

The Gateway

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editorial

It seems the differential tuition fee, contrary to popular rumour, is *not* a dead issue. Just look at two happenings within the past week. There was Catherine Chichak on Friday telling the Legislature that foreign students might qualify for student loans, so why should they bitch about a differential tuition? Considering student loans are only granted to Canadians and landed immigrants, perhaps it's no coincidence Ms. Chichak was moved in the last Cabinet shuffle from minister without portfolio to her present back-bench position.

With astute comments like that, plus the usual run-around for the Gateway such as, "I'll phone you back in two hours" (this, of course, was three days ago and still no reply), perhaps Peter Lougheed would prefer if she was a PC backbencher somewhere else, like lower Slobovia.

Then, of course, there was Ken McFarlane arguing so eloquently at Monday night's Students' Council meeting against allowing the Equal Access to Education Committee to spend the rest of the \$500 Council had granted them earlier in the year. McFarlane has conspicuously stayed away from the disagreement over foreign student fees while others, such as Howard Hoggins, have done their homework, talked to people, argued intelligently, and generally done a helluva lot of hard work to try and make people understand what differentials really mean and what their affect will be on the foreign student population in Alberta, which, not surprisingly, will be to decrease non-Caucasian foreign students. Yet it is McFarlane who all of a sudden becomes so vehement against the Equal Access Committee's "tactics," which include such things as protests at the Legislature and information pickets to give out informations to MLAs like Bert Hohol who apparently have never seen any information on foreign students, yet feel perfectly at liberty to make arbitrary and irrational (worse yet, binding) decisions at their leisure.

Strange, isn't it?

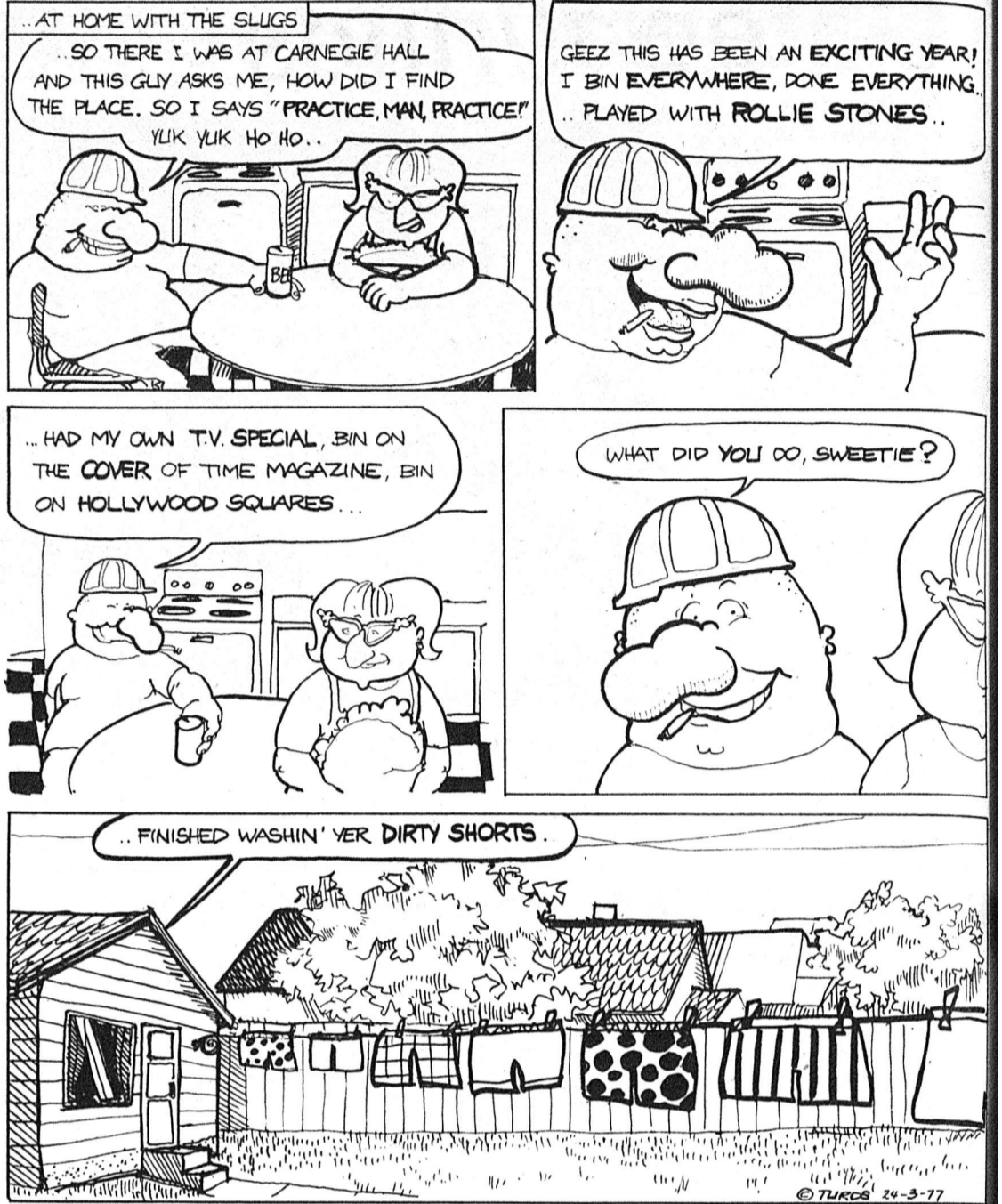
Maybe then it didn't come as a surprise to observers of student affairs when it was McFarlane who earlier on Monday, during the afternoon's GFC executive meeting, agreed with those who argued against press coverage. McFarlane even went so far as to suggest the meetings should be closed to the press; apparently disregarding the fact that GFC exec. acts as a decision-making body during the summer and also acts as a screening body for GFC (thus its importance for students should not be underestimated, eh Ken?). Luckily the GFC exec. motion to bar media will be debated by the full GFC at Monday's meeting. It's too bad we couldn't get the same kind of debate happening over differentials...

