

## STUDENT ADVOCATE

by Kelly Palmer

One problem that appears around this time of year concerns those people who find their Christmas holidays in conflict with their exams. Ordinarily, it is a good idea to check your exam date schedule (in the front of the master timetable) to make sure no conflicts will arise before holiday plans are made.

However, exam dates are sometimes changed, or course sections have been switched around. The end result is that you find yourself with a 2 p.m. exam and an 11 a.m. flight. What can you do?

If possible, try to change around your departure time. This isn't always possible, however; in some cases, a great amount of money can be lost through deposits. So, failing this, talk to the professor. Honestly and truthfully explain your position and ask if the exam could possibly be written earlier. Most profs are reasonable and will be willing to help your situation.

As in all areas, however, there are scrooges. If your prof falls into this, the only other route available may be to apply for a deferred final. This is only open to those "silk... suffering domestic affliction, (under) religious convictions, (or with) other compelling reasons." The potential money loss could qualify under the last instance.

To apply, go to the Registrar's Office within 48 hours of the time of the exam. The exam may be written during regular supplemental periods, or during a time mutually agreed on between student and instructor. The cost is normally \$6.00, but if a special paper must be set just for you, the cost can go to \$50.00. Generally, this route will *not* carry supplemental privileges.

For any further information, visit Kelly Palmer, the Student Advocate, in Room 272 SUB.

## Ice rink conversion

In reference to your article on the closing of the SUB curling rink. It doesn't surprise me in the least that our students union in its infinite wisdom would cut out a program that makes money. Our v.p. finance says she can rent the space and make \$150,000. But who is going to rent a curling rink that looks like a curling rink. She seems to have forgotten to include conversion costs so the space can be used for other functions. What about the 850 students who would have to pay higher rental fees elsewhere in the city so they could continue their activities. And what about those students who don't have access to transportation and would have to bus it, is the Student's Union going to give them free passes?

What about the ice plant, are we going to rip it out and auction it off to get rid of the debt? Perhaps we could make use of the



rink as another "Dewey's" eh Phil. Don Holmstrom Commerce III

*Ed. note: Elise Gaudet, v.p. finance and administration, estimates that the costs of conversion will be between \$10,000 and \$20,000.*

## Who's missing the point?

I should like to reply to Melville et al in your most recent edition...

You miss part of the point in Mr. Cohen's (and others) letter, to wit it is clearly their opinion that the time that has passed since an invasion of Ireland is not relevant.

I could not help but agree more. The sooner all these Celts are forced to return to their homeland the better it will be for all of those who were in Ireland (actually until the Celts there were on Ireland)

originally. It should be totally straight forward to any right thinking pict that is these Celts, Neoromans and Germans were denied the privilege of lording over them the better.

As for democracy what could be better than a Marxist/Catholic state where there is no contraception or abortion and one-fifth (1/5) (20%) of your population lives in the oppressive English countryside.

Alastair MacDonald  
Soil Science I



Primitive art form uncovered while raking leaves.

## Jewish-Arab invitational open

I wish to comment on the shut-down of the Arab-Student display on October 22, 1981.

Ostensibly, it was shut-down because it had a one-sided political orientation. This could not have been the case, for two reasons:

1. The nature of the booth and of the literature to be displayed were known in advance.

2. Previous booths of a one-sided political orientation have not been shut down; eg. Liberal, Conservative and NDP booths - not to mention Brian Berkowitz's booth promoting Israel's point of view.

I understand Mrs. Yago shut down the booth because she responded to a few individuals who over-reacted to a poster of "The dove of peace" being crucified on a blue Star of David.

I wish to point out that the Star of David was in the same blue colour as the one found on the Israeli flag. The obvious statement is political; not anti-semitic; i.e. Israel's policies are precluding the possibility of peace.

This type of statement is not without precedent. (refer to Newsweek, Sept. 14, 1981). There we see an unflattering portrait of Begin against a background of interlocking automatic rifles, superimposed on the same BLUE Star of David. The caption "Roadblock to Peace?" again is not anti-semitic, but political.

