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Life's a bitch and
then your plane lands.
-Mac Hislop

Students asked on SU

by Shauna MacDonald

Students' Council and students may not be that far apart on the issue of international affairs.

On the basis of a small survey, the majority of students feel the SU shouldn't take a stand on international issues, the main reason being there are too many students on campus with their own ideas and beliefs, and that the SU couldn't possibly represent them all.

Some felt that it isn't the responsibility of the SU, they're not elected political representatives, and they didn't address it in their campaign. Decidedly, if there was a stand taken on certain issues these students feel the SU will have to get the students' views.

A third-year engineering student suggests the SU should put on conferences and other awareness programs through campus clubs.

Other students, who were for taking a stand on international issues, felt it was a good idea. "Every little bit helps," said a first-year physiotherapy student. A third-year Arts student agreed "going beyond responsibility to students, the university should be on the cutting edge of change."

Only about 50% of students had some idea what the SU was for. Some thought it represented students in front of the Board of Governors. Others say the SU acts as a lobby group. A few pointed out the

many services and entertainment provided for students by the SU.

The SU actually does all these, and more.

All students knew that part of their tuition went to the SU.

Suggestions to the SU varied as well. "Don't spend money on ads for Gainers without considering the views of students," said one student. "Work out fee scales — so we're not paying for services that don't affect us," another said. One man suggested at least one SUB restaurant be opened on weekends.

A common suggestion was the SU doesn't communicate with the students enough — they do things their own way.

Clubs can be selective

by Greg Halinda

As the Students' Union wrestles with the issue of discrimination (in South Africa and other countries) on the international scene, at least one U of A student is concerned that the SU may be practicing discrimination in its own backyard.

Maureen Bourke thinks the SU is supporting a club with racist policies.

"The Chinese Students' Association is having a singing talent contest (The Alberta Chinese Amateur Singing Contest) Oct. 25 at the Westin Hotel," says Bourke. "They've advertised that it's open to anyone, but at the bottom of the application form it says 'Chinese only.'"

Why is it that SU funds a club with racist policies? Dick Stedman, SU Clubs Commissioner, says that clubs are more autonomous than ever.

"They can do anything they want as long as they don't pay members an honorarium or salaries, and keep the money within the club," he said.

"We have the right to oversee what they do and to punish them if necessary. They must stay within the law," he added.

The law in fact does permit private clubs to be selective in their membership rules.

John Lynch, executive director of the Alberta Human Rights Commission, says that the constitution of a club can make a bona fide

requirement for members to be of a certain racial background.

"In our society, that is a reasonable and justifiable thing to do," said Lynch. "If (a club) is in contravention of the act (the Individual's Rights Protection Act), if it can be shown the contravention is reasonable and justifiable in those circumstances, then it is not a contravention."

Lynch said that in cases analogous to that of the Chinese Students' Association (CSA) that were brought before the commission, "we didn't have jurisdiction."

Stedman points out that the CSA is not the only club on campus to have practiced "discrimination." He mentioned MENSA (limited to persons of certain IQ levels) and the various faculty clubs as examples.

The president of the CSA, Jeremy Leung, says his club doesn't have much say in the matter of the singing contest.

"It is clear in (the sponsors') minds that the prizes will be limited to Chinese," said Leung. "If a non-Chinese won the contest, the sponsors and audience would bitch."

The contest is being sponsored primarily by Chinese merchants and businesses in Edmonton, who are providing the prizes. Among the prizes are a return trip to Hong Kong, and a diamond ring.

Leung adds that otherwise, the CSA cultural and social promotions (dances, China night) are open to all. He says the singing contest is something non-Chinese wouldn't be interested in.

"SU funding (for CSA) is minimal — this year we got less than one-third of what we asked for," said Leung. "The sponsors are for this event only. We couldn't afford the prizes."

