peace be just as important?

Obviously, for many the end of World War I was not enough and they decided to celebrate the end of another war. And we have gone to war since that time yet never on such a global scale. In all the efforts to ban the bomb people seem to forget that you can still fight a war with conventional weaponry and that is the more likely possibility for the future.

Now I am not saying that on Thursday you lie in your bed in a mock wake and weep for our fallen heroes. I am not even saying that at 11:00 a.m. Thursday you stop dead in your tracks and remain silent for one minute. I am saying, though, think about the day, think about what it means for many people and think about what it should mean for the future.

Remembrance Day commemorates the only good thing to come from a war: its ending. It is a day commemorating the beginning of peace and we have already failed once to maintain that result.

Let's not fail a second time.

Andrew Watts

Note on gossips

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they have so much more to talk about.

Edith Wharton, 1932

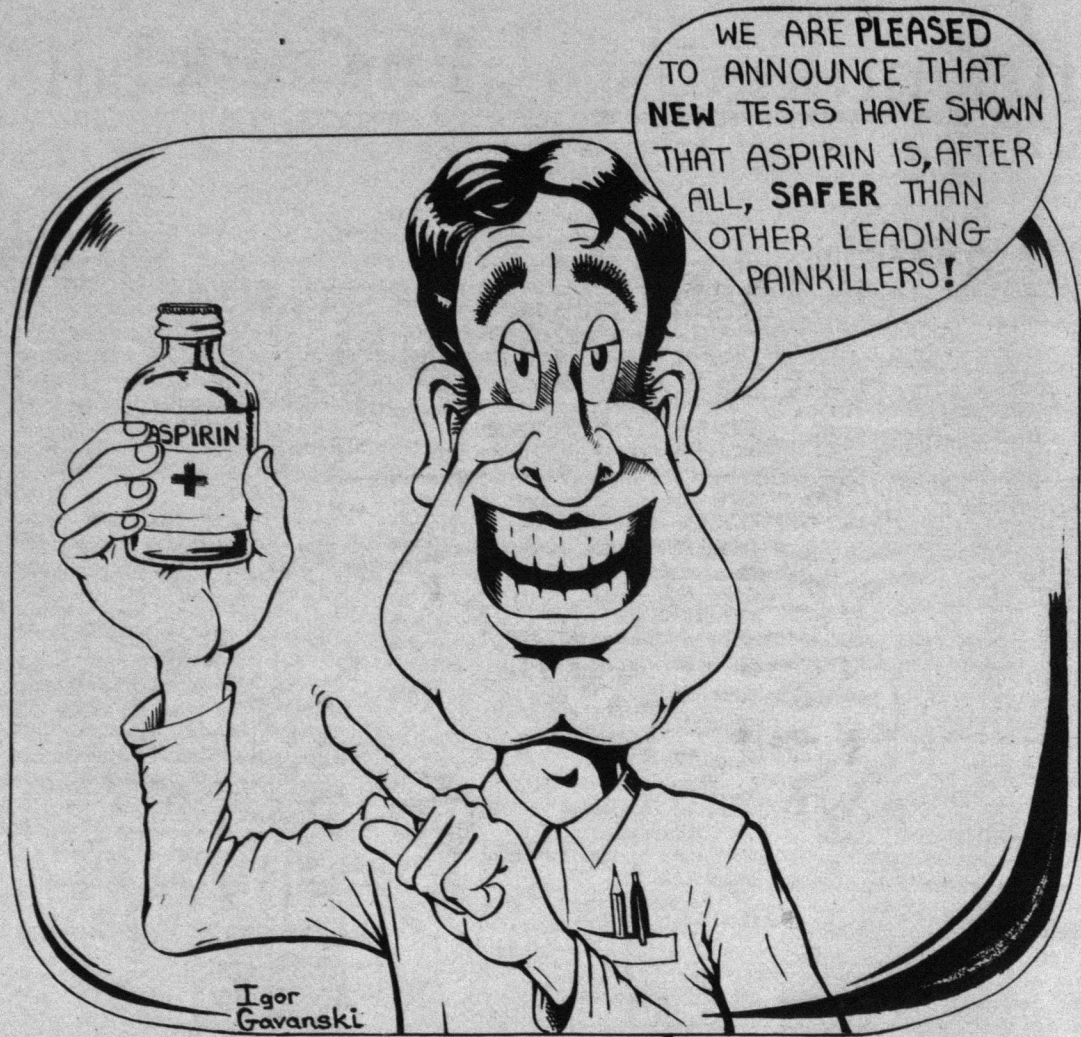
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Staff this issue:

When last we saw our intrepid staff, they were searching a grey box, stolen from the ivory tower. Heather Ann Laird and Mark Roppel have found a body within this box. Zane Harker and Nate LaRoi are seeking to identify the body. Ninette Gironella and Karen L. Redford, doctors-in-waiting, discuss the cute male nurse John Algard. An autopsy is suggested. Dan Leskiw boils water. Igor Gavanski adjusts the lighting, with help from Bill Inglee and Martin Beales. Gilbert Bouchard checks the instruments. Professor Roggeveen prepares a commentary. Robert Cook inadvertently touches the body. To everyone's amazement, it moves. It's the resurrection of Tom Hayward....