None of the literature presented could be considered "hate" literature: one-sided, naive, or sensationalist perhaps, but not "HATE".

I myself believe that these Arab students are misunderstanding the concerns and intentions of the majority of Israeli's. No matter how much I disagree with their beliefs, I am convinced they are sincere; not malicious. There was no reason to shut down the booth.

*...and if that isn't enough...*

I would also like to comment on the recent series of letters appearing in the Gateway re: The Middle East Situation. We have seen non-Arabs lecturing Arabs on the meaning or lack of meaning of terms like "Arab" or "Arabism".

Similarly, we have seen non-Jews lecturing Jews on the meaning of terms like "Judaism" and "Zionism".

The major opponents are Oscar Ommar and Manhir Tabet vs. Brian Berkowitz and Howie Cooper. All their letters are rife with emotional reaction, even overreaction.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Oscar Ommar. He claims to be a moderate, and he agrees that Jews have a right to stay in the Holy Land. He also agrees that Yasser Arafat, together with Farouk Khadoumi, are ridiculous and wrong to suggest that the establishment of an autonomous

Palestinian state is acceptable only as a stepping stone to the establishment of an all Arab state after driving the last Jew into the sea.

He further claims that the status quo cannot continue; Jew and Arab do want to coexist in peace and not confront each other in a struggle for domination.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting Brian Berkowitz. He also claims to be a moderate. He agrees that Palestinians have a right to autonomy i.e. real autonomy, more than just the freedom to select their garbage collectors, and dog catchers under the supervision of a benevolent occupation army.

He also agrees that Israel is not bent on a program of permanent occupation and expansion, it merely is seeking defensible borders to protect itself from attack. He further claims that the status quo cannot continue; Jew and Arab do want to coexist in peace and not confront each other in a struggle for domination.

Since so much room for agreement exists I publicly invite the two parties to a mature dialogue at my residence.

They are also invited to bring

along any mature and interested persons from either Hillel House or the Arab Students' Association.

I would be disappointed if Oscar Ommar declined my invitation. I would be forced to conclude that he is insincere, feeling that dialogue, much less coexistence, is impossible and that the status quo of confrontation must continue until "Arab" finally defeats and suppresses Israeli.

I would also be disappointed if Brian Berkowitz declined my invitation. I would be forced to conclude that he is insincere, feeling that dialogue, much less coexistence is impossible, and that the status quo of confrontation must continue until Israeli finally defeats and suppresses Arab.

What do I hope to accomplish by this invitation? First, I wish to determine if both sets of individuals are sincere, as I believe they are; second, I wish to establish this dialogue here on campus, a dialogue which both sets of individuals must admit is important and necessary.

Hopefully, future letters to the Gateway on this question will be less diatribe and more dialogue.

Thomas Mueller  
Science

## Debating tournament

Debators and Friends,

On behalf of the oldest debating organization in Alberta, I should like to invite you to take part in one of our most prestigious tournaments.

The 1982 Edmonton Open will be hosted by the University of Alberta Debating Society on Saturday, February 6th. Open to all comers, it has been won by high school students, teachers, lawyers and on occasion, by non-Albertans.

The format of two-person teams debating in preliminary style has allowed the easiest possible debating for beginner or seasoned veteran.

If you have a team or teams that would be interested in entering, please write to us — Box 147, Students' Union Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton — for further information.

Awaiting your reply,  
K. Warner  
President

## Movies at TV houses

Dear Peter West:

Re: New Horizons in Cinema, the Gateway Nov. 3. Forget it. Ever tried to watch Space Odyssey 2001 on TV? and 8X10 version of Star Wars?


Despite glowing promises, the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce has once again stifled the possibility of culture in anticipation of business.

It appears that every screen is no larger than a large television

screen. Furthermore, their idea of unique foreign films are America's best sellers. To them opera equals western; comedy equals Eastwood and Gonzo; great directors equal Reynolds and Spacek. Decent movies at the Village Tree Mall? Calm down Pete.

The chance of culture in Alberta equals the chance that Edmonton dumps the Oilers in the coming series.

Gunnar Blodgett  
Science II



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