

## Some students sort of vote occasionally

The heading of *Gateway*, Thursday, Oct. 7, read, "Alberta Students Support FAS." Don't you think that title inappropriate? It is very difficult to take seriously a student newspaper which so misconceives the issues and the interests of its students. Clearly, and inarguably, students at the U of A are not concerned about FAS. Neither are those at U of C. Both universities' recorded voter turnouts of 10 per cent at the Oct.

6 referendum.

Yet Brian Mason, secretary-treasurer of FAS, is quoted as follows in the article: "These decisions at the two largest universities in the province show very clearly a resurgence of concern among students about the issues that affect them. I think FAS has now received a mandate from the university students in Alberta to continue its policies..." Mandate? Resurgence?

Mr. Mason's remarks are ludicrous. No mandate could possibly come from 1,343 students out of 20,000. The actual mandate passed down was indifference. The majority of students do not care about FAS, or its business. Isn't that the conclusion to be drawn? But Mr. Mason's remarks are quoted as if they were perfectly acceptable.

The next headline on the same page reads, "Grad Students Vote Full Support Oct. 14." Isn't that deliberately misleading? Or do you excuse it as eye-catching? "About 35 grad students from the departments of political science, sociology, anthropology and educational foundations, approved a resolution..." (*Gateway*, Oct. 7).

I believe that *The Gateway* is neither addressing itself to the actual concerns of the majority of students, nor fulfilling its editorial obligations.

Colin Ross  
Commerce 2

## Beer bash a bust

This letter was written to serve a dual purpose: to apologize to the people in attendance at the Dinwoodie social on Saturday, and to comment on the Students' Union handling of this event.

This gathering was sponsored by the U of A Chemical Engineering Club. As it turned out though, we had nothing to do with the handling of this event.

The Students' Union told us that they would be managing all socials this year as past performances by various clubs had proved inadequate. They would, they said, handle such things as beer sales, tickets, and security because we were unable to do an adequate job in these areas. The only thing left to us was publicity.

As it turned out, under the expert handling of the Students' Union there was a shortage of beer. It seemed the "experts" had miscalculated and by 11 p.m., not midnight as their banners suggested, there were no more beer tickets for sale. The reason they gave was to the effect that everyone drank too much. It seems that Students' Union is now regulating the amount of beer students can consume on this campus.

One question why the Students' Union, the experts on handling such affairs, would underestimate the needed supply of suds. For one thing, the ALCB provides refunds for unused

liquor purchased under a permit, and for the other RATT could easily handle the excess.

I write this in hopes that you will realize that this miserable handling was not the fault of the Chemical Engineering Club. We do however, apologize to all of those who were in attendance.

Niels Gundesen  
disgruntled Chem E Student

## Discrimination is nothing new

I was enraged, yet not at all surprised when I read about the Chinese Students' Association mailbox incident in the editorial (*Gateway*, Oct. 7).

During the last three years as an executive member of the CSA, incidents of this nature occur so often they became something we have to live with.

Notices on our door were burnt, mutilated or decorated with remarks. In order to keep them safe, they have to be posted inside the glass door.

I agree with you, some people can be so ignorant when it comes to the problem of racial differences. You think they are here for higher education, turns out that the stuff they learned appeared in our mailbox last Monday.

Certain people just cannot accept the fact that there are other kinds of people besides themselves. They see us as being non-white, thus inferior, not that we are only different, culturally.

Strip off the skin and we're a bloody mess, but at least we're equal.

The concept of all "coloured" people are inferior is all in the mind, if people can just open their eyes and see through the skin, well, judging from all the

past incidents, it is not going to happen here anyway.

In the meantime, all notices will still be inside the glass door, and we will be hiring a part-time janitor for our mailbox.

Joseph A. Chiang  
VP Chinese Students Assoc.

## Cricket bugs student

As an added comment to the "Edmonton 61" controversy which occupied so much of the past week's headlines, I would like very much to point out a serious danger in the public reaction.

Many people seem to feel that the protester's energies could be directed more constructively at something better than a cricket team. I must make haste to point out that although the contribution made to world politics by cricket has to this date been low-key and by and large

unnoticed. Nonetheless, when one considers the size of the world's insect population as a whole, the potential for mischief is enormous.