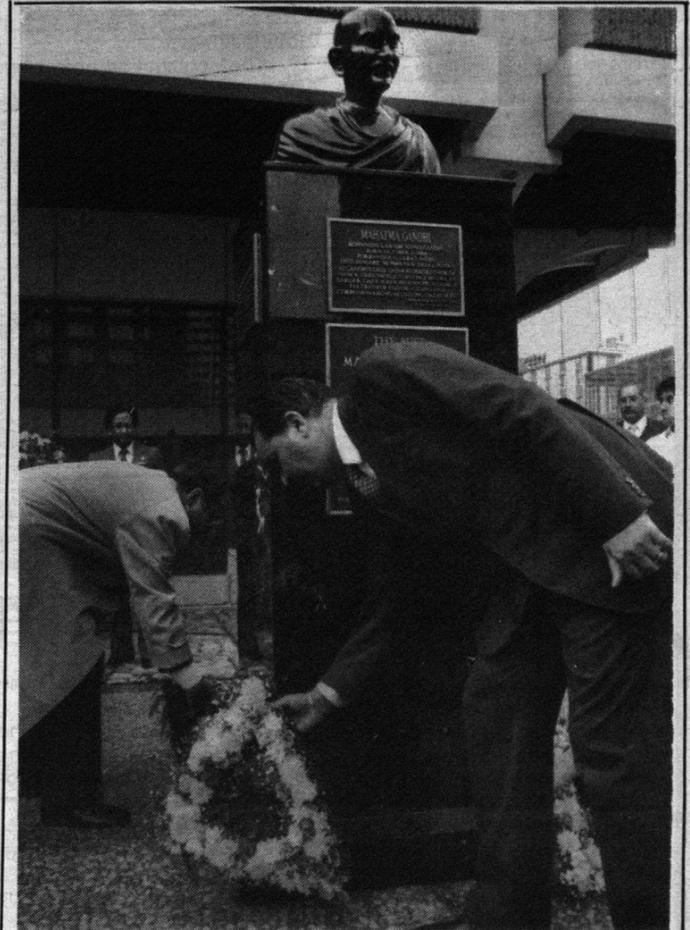
Aryan invite angers U of C

CALGARY (CUP) — The University of Calgary student council has reaffirmed a controversial invitation to the leader of an Alberta white supremacist group.

Terry Long, head of the Aryan nations camp outside of Caroline, Alta., was invited to speak Oct. 10 by the student council's external commission. The invitation came under fire Sept. 18, when audience members at a forum on the Aryan Nations questioned the move.

Council vice-president Don Kozak said he has been swamped with calls and visitors to his office since the invitation. "I've been up late nights thinking about it," he said.

People have branded the commission and its members racist for inviting Long, Kozak said.



His Excellency, S.J.S. Chhatwal, High Commissioner of India, lays a wreath in dedicating this statue of Gandhi last Saturday, donated by the East Indian community of Edmonton. photo Rob Schmidt

But the invitation was "to let people see the ugliness of racism," said Kozak. "It's not just ethnic jokes — it's horrible and ugly."

Alison Bowes, one of those who planned the visit, said a visit by Long is needed to shock students out of apathy.

"People need to be offended now before it gets more complicated."

But council programs commissioner Grace Hwang said the invitation was "a slap in the face to all minorities on campus."

Hwang did not agree shock tactics were needed. "If they just stretched their minds a bit, they could understand," said Hwang, who moved to revoke the invitation.

Mike Beaton, who actually invited Long, said it did not occur to the commission anyone would object.

He said a speech by Long would unite University of Calgary students against racism.

"Having (South African Ambassador Glenn) Babb on campus last year did more to help the anti-apartheid cause on campus than anything the Committee on Racism ever did," he said.

But Kozak said commission members have put themselves on the line about the issue. He noted the Aryan Nations now have Beaton's, Bowes', and his name on file.

"I don't want these people phoning me," he said. "I'm scared."

Business fund raising success

by Emma Sadgrove

The Faculty of Business at the U of A has achieved great success in its first major fund raising drive.

The Competitive Edge Campaign has a goal of \$3.55 million, which has nearly been reached only half way through the campaign.

The campaign chairman, H.J. Sanders Pearson, attributes this early success to the generous support of various individuals and businesses particularly those who contributed \$250,000. A gift of this size endows a chair in the faculty.

Pearson also credits the success to the commitment of volunteers and the Faculty's Business Advisory Council, as well as the support of the University.

As the Competitive Edge Campaign is a national fund drive, Pearson is confident that the \$3.55 million goal will be exceeded.

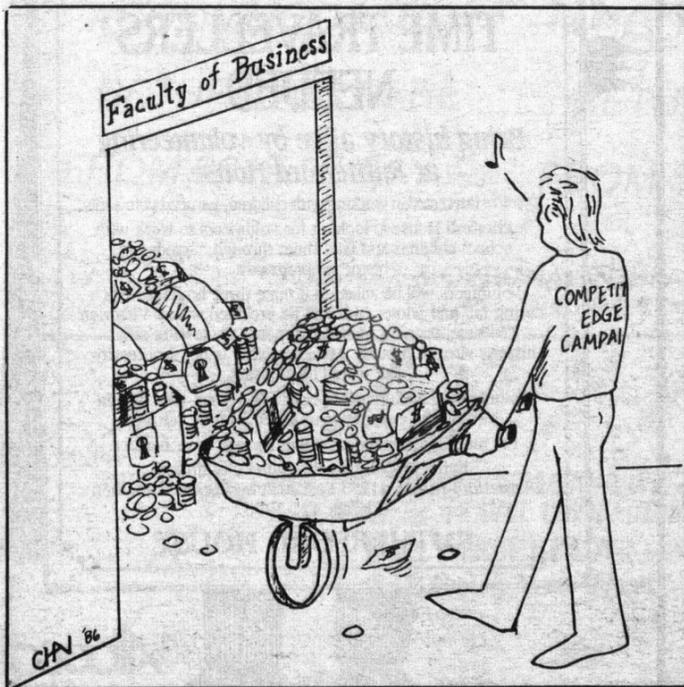
The fund will also be increased by grants from the Alberta Government's Advanced Education Endow-

ment and Incentive Fund. These grants match cash donations for endowments on a 2:1 ratio.

Cash donations for capital and operating purposes will be matched on a 1:1 ratio.

With these grants it is expected that the fund will exceed \$10 million.

Pearson sees this campaign as part of developing a major Canadian business school in Edmonton.



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