

# VIEWPOINT

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## Admin Needs Revamping?

To The Editor:

Dear Girls, sixth floor,

With respect to the letter "Disgusted" written by the Girls from Lister Hall dated Oct. 27: here is my answer and good reason to disagree with our present administration, facilities and regulations. The girls seem pleased with these aspects and criticized The Gateway's "unfounded criticisms". Since I am in my third year I believe that I am more capable of viewing the facts than they are since there are many frosh amongst them. I present my argument as follows:

The administration needs revamping. As stated in their letter, Mr. Tauzer, is rather human (I sincerely hope so) "and is even interested in the welfare of the residents." Is it not his job to take interest in the students, but as a whole instead of residence students only? Does the U of A regard their educated "administration majors" as inferiorly educated hence the need for an American Housing Director? Heaven help our Canadian Culture! Lister Hall is to be used for the next 50 years at least, so why then, Mr. Housing Director, is someone trying to pay off the debt in a few years (eh Uncle Ernie?).

Who has the right, Housing Committee, to tell the off-campus students the "correct campus dress" in "your" cafeteria when "we" are also paying the cost of the building? Blue jeans can be neat. Girls-sixth floor—don't miss your meal while changing from slacks to a skirt in 20-below weather. The housing director is partially to blame since he supposedly should sit in on the housing committee!

Girls, interested in some facts? Then read on. Last year, meals in Hot Cafeteria cost 90 cents; this year Lister Hall charges \$1.15 for a comparable meal. Why the extra 25 cents? Does Hot Cafeteria close at 4:30 p.m. so students must patronize the basic \$1.15 meal? Parking meter costs: last year were 10 cents while this year costs 20 cents per day—note the only improvements made were by the "paintbrush-happy children". Library fees are coming into existence—come on staff, check the bindery and stacks before you send notices for unreturned books. Residence fees may not be exorbitant in the views of some residents this year. However, one can live alone in a two room private suite for \$65 a month, or \$150 per year less. I guess next year I can claim an extra \$150 for room and board on by grant loan form.

I rest my case.

Yours sincerely,  
Experienced

## Ed Faculty Defended

To The Editor:

I have just finished reading the reply to my letter in the Oct. 23 edition of The Gateway. My conscience will not let such scandalous writing go unanswered; I cannot let the campus remain with the false impression this unique, or should I say odd, Ed student has tried to convey.

As for Education revelling, "in the throes of inert societal ideals", I should like to remind this young fellow that Society is People. If anything is not inert, people are certainly not—we have left behind our caves and we have progressed to our towering white

edifice. A white pillar that holds within, for me as well as the rest of society, the instruments, i.e., the teachers, that will be used by an imperfect society (if it were perfect, would we have need for teachers?) to build a bright, promising, evolving future.

Narrow the gulf between the ideal and the existing situation, he instructs. I ask: what is the "ideal" and what is the existing situation? This fellow has not progressed far enough in his academic pursuits to really question the methods used in our faculty—he has not had the experience, and, quite obviously, he lacks maturity, as illustrated by his attitude to himself, to his accepted profession (it has not yet accepted him) and his fellow professionals. Ed 2, nothing could possibly be more concerned with the existing situation, as you put it, than the field of Education. We are dealing with Life in our profession, and of what worth is life without the ability to use our minds?

"Education, the tool of society?" Most assuredly it is. That society is imperfect and corrupt is only this lost soul's opinion—not entirely true, since my fellow professionals and I are battling the giant, Ignorance. Our field generals, Initiative and Perseverance, are confident of victory.

I leave one question of Ed 2: Who is to re-work the system you would so insanely reduce to chaos? doctors? lawyers? or would you call them teachers?

Tom Landsman  
Ed 4

P.S. I recommend that Ed 2 read *Education as a Profession* by Myron Lieberman. It is in the Ed Library, if he knows where that is.

## First Impressions

# Connecticut Yankee In Dr. Johns' College

By Janet Orzech

When I arrived here in Edmonton on September 22, I honestly was not expecting to be greeted by Sergeant Preston of the RCMP and his team of trusty huskies.

Nor did I expect the University of Alberta to be carved out of a block of ice; or did I imagine I would be dining on chunks of whale blubber.

Unfortunately, this is what some Canadians told me Americans believe about the great white neighbor to the north of US.

I shudder when I hear such misconceptions. Most Yankee friends of mine back home truly do not have these ideas about Canada. Instead, before I left for the U of A, they offered comments as "You really must see Calgary", or "Don't miss BC." Unfortunately, not much is known about Edmonton.

At any rate, when I arrived at the CNR station, Dean Coutts, of the faculty of education, and Rhoda Lilje, my "big sister", welcomed me and brought me to the university. I was first impressed by the size of the university, for Central Connecticut State College in New Britain is quite a bit smaller.

