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Dr. Johns' Second Thoughts

As the leaves change color from summer to fall, so it appears that the university president changes views from fall to winter.

In the November 2, 1963 edition of The Edmonton Journal, Dr. Walter Johns was quoted as saying that:

In the matter of subsidy to students, it should be pointed out that the students with homes in Edmonton are already subsidized by having the university close at hand. The only subsidy involved is for the sons and daughters of families in the country and small towns who really need this kind of assistance in order to permit them to attend university at all.

Dr. Johns was commenting on the new residence complex, and therefore we conclude that he was taking about students living in residence.

Now, Dr. Johns tells us that government subsidization of student residences would be discrimination against those students not living in residence. He says further:

So long as all out-of-town students cannot be accommodated in university residences, government subsidy of those in residence would not be equitable to other students.

Quite obviously Dr. Johns has switched his views on subsidization. In fact, the two views are contradictory.

There are two categories of students not living in residence: those whose homes are in Edmonton and those who are from outside of Ed-

monton but do not live in residence.

Regarding the first group, let us remember Dr. Johns' statement above that "students with homes in Edmonton are already subsidized."

As regards the second group, it must be pointed out that most students in that group live in the general university area—for example the Garneau district.

It has been proved by a survey that Garneau room and board rates are much lower than the rates set for the new residences. Experience also shows that Garneau rates are deeply influenced by increases in residence fees.

Therefore Dr. Johns' two views are obviously contradictory. The first view (November 2) is by far the better one; the most recent one is not only contradictory, but inaccurate. The inaccuracy arises from the fact that out-of-town students living in the Garneau area are living for much less than \$96 a month for a single room—which will be the case in the new residences if no change in rates is made.

How, then, can Dr. Johns say that government subsidy of those in residence would not be equitable to other students?

Indeed, the reverse is true. If rates are increased to the proposed levels in the new residences, room and board rates for students in all outlying areas will also rise, as past experience has shown.

We hope Dr. Johns will realize the error of his later view and join students in their fight for justice.

Now They Say He's Coming

Further to our editorial in the last issue regarding censorship, we may notice two incidents. The Provincial Board of Censors have announced that *Tom Jones* will be seen in this province contrary to previous reports. In addition, the recent Film Society presentation *Cléo de 5 à 7* contained a nude woman sequence!

At a time when the Film Society has been complaining bitterly and frequently about censorship and there has been considerable fuss regarding *Tom Jones*, it is gratifying to note progressive tendencies from the Board of Censors. It is possible that further loud criticism may have equally beneficial results.

