

FORUM FIVE



CO-OP

I was told by a student at the University that there are various people's food co-ops in Edmonton. He said the addresses are usually on the back pages of the student newspaper.

I am a member of a group of people who wishes to start a nonprofit co-op up here. Would you be able to give me address of some existing co-ops? I could write them for information, as I'm getting a big run around from government officials.

Thank you very much.

Lynne Spaulding

NAIT

We, the Marketing Administration students of N.A.I.T. cordially invite you to attend our 1974 Open House presentation.

This year, our presentation will be the R.C.M.P. Century Celebrations, 1874-1974.

From our proud past, the promise of our future, —A Celebration in the honour of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,

—Their arrival, and subsequent involvement in the early history of Alberta.

—ONE HUNDRED YEARS PROUD.

The opening of our display will take place at 9:00 a.m., March 15, at the main entrance of the institute with the raising of the R.C.M.P. Century Celebrations flag.

The main display will be located in the McNally Library and a film presentation will be shown in the Little Theatre. The total display will be presented March 15 and 16, and coffee will be served.

Come and see your history! Marketing Administration Section, NAIT

11762-106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

Refusal

This is a reply to your recent refusal to print our advertisement.

In developing one of the largest libraries of research material in the country, Research Assistance, Inc. of Los Angeles has begun to fill the deficit that exists in available reference materials. This

educational tool frees the student from much of the tedium of information retrieval and allows more time to be devoted to creative learning processes.

Our up-to-date, mail order catalog of 4,500 research papers is sold for research-reference purposes *only*. We question your refusal to print our advertisement. The highest goal of education is to provide the tools to enable the student to think, evaluate, judge and decide for himself. Your exercise of censorship by not permitting our advertisement appears to be diametrically opposed to an essential right of the student: freedom of choice. It is up to the student to accept or reject; it is not the function of a free press of a free university system to arbitrarily decide for others.

We hope that you will present our point of view by printing this letter.

Sincerely,
John W. Spencer
National Public Relations Director
Research Assistance, Inc.

Dental

As a practicing dentist of twenty-five years standing, I must reply to your editorial 'Dental Gripes'.

While sympathizing with Mr. Billingsly in his efforts to obtain aid for his aching molar, I can suggest there are many dentists in this province who will take emergency extractions. This may require a wait of an hour or so while a crowded schedule is juggled, but the majority of dentists do this every day.

To say that only one out of seventeen practitioners will accept emergency extractions is just not true. Perhaps if more attention was given to the messages on posters during dental health week, these emergencies would not arise. Any why do dentists spend time and money on dental health week, if not to help you avoid dental problems in the first place?

To say that dentists are safe from socialized dentistry and thus from any responsibility to the public, is sheer idiocy. Our public responsibility is clearly defined by law, and is closely monitored by our organization. More than 200,000 people in this province are presently receiving dental care under a government sponsored social program. The Alberta Dental Association has presented two briefs in the past nine years to the government proposing dental care for children 0-16 years of age. We are responsible for the setting up of programs in NAIT and SAIT for the training of

more auxiliary personnel to carry some of the work load. We make annual petitions to the government for more aid to enlarge the faculty of dentistry in order to graduate more dentists. I submit that these are not the actions of a fat-cat, rip-off profession.

We admit to our share of faults and failings, and welcome constructive criticism from any source. Extreme overload pressure in dental offices, however, is the major reason for occasional break-downs in public relations, and we are trying hard to overcome this.

In the meantime, consider the messages of dental health week, and beat your dentist at his own game—this is what he wants you to do.

Dr. Bruce A. Low

Rents

Concerning the 'rental comparison' article published on March 7, 1974 in the *Gateway*, I find that the Student Council did a marvellous job and spent a lot of time making such a detailed survey of rents of most of the apartment buildings around the university campus.

I am so pleased to discover that we have a bunch of talented business-minded student representatives on our Student Council. The rental comparison is surely one of the *convincing* factors to support a further raise of rent in HUB. I would like to know if anyone of the Student Counselors in the Students' Council has noticed that anybody can move into any one of these apartments, so long as they are wealthy enough to afford that many bucks. Maybe our HUB should ask for that much money too and open rent to anyone in town; then HUB would surely be running a fantastic business all year round.

As a student in this university, I am always concerned about and interested in the good and bad of our Students' Union. I would like someone in the Student Council to tell me, "What is the purpose of having a Students' Union? Or do we merely like to have a bunch of able businessmen running the Student Council as a Chamber of Commerce? Are they trying good business on the student or for the student?"

May I suggest that the Student Council make a survey of how many students can actually afford to live in those off-campus apartments.

Thank you for publishing this letter.

Yours truly
Derek Tsang

editorial

Games funding

After Tuesday's forum I asked Bill Bagshaw, Director of the Games Foundation a nitty gritty question and received a nitty gritty answer. The question was: "If the plebiscite were defeated, would Edmonton lose the Commonwealth Games and if it were approved what would happen?"

Bagshaw's answer was the first concrete straight talk heard by myself to this date:

"If the plebiscite is negative (ie) the citizens vote no to using public funds for the Games then Edmonton will lose the 1978 Commonwealth Games. This loss will be as a directive from the international body controlling the games. Their concern is not with our politics but with confirmation of a site in either Canada or another Commonwealth nation. However, if the voters pass the plebiscite, this will be used for confirmation only of the availability of funds for the games."

The goal of the Games Commission is to raise the necessary monies by other means, but the assurance is there that if necessary the monies can be obtained from the taxpayers. This "investment" by the city is required to obtain the Federal and Provincial support pledged, on the condition that Edmonton show its required funding before the other governments chip in.

The ambition of the Games Commission is to try to see to it that the games cost the citizens nothing by raising money through various other schemes including "The Western Canadian Lottery (estimated profits; 7 million dollars) or printing of a \$3 bill to be used as legal tender but also for the novelty of owning such an oddity.

There appears to be in the city today a lack of information at the citizen's level as to just what is happening in the controversial games issue. A lack of confidence has been demonstrated in the city administrators, by the citizens, as shown in the demand for this plebiscite. This is caused only by Mayor Dent and his committee's attitude of "We know what's best for the citizens of Edmonton, and we'll tell them what's good for them."

Sorry Ivor, you put yourself into this one without our help. You only have a few days to get your shit together and either affirm or negate these statements by Bagshaw that were made at the forum.

There are a lot of confused citizens in Edmonton today who will remain confused on March 20 unless you get your ass in gear and get some information out to the people. We don't covet your chair or your key, but we would like to know, just for once what you and your Committee are up to!

Doug Moore

study, action, and reflection on particular social, political, and theological problems.

SCM would never think of undertaking a survey of religious attitudes since it believes that a person's religious beliefs are a very personal matter, and that Christian witness can only be measured by action.

We would greatly appreciate it if the group of people involved doing this survey would cease calling using the Student Christian Movement name and come forward to properly identify themselves and the purpose of this survey.

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SCM

With reference to Karen Bonney's letter in Tuesday, March 12th's edition of the *Gateway*, the Student Christian Movement has never been involved in doing any surveys regarding religious attitudes of first year students at the University of Alberta.

The Student Christian Movement, nationally and locally is a university based student movement which is non-denominational and open to engage students in relating their faith to today's life through

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