My next thought was a prayer

## Smart Students Take Advantage

# CUS Offers Low Cost Life Insurance

"If Canadian students were as smart as everyone says they are, more of them would buy CUS life insurance."

"For years Canadian students screamed that we should take advantage of our numbers and get a cheap life insurance plan," says Dave Jenkins, past national president of the Canadian Union of Students.

"So then CUS called for bids from all Canadian insurance companies. We had actuaries and lawyers examine over 60 bids. Canadian Premier Life put forward the best—and no other company has been able to beat it since."

What is the CUS life plan?

It is a life insurance plan sponsored by the Canadian Union of Students and available across Canada exclusively to members.

To find out just how the plan works, The Gateway Editor and Chairman of the local CUS Committee interviewed Mr. R. T. Sewell, the manager of Canadian Premier Life's local office.

Mr. Sewell noted the wide acceptance the CUS life plan has received from university students—from freshmen to graduates. At present well over 5,000 CUS members have purchased over \$40,000,000 CUS life insurance.

On this campus last year, students bought CUS policies to the value of over \$720,000. To date claims have been received totaling \$65,000, substantiating, Mr. Sewell said, the very definite need for coverage envisaged by CUS.

Although the CUS life plan is designed specifically for its members, and the terms of the contract have been dictated by the Canadian Union of Students, it should be pointed out, Mr. Sewell said, that should the student leave university earlier than expected, or eventually terminate his association with CUS, his policy remains in full force.

In fact in every way, the student has the advantage of being treated as an individual policyholder of Canadian Premier Life. He thus has available to him the full range of services offered to individual policyholders, including of course, professional advice on his future insurance program.

How does the CUS life plan work?

The plan is divided into two phases, a term phase during which the premiums are low, and a permanent phase after the student has become established and is able to assume a regular insurance premium.

During the term phase—10 years or the age 35 whichever occurs first—the premium is \$3.50 per \$1,000 per year. This is a very low premium compared with other term rates, Mr. Sewell noted. And it must be remembered, he said, that the CUS rate is the same regardless of the age of the person applying, while other rates increase as age increases.

The second phase of the CUS life plan to which it eventually changes can be any plan of permanent insurance then issued by Canadian Premier Life.

It was noted by Mr. Sewell that Canadian Premier Life permanent premium rates are very competitive with other companies, and further advantage is given a student in a guaranteed maximum premium rate indicated in the CUS policy.

In other words, the permanent

premium rate can be no higher than that stated in the CUS contract—and if the premium rate is lower at the time conversion takes place, then the individual would benefit from the lower rate.

A misunderstanding sometimes arises when the student feels that the Company is able to give him an individual term insurance policy at such a low rate only because the eventual permanent insurance rate will be excessive, or that there will be an extra charge at the time the policy is change to permanent insurance.

The fact remains that this is not the case. Not only is there no charge at the time of conversion, but an allowance called a conversion allowance, of \$2.50 per \$1,000 is deducted from the first premium of a converted policy. This conversion allowance takes effect regardless of when the conversion takes place.

Mr. Sewell was asked about the Guaranteed Insurability Benefit of the CUS life plan.

Guaranteed Insurability Benefit (G.I.B.) was made available as an optional benefit under the CUS life plan by a decision taken at the CUS Congress meeting in Edmonton last year.

This benefit is seldom if ever included as an optional benefit in any other individual term policy and it therefore adds greatly to the uniqueness and desirability of the CUS life plan, Mr. Sewell said.

Guaranteed Insurability was designed specifically because the need for future life insurance protection is evident for every one, but the amount of future insurance and the times that it will be needed are not known, and of course will vary from individual to individual.

But when the time arrives for the acquisition of more life insurance protection, the individual may no longer have the ability to pass a medical examination—and thus be ineligible for protection at all—except in a sub-standard classification and at very high rates.

Guaranteed Insurability allows CUS policyholders to provide a new policy of permanent life insurance equal to one-half the amount of the CUS policy WITH-OUT proof of good health. This may be done on seven different occasions.

Thus a \$10,000 CUS life policy with G.I.B. enables a student to add up to \$5,000 at seven different ages up to the age of 40, to the value of his policy. The additional premium for the inclusion of this benefit is only 50 cents for every \$1,000 of the CUS life plan.

In his interview, Mr. Sewell pointed out many other valuable and unique features available under the CUS life plan, and he urged students to find out about these when considering the purchase of life insurance.

The CUS life plan may be applied for at any time in the calendar year, although if applied for prior to the 15th of February the student is allowed to enroll on a special short form application which was fewer questions concerning the insured's health.

After the 15th of February, a regular application form is used which is slightly more detailed.

Premium payments and contract negotiations are handled directly by Canadian Premier Life and do not involve an expense administration for the Canadian Union of Students or the Students' Union, Mr. Sewell said.

Details on the CUS life plan are available in the CUS office in SUB, everyday from 12 noon to 1 p.m.