A short note to staffers: It's difficult to find time around the end of the year to drop by and pick up your assignments, I know, but remember, if you don't stop by the offices in the next little while you won't know when and where the year-end party will be. You should also check on the time and place of the year-end staff photo.
 by Kevin Gillese



"Hmm. According to these tests, you have a fundamental perceptual handicap. You can't tell your ass from a hole in the ground."

BUB SLUG by Delaney & Rasmussen



Readers respond to ???

Thank you, Dr. Pritchert, for being so explicit on philosophical issues your colleagues scramble to avoid naming. Contrary to Objectivism, your "principles" apparently are: Nonexistence, Irrationality, Purposelessness, Injustice, and Enslavement. I won't insult the word by calling this a philosophy; it is a fundamental view of death, not of life. But unlike yours, my purpose is life, knowledge, and achievement in this reality.

That reality is objective and exists independently of any consciousness is the necessary and logical precondition of any knowledge. A thing must be, i.e.: must have a specific identity,

before there can be any awareness of it. Only the volitional use of one's faculty of reason make knowledge and truth possible; nothing can guarantee them. Certainly human beliefs can be grossly at variance with the facts of reality — as you so eloquently demonstrate, Dr. Pritchert.

My arguments probably don't interest you, however, since I am an unenlightened layman who believes reason and logic are the only means to knowledge, and therefore to life. I do not have your "superior philosophic logic" which consists of denying and contradicting everything known. "Justice," for instance, which

consists of obliterating the concept of right and wrong and having equal "mercy" for both the wronged and the wrong-doer; or a "public interest" which consists of crucifying the interests of the individual persons who are the public. Only the inalienable concept of the individual person can give rise to personal freedom. The man who says personal freedom should be sacrificed to either a man who has never had a desire to fulfill, a goal to accomplish, or a man who desires to control the lives of others.

Which are you, Simon Pritchert?

Hugh Mann
 Science II

"Simon Pritchert," (Letter of 22 March) has aroused my admiration. In no class of philosophy at U of A have such words been spoken so outrightly, even though the *objectivism of reality* has been a laughing matter among the professors for years. "Pritchert" should be employed by the university replacing those who are not as brave as he.

Even though it is a well known fact in the philosophy department that *reason* is inferior to faith, that the *purpose* of life is not progression to happiness but emergence with the Nothingness of All, that *justice* is an old-fashioned concept (an excuse for those who don't want to serve their brothers) and *freedom* is a child's game — even though they subtly profess this, they have not the intellectual ability to state it so clearly as "Pritchert."

Anyone doubting the truth of

all this should be forced or reconditioned to accept it — for their own good and for the good of all the little people. Indeed, such disbelievers should be shot because they pose a grave threat to us humanitarians.

Finally, I believe "Pritchert" wholeheartedly when he denies that he is "responsible for the recent revival of interest in the

philosophy of Objectivism across campus." After all, Objectivism is believed by only a few million people, greatly outnumbered by the remaining billions — and is therefore refuted according to the principles of our beloved democracy.

Ivie Starns
 Arts II

Castration team

To all assaulters, would-be assaulters and sexual deviates:

The next time you think about jumping that girl up there take a good look around you! No it's not the sex patrol, which is a stinking way to handle your problem, it's going to be two large men in black carrying baseball bats and a pair of vice grip pliers.

I believe you could call us the vigilantes.

The two of us are sick to death of the way these assaulters are dealt with. Henceforth, we shall patrol and campus and God forbid if we come upon one of you in action. We guarantee that for the rest of your life assault will be your last thought. If you think this is some joke, try us some night. To coin a phrase, "We're gonna getcha!"

The Vigilantes