Please do not sell the insect world short; buzzing around in the heads of these tiny creatures are scores of intensely passionate feelings about all sorts of hot issues, and believe me, protesting a cricket team doesn't mean bugger-all to your wasps, or your bees, or your ants.

Anholt Bluebottle  
Dept. of Entomology

## For once...a fan !!

After one month of staying here at the U of A as a regular student, I have to express my personal view on this wonderful university — of its way of life, and of its inhabitants. Albertans should be very proud of the students who are here. Yes, youths of today are very different, but they have much more charm and get more enjoyment from life than we did years ago.

Simplicity of their clothing, friendships and behaviors are wonderful because they show what personal liberty is, and how it effects them individually. They have personal energy force, and willingness to accomplish their goals. Everyone is busy watching time-tables in order to be exactly on time for the lessons.

Conditions and conveniences of the university gives everybody a good chance to perform this wonderful duty.

Apart from that, recreational facilities are at their full disposal to that everybody has what they want. Sport fields are full day and night with the students practicing their physical sport with enthusiasm and pleasure. "In corpo sano, spirito est sano."

Walking and meeting them on campus, you see physical strength and health in everybody — boys and girls. It gives you the idea that they are all good and proud bearers of their role in life as being Canadian.

Saturday and Sundays are the days for their personal pleasures, where the sport activities attract everyone. And late at night, you can hear loud voices and calls — like wolves and coyotes — in order to burst their energies.

I think that it is very important that people my age come here and see this way of life and its youths, to get an idea of what education means here. "Dum Vivimus, Vivamus".

Rajo Vuksanovich  
(Senior Citizen)  
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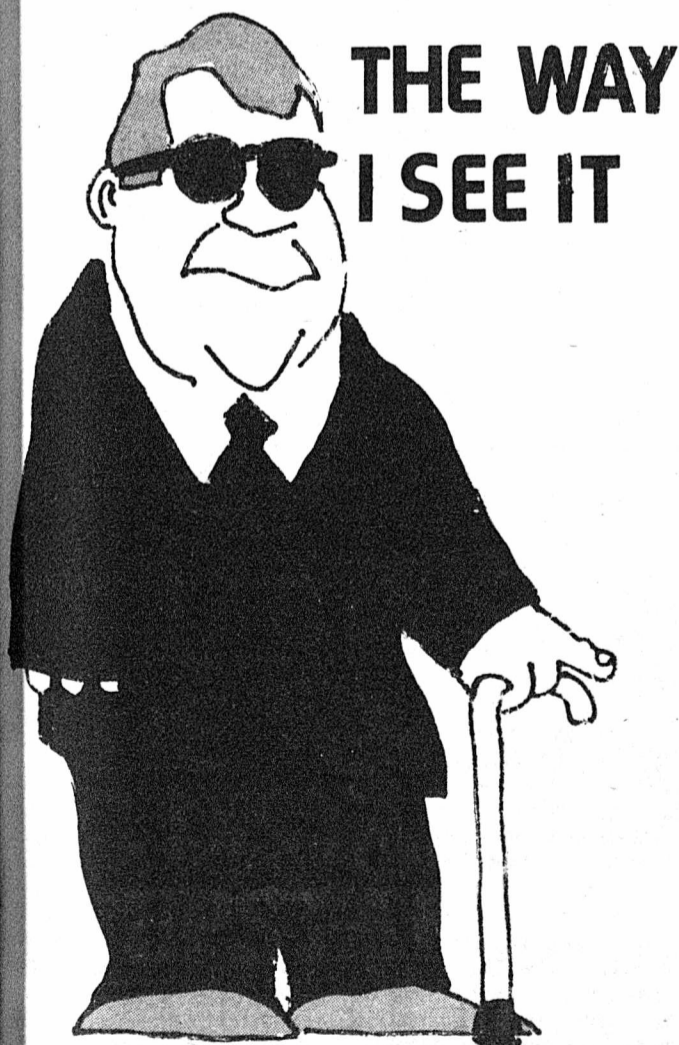
## Mom offers grateful thanks

I applaud *Gateway's* efforts to extend its readership into the Edmonton community, to appeal to persons of all ages. My daughter, age twelve, has become an avid fan of *Gateway* writers Ambrose Fierce and Frank Mutton. "They really understand the way my mind works," she recently commented. She has even organized, among her friends, The Fierce Mutton Fan Club.