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Anti-socialist manifesto

It is good to see that capitalism (read Free Enterprise) is alive and well in Alberta. However, we can see why such a large proportion of University students have socialist (ie NDP) tendencies. The students in Arts have little hope of making it in a free enterprise society — they have very limited skills to offer the supply and demand marketplace.

Thus, hoping a socialist government gets in to grant them all "artistic development" loans and/or grants is the only way they'll survive. As well, the Faculty of Education leans so far to the left that it's a wonder that the building (and the people in it) can still stand up.

Every Education graduate that gets a job in the teaching profession will become a union member (ie ATA), which isn't exactly known as being the cornerstone of free-enterprise thinking.

Like any other union, all they want is more money, shorter work weeks, and in this case, smaller class loads (so there can be more teachers making more money and working less). When your philosophy is increasing salaries for decreasing production, you can hardly hope to gain by a true free enterprise marketplace (and you won't exactly cure the inflation problem either).

Capitalism, live on! You'll make US rich — you see, we have something to offer the marketplace.

James Walsh, Computing III
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myself a Christian). Well, I prefer to see where I am going rather than being led blindfolded.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion. They have the right to stop asking questions, just so long as they do not interfere with my right to continue. I am, perhaps, making more of this than I should, but the pompous "I have the only answers" attitude of "religious fanatics" imposes their beliefs — because of their faith — on what I may see or read. I detest this affront to my rights.

Richard Wilson
 Commerce IV

Help our needy thieves

I am serious. You probably have no idea how difficult you make it for me when you lock your office, even if you're away for a short time. Some of you are so inconsiderate as to keep your wallets on your person or lock your purse in desk drawers and keep the key.

If I am going to make a success of my career, you'll have to be more co-operative. Some of you do help a lot — by leaving your watches or rings in the washrooms, or leaving your calculators in carrels while you go away for awhile. I like that. Oh yes, you are most helpful if you don't bother to lock your bikes, or if you do, leave them in some remote area or don't bother to check back once in awhile.

It's great fun for me to wander through offices and labs and no one even bothers to ask what I am doing there, although some of you have the nerve to call Campus Security at 5252 and report me.

Come on, help a thief, please be careless.

W.F.G. Perry
 Director, Campus Security and Parking Services

Getting into the ACT

After glancing the Gateway lately, especially the issue of Nov. 4th, I was pleased to see the number of stories dealing with the serious condition which funding of post-secondary education is facing. I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage students who are concerned about the future of their education to get involved with the Anti-Cutbacks Team (ACT). ACT is a group of students, affiliated with the Students' Union, who are working to ensure that students will have the high quality, accessible education that they deserve. If you are interested in protecting your education, even if you don't have a lot of time, I urge you to come to the ACT meeting today (Nov. 9) at 5:00 p.m. in Room 280 SUB.

Tony Brouwer
 Chairperson, ACT

Faith asks no questions

"Christ: he's the real thing" (Gateway November 2, 1982) may well be true, however, I am always insulted by pompous, fallacious statements. I am referring to James Albers' (a member of this "exclusive club") statement: "Becoming a Christian is an act of faith and it is through faith that things unclear are made clear." What really should be stated here, is that becoming a "Christian" is an act of faith, and it is through faith that the clarity of things becomes immaterial.

The unclear things do not become clear, through any form of logical reasoning, they are accepted as is, no questions asked. Please, do not confuse faith with logic. You have not had all the answers proved; you have stopped asking the questions. You are following Jerry Falwell's advice that "good Christians, like good soldiers, ask no questions."

Mr. Albers may, of course, say that I feel this way because I am not a member of his exclusive club (I consider

Gateway "sexism" continues

Re: Phyllis Schlafly's answer to Herpes Gateway dated 4th Nov., pg. 5

Given that opinions may be expressed and received by all, still Phyllis Schlafly's view that the answer to herpes is to marry virgins is both in bad taste and highly sexist. It is hard to believe that the Gateway would show such a crude illustration in the paper and defend themselves at the same time; quote: "remember it was Schlafly's tacky idea, not ours."

Come on eh?!?! We call into question the quality and the integrity of your paper! We strongly suggest that Schlafly and the artist (H. Akker, male or female or whatever!) get together and check each other out. Gateway perhaps you'd like to be there to monitor the progress!?

Angie & Cori
 Arts II

LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should be a maximum of 250 words. Letters must be signed, and include faculty, year and phone number. No anonymous letters will be printed. All letters should be typed, although we will reluctantly accept them if they are very neatly written. We reserve the right to edit for libel and length. Letters to not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.