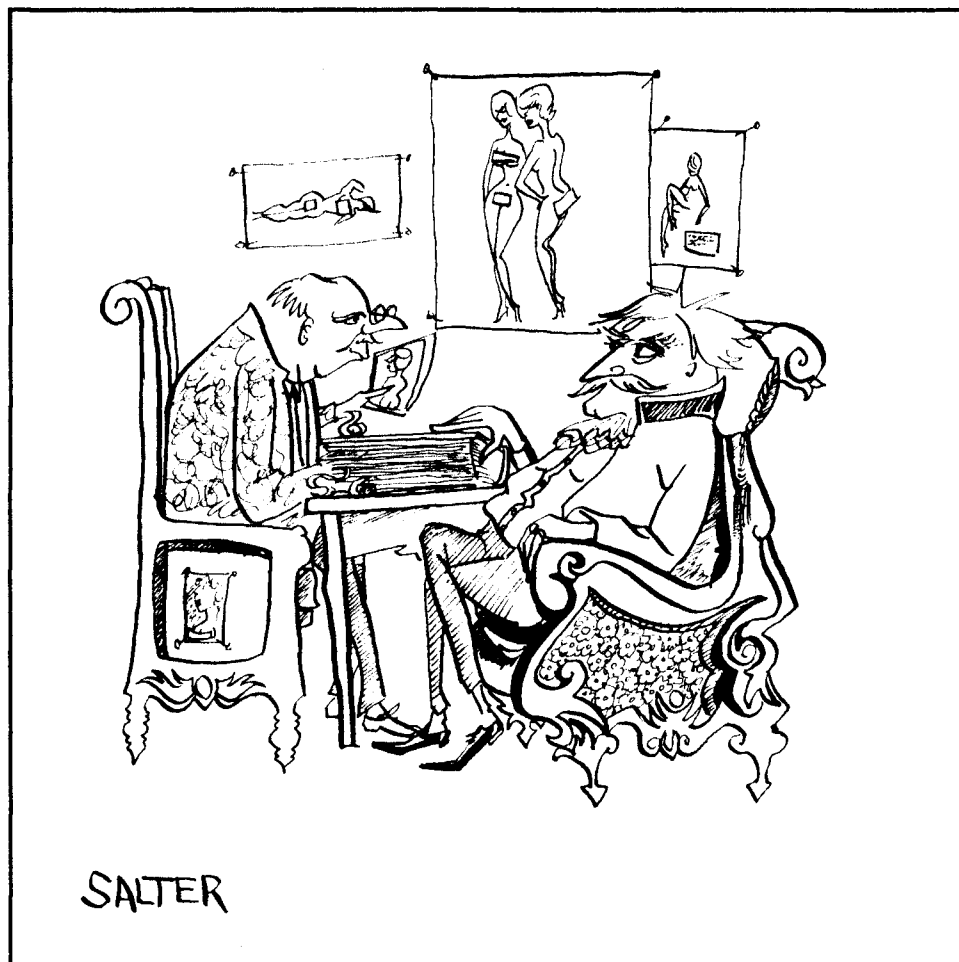
UAC Autonomy

The Board of Governors of the University of Alberta has announced that parallel systems of government for the Edmonton and Calgary campuses would be the best solution for the problem of "UAC autonomy."

The board also adds, however, that the University Act should provide an "overall authority designed to achieve coordination of services and financial support." And this proviso has met with some opposition in Calgary.

To us, the proviso appears to be a most logical one. It is necessary for the good of the educational system in the province as a whole that there be no unnecessary duplication of academic services and misuse of funds. The best way to assure efficiency is to coordinate the activities and finances of the two campuses.

As for the autonomy seekers in Calgary, they should be satisfied now that the board has suggested that there be a "president" for the Calgary campus.



"IT'S THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF PORNOGRAPHY IN THE COUNTRY. BUILT UP EXCLUSIVELY DURING MY 36 YEARS AS AN ALBERTA FILM CENSOR (AND I'M GETTING THE LATEST CUTTINGS FROM TOM JONES IN A PLAIN BROWN ENVELOPE)."

Advice From Provost

UAC Basketball Weekend

Following is part of a letter from Provost A. A. Ryan with regard to a recent excursion by U of A students to another campus. Provost Ryan's advice is reprinted because it applies to the UAC Basketball Exchange this weekend.

As you know, the Deans' Council did not feel that it could properly involve the university in an event of this kind by . . . taking responsibility for their conduct and welfare. It went on record, however, as not objecting to students going on their own responsibility as private individuals.

The success of the trip will depend entirely on the ability of each and every student going to distinguish between good fun and the kind of behavior that they would wish visitors to this campus to be guilty of. If there are outbreaks of vandalism or rowdiness, plans for similar trips in

the future will undoubtedly meet with obstacles.

I am sure the officials or the Students' Union know me well enough to believe that I do not look upon the drinking of alcoholic beverages as a moral or ethical question. Where minors are concerned, however, it raises legal questions, and there are always those who lose their heads and make fools and nuisances of themselves when they drink.

It is wise to accept these facts in advance and to forestall trouble by ensuring that those taking part in a mass visit to another university are aware of them, and can be depended upon to remember that they are guests on another campus which will judge the University of Alberta by their conduct.

Aylmer A. Ryan,
Provost and Executive
Assistant to the President.

Looking Back through The Gateway

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But we are a typical community of happy, care-free young people, interested in our companions and our university, with many pleasures and cares in common with our more intimate friends, and hosts of other ac-

tivities and responsibilities in common with all our fellows. Few of us lack companionship; to none of us is it denied should he seek it. We have learned the open secret of fraternizing without fraternities . . . there is no necessity and no room for fraternities in the University of Alberta . . . The Gateway is heartily opposed to the fraternity system both on the general principle of the system and its particular application to our own university.

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