

Editorial

In defence of CJSR

As reported last Tuesday in the Gateway the future of CJSR is in doubt. Mutterings and grumbings about the \$50,000 deficit are circulating and the powers-that-be are questioning the validity of having a campus radio station.

Before we pull the plug on CJSR it would be wise to examine what the station has to offer.

At present, CJSR "employs" 150 volunteers. Each of these individuals is receiving training and experience which is not available elsewhere in the city. Quite possibly that single item on the resume, "worked for campus radio station," will put these individuals head and shoulders ahead of others in the race for a job. Those who aspire to a career in the media are well aware of the power of such a statement.

To maintain a radio station for the benefit of a mere 150 people however, is ridiculous. But CJSR's sphere of influence reaches beyond 150. It touches the lives of all U of A students. By publicizing university events and putting out university news, CJSR provides services which could not be bought for a mere \$50,000 from the other radio stations in this city.

Finally, CJSR is not without influence in this city's music community. As a station which features alternative programming CJSR is a breath of fresh "air." Giving airplay to bands which would not otherwise see the light of day on a mainstream station, CJSR is essential to the creative well-being of Edmonton.

For these reasons we should stand up and defend our campus radio station. If it were to die we would lose a very important and influential member of our campus community.

Suzanne Lundrigan

Think positive, America

Uncle Ron Reagan, the man who tried to tell you that ketchup is a vegetable, is now telling his fellow Americans to "reach for the stars" in the "Great American Comeback" in his 1986 State of the Union speech.

The welfare culture is destroying families and leading to the "sinful waste of human spirit and potential," he bleats, and shows dismay at the \$110 billion dollars per year his government spends on welfare while poverty continues to grow.

Catastrophic illness and the unstable dollar are two other targets for Reagan in the next year; however, there is one serious problem the Man from Glad is ignoring: his own stupidity.

Reagan probably doesn't believe there is a linkage between say, toxic waste dumps and acid rain and increases in cancers and other diseases.

Funding an unbelievable military build-up through foreign borrowing connected to his government's skyrocketing deficit? Only the sheerest of coincidences. Same thing with trying to control inflation by keeping interest rates high and the money supply constrained; after all, how could that contribute to an unstable and artificially high dollar?

Reagan's jingoism and unflagging ebullience about his country has provided his political success. The fact that he ran for office at the same time American liberalism had lost the momentum it had through the middle sixties and early seventies didn't hurt either.

However, Reagan's rah-rah attitude is going to start wearing thin. Stock brokers are predicting major bear markets for the next year and protectionism seems to be the only solution available to the U.S.'s huge trade deficit. Infant mortality is rising and more people are going to bed hungry than ever before.

The falsity and inhumanity of supply-side economics combined with massive deficit-financed defence expenditures is going to hit home to Americans and it is going to hit very hard.

That is the real state of the Union story.

Bill Doskoch



Letters to the Editor

Fervor

Editor, *The Gateway*:

Mike Evans' angry reaction to the proposal of a 10 p.m. curfew for men as a safety assurance for women was interesting. He said that he was sick of being whitewashed with guilt for the action of psychotics.

In suggesting the curfew for men, these "radical feminists" most certainly do not believe that it will be implemented. The point is to ask if it is any more absurd to suggest that women not make themselves visible after dark except when escorted by a strong male. The premise that if a woman chooses to independently travel from point a to b she is inviting and deserving of attack has been accepted without question for too long.

As a woman I am sick of seeing my sex held personally responsible for violent actions directed against us by certain males when it is assumed that we have not stayed in our place.

Mr. Evans, your anger at one flippant remark by one woman is a small dose of the blind rage that I feel for what my sisters and I have had dished out to us for time immemorial.

Bernadette Shaw
Arts I

Bunny do-do

Dear Gateway,

Not only is the Gateway good reading, but it is useful: three of the four double sheets can be laid down, overlapping, side-by-side and the fourth can be laid across and on top of them to provide a fine surface upon which to rest Zaphod's (my house mate's rabbit's) cage. Keep up the good work!

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Show us men!

February fourth's CUP article on the UBC Engineers was very interesting, especially Rich Fitzpatrick's suggestion that the Godiva Ride is a tradition meant to encourage its celebrants in the fearless following of their ideals. I love meaningful traditions and find this idea quite attractive. The rationale would be

a bit more convincing, however, if we saw one of the (presumably male) engineers up on the horse, baring (his) convictions for us, for once — instead of doing it by proxy, so to speak. I would certainly applaud if, symbolically and with great team spirit, the entire faculty appeared so mounted.

I would by no means deprive the engineers of their spectacle — it says a great deal about them. But I urge them to go it one better. Merely assisting in the lady's brave display requires only a small-boy sort of daring. Instead, show us courage. Show us — men.

Laurel Braid
Fine Arts IV

Hindenburg II?

Dear Gateway,

It would be unacceptable for the Challenger disaster to do for space travel what the Hindenburg disaster did for travel by airship.

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MB: phone home

We of the MBA are on the wings of desperation. You see, our one and only guiding light, our super hero buried on campus, has been extinguished. Who is this webbed winged warrior, you ask? No, not Chicken Man, Captain Kirk nor Michael Jackson. We refer to the legendary, fantastic, fabulous, far-sighted MAUVE BAT!! Amanda was about to sacrifice herself so that the famed womanizer could return to Earth, and the anticipation of this event was the only reason we came back for second term. However, upon our somewhat drunken return, we found that his near-mortal existence had been wiped out, fried, destroyed, etc. We are FLYING off the handle! Hell, we even bought T-shirts, and here we are, godless (and ten bucks poorer), no one to bring us moral values, hope or faith. No one to PICK UP OUR BOOKS!! Not even Floyd is left to protect us (although he has been spotted flying around HUB on occasion). Mauve Bat, if your supersonic radar can detect us, respond to our plea: COME BACK!! Don't let that nasty old Students' Union get you in the end (or anywhere else, for that matter)!!! We want to be batty once more!!!!

Batitudally yours,
The MBA (Mauve Bat Aid)

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Little did Juanita Spears, Emma Sadgrove and David Marples realize as they hopped into Dean Bennett's car that they were embarking on *The Supply Run to Hell*. When they passed by Regina Behnk, Gary Dhillon, Gilbert Bouchard and Tim Enger dressed in red leotards, horns and tails, they suspected they were lost so they pulled over at a restaurant to ask directions. "Whaddya want?" sneered Jeff McDonald as they entered "Sulphur Stew's only 99¢". Kathleen Beechinor, Anne Watson and Rob Schmidt were sitting at a table sipping melting dry ice. Bruce Gardave, Ron Chicora and Leif Stout were levitating, marching on red-hot coals. "We just want some rulers," whimpered the terrified Gateways. "Rulers?" chuckled Alex Miller. "we got Ghengis Khan, Hitler, Stalin..." Luckily, Edna Landreville and Louise Hill rallied to the cause of humour and began to pummel Alex with their tridents.