

## Letters cont.

around has already occurred. Let's not permit a free for all mad rush to speculate and exploit the Eastern Slopes. Wake up Albertans, it's time to remind our provincial government of the mandate we gave them in 1973!

Tim Eaton  
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## Prejudice implied

To the Editor:

To quote "Mesenbring Shares Hope for Peace" by Gary Dhillon, Gateway October 31.

David Mesenbring's photograph in the last Thursday's Gateway does not do him justice.

The large black and white photograph which advertised his lecture on heresy of apartheid showed a pair of excited eyes peering between a bowl-cut hair style and a dark beard. The image that immediately came to my mind was of a driven prophet carrying the frenzied message of truth from the people of South Africa. An image which no doubt scared more people away than attracted them to his lecture."

This is an opening two paragraphs of a column reporting about anti-apartheid. Full of ironies and hypocracies.

Apartheid is evil, because it is prejudism. Prejudism is inhuman whether it is about the colour of the skin, colour of the beard, colour of the eyes, the hair style or simply the way a person looks. Mr. Dhillon opens his third paragraph.

"In person Mesenbring's eyes are deep blue and his manner far more human than what the poor photograph suggests."

Is it the "poor photograph" or our subtle prejudice? Mr. Dhillon, what if Mesenbring happened to really look like the "poor photograph" suggests? After all, blue eyes suggest real human qualities. Right, Mr. Dhillon?

Some people genuinely don't know that they are prejudiced and they have a subtle part of prejudism remaining inside. This is sometimes worse than being openly prejudiced. (Remember Mr. Dhillon, what Mesenbring said about Pravda and The New York Times?)

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## Miner Minds!

Dear Sir:

Regarding the razing of Algonquin Apartment building, a response to Drs. Gilsdorf and Masson (letter to the Editor, Gateway, 1985 10 24) seems appropriate.

Indeed the Algonquin was a stately building when built sixty years ago. By mid-life and later, the building was no longer considered to be "luxury" accommodation but it remained serviceable, comfortable and attractive. More recently, while continuing to have outward appeal, the building suffered from all manner of serious mechanical, electrical, structural and architectural problems and was beyond useful life.

What of the University's commitment, what of history or heritage? While I know nothing of statements made in 1974 specifically citing Algonquin, the University has latterly proven, and is continuing to exhibit, its commitment to history and heritage — or have Pembina, Athabasca, Assiniboia, Arts Building

(upcoming), the Garneau Student Housing development and on-going renovations throughout the Garneau area been conveniently overlooked? Since it is part of that same area, Algonquin could have been revived also — but at something like twice the cost of new construction. Even if the capital had become available, who among us would be willing to pay double rent for the renewed yet passe apartments?

What of the Administrations dubious motives and underhanded behaviour? Fact: over the past five years the Administration and several consultant experts have reviewed and studied Algonquin in detail. Fact: the Administration reviewed the building at some length with Alberta Culture Historical Resources Division, relative to its merits and possible reconstruction costs. Fact: the Administration discussed the building with the Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation regarding options for disposition. Fact: the Administration discussed or referred to, Algonquin on several different occasions at open meetings of the Facilities Development Committee, Board Building Committee and the Board of Governors — each group being representative of the Greater University community. It is worthy of note that at each major review of the Algonquin problem senior administration insisted on yet another study or the involvement of yet another party. Senior administration has been consistent in demanding that all avenues of hope for the building be explored before finally agreeing to recommend demolition of Algonquin.

I, too, am saddened by the necessary removal of Algonquin but I am not angered. Rather, as I walk by the blank spot where Algonquin once stood, I muse about the future and the continued evolution of this University — its facilities and its people.

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## Don't Don!

Dear Editor:

One of premier Don Getty's first actions in office is to rename Kananaskis Provincial Park after our retired premier, Peter Lougheed.

I strongly object to such action being taken. Kananaskis is an Indian name with historical significance to the area. Within Kananaskis Country a natural monument has already been named in honour of the Lougheed family, Mount Lougheed 3050 metres (10,194 ft.). It and Mount Sparrowhawk together form an impressive 1000 metre vertical backdrop behind Mount Allen that the world will see at the 1988 Winter Olympics. What will be the next step, rename the Upper and Lower Kananaskis Lakes to Peter and Jeanne?

I have a better idea. I propose that we, our government, create a monument in his honour. The scenic Upper Oldman River is an appropriate location for Peter Lougheed Provincial Park.

A recent study by the University of Calgary's department of economics found that the 1984 summer benefits to recreationists using the Upper Oldman totalled around \$255,000. In five years, at the 1984 rate, summer benefits alone would equal the estimated value gained from lodging.

What do you think Peter?

Respectfully,  
Tim Eaton

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