No doubt, her interests will change as she moves on to high school; for the moment though, she is thoroughly enchanted by "those neat guys," as she calls them. Thank you for amusing the children.

Jean H. Stone  
Graduate Studies

## Frank Mutton



Well, today is the **big day**. All across the country working-class people are **sleeping in late** and enjoying the **day of protest**. Here at the **Journal**, things are pretty quiet — not only are all the presses shut down, but **O'Callaghan** the chief, led a delegation of newsroom protesters over to the **Cecil** to complain about the price of draft, so the place is pretty quiet.

J. Patrick didn't quite make it to the bar, however — on the way over he bumped into **Jack Pickett**, a local rail union chief. After a heated confrontation over wage controls, O'Callaghan called Jack a **dumb Mick** who talked like he had a **railway tie up his ass**.

Mr. O'Callaghan by the way, will be taking an idea from fellow journalist **Jim Davies**: for the next 30 days, J. Patrick will write a special **Patient for a Month** feature from the **Intensive Care Ward** at the **General**.

Speaking of the **Day of protest**, I just caught a news bulletin off the **CP wire service** from CLC headquarters in Ottawa. It seems that **Joe Morris** the CLC chief, has changed his mind and doesn't want any wage-control protest today.

He says the sudden change of heart by the union is due to the realization that the wage controls are the only road to recovery for the Canadian economy. Besides, he says, he'll be too busy counting the **four billion dollars** the government has just granted the union. Joe says the money is part

of a fund set up by the new "**Well shut Mah Mow!**" branch of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

The **Chartered Accountants Society of Canada** sent me a copy of a letter they're delivering to **Mayor Cavanaugh** tomorrow. It seems that they found out what the colour scheme in the **Churchill Station** of the new rapid transit system will be, and they are **incensed**.

You see, there are a lot of **C.P.A.s** in Chancery Hall, above the station, and the Society is afraid that the **flaming orange** walls, covered with surrealistic **Dayglo** pictures of former mayors, may send the accountants into a catatonic state.

They cite evidence from the **University** that ordinarily mild-mannered **Commerce students** are thrown into a **frothing frenzy** by the sight of anything bright and shiny (especially currency).

**Business Reporter**, which appeared on campus yesterday, ran a special report on the problem and came to the conclusion that Commerce students generally froth at anything, and thus this was no indication of their emotional state.

The **Engineering Department** has agreed to lead all C.P.'s out of the building by hand until the walls can be painted a **dull grey**.

**Bill Comrie** phoned to let me know that his **Midnight Madness Sale** on Monday was a huge success. However, Bill did not mean to sell his **mother**, who was

cleaning the toilets in the men's can, and would appreciate her return. There won't be a refund, but Bill says the lucky customer can make a great deal on his brother-in-law ...

**Bruce Hogle** over at **CFRN** has just returned from a tour of **Japan** — it seems that while in Tokyo, he took a wrong turn and ended up in a **geisha house**. Judging from the way he acts, it gave him a whole new slant on life ... **Dean Adams** over at the U would appreciate it if people wouldn't try pulling his **nose** and **mustache** — believe it or not, he was born with them and doesn't appreciate the constant comments about his striking resemblance to **Groucho Marx** ... **Chuck Chandler** and the crew at **Disco Dazes** want to make it clear that having to be seen with a mob of **fruity teenagers** really embarrasses them, but ITV's boss **Charles Allard** threatened them with guest appearances on the **Barb Kelly** show, so they gave in.

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

Latin apologists might note a fault in last week's headline writer in "admuram...Oedipe" run in the masthead ears. "Murus" is second declension noun and to say **movement up to the wall** we should have put "ad" with accusative **muros**.

In closing remember that as you wander down the **road of Life**, don't expect to get a free ride. (I mean, the police are really cracking down on hitchhikers these days, you know?)