

# The Gateway

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## STAFF THIS ISSUE

It didn't help when the IBM Composer ran out of tape, and it made matters even worse when the Verity machine went on strike, but it shot the issue permanently when Dennis and Dawn came back with a case of beer. Sozzled staffers this issue were Winston Gereluk, Don Jones, David (Blue Label) Bird, Elsie-of-the-sixteen-bottles Ross, Walt Nielson, Ron McTavish, Stu (Stewed) Layfield, Ron (Bottle, bottle, who's got the bottle) Ternoway, Beth Nilsen, Bud (weiser) Joberg, Ross Harvey, George Drohomirecki, Harry Schweitzer, Bob (the Foam eater) Blair, Ann Parker, Karen Moeller, drinking Dick Nimmons, Dennis (who went with Dawn to get the foam) Windrim, Dawn (who came back with Dennis) Kunesky, David Fox, Bob Mack, Lana (Gateway Drinking Champ) Yakimchuk, and, of course, I, Harvey G. (for guzzle, guzzle, giggle, hic.) Thomgirt, your friendly and ever-loving lush in the grass.

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## Enrollment etc.

Enrollment this year is 1,200 down from what was predicted. Last year it was down 2,000.

U of A administration must have, given last year's experience, predicted a minimum.

Meanwhile campus construction goes madly on and on as usual. There are presently nine major buildings being constructed on campus at a cost of over 30 million dollars.

Insane, isn't it.

What the university seems to be doing is simply subsidizing the construction industry.

Dr. Neal, vice-president for Development and Planning says that all the present projects are designed for the present level of enrolment.

Really? All the present projects were planned several ago when no-one foresaw the drastic decline in the rate of increase of enrolment.

Anyhow, are campus facilities so inadequate that it would take nine major buildings and several more minor projects to bring the facilities up to the desired level?

All the buildings presently being built by the university are designed for "academic" purposes. The university seems to have little concern for the quality of life of the students.

Many students are desperately in need of decent housing facilities. And yet the only thing the university administration had done recently in this regard is to help negotiate a loan for the Students' Union to build their housing project. And they are still planning the destruction of North Garneau - "home" to many students.

In the University's priorities, the student seems to fall far behind buildings.

The administration seems to regard the student as something to be mesmerized by an authoritarian registration procedure, assigned an I.D. number, pushed through static timetables and course requirements, and eventually assigned another number as a mark of achievement. The buildings don't have I.D. numbers.

University administrators are obsessed with worry about where the money will come from for the buildings. They very rarely worry about where the students will come from to fill the buildings or the need of students for the buildings.

Some of the money could (at a superficial glance) be changed constructively into areas (such as housing or even hiring better props) that would benefit students far more than for instance, an ornate and expensive fine arts building.

However the administration is committed to subsidizing the Alberta construction industry and can't really care about the quality of student life.

At the University of Calgary, there has been invoked a budget freeze because of decreased enrollment. However this freeze does not extend to present construction, only to those areas in which the university is presently operating which directly affect the student, for instance, the hiring of professors.

The construction contracts signed by the University of Calgary are legally binding. They cannot now stop construction because of decreased enrollment or other factors. However they have no such obligations to the students.

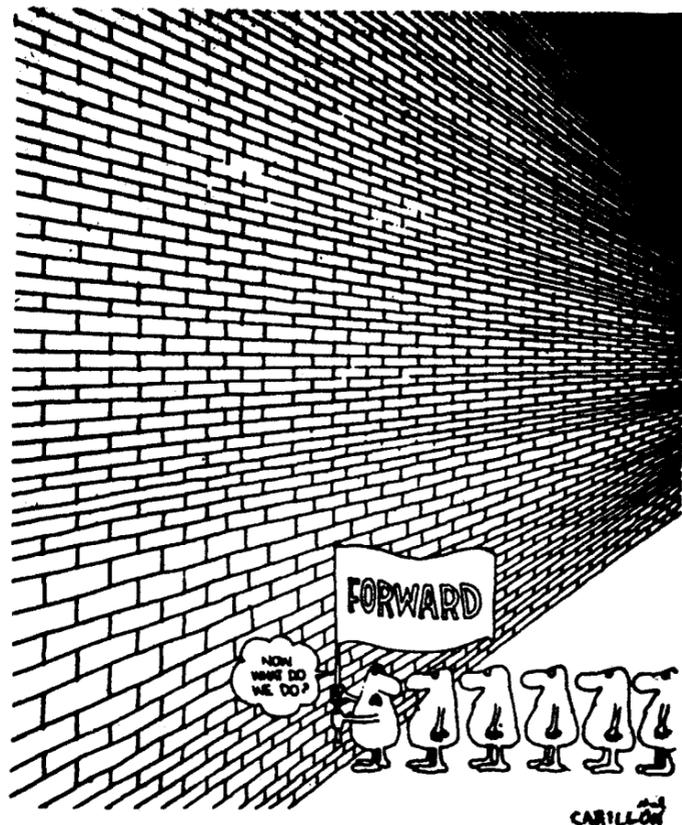
This university is designed to serve corporate interests--not the interests of the students.

Students are not coming to university because they are finally realizing that it is not designed to accommodate them--they cannot even rely on it to provide them with job qualifications any more.

## People

Hi.

We still need staffers. Not desperately but it would be nice. However, we would like to point out that, contrary to the impression of the Students' Union Personnel Board booklet (which few of you have probably seen and fewer read) you do not have to either fill out an application form or go through Personnel Board. You join the Gateway staff by wandering in and offering to help.



## AN OPEN LETTER

### AN OPEN LETTER TO ARTS DEPT'

As a student in Arts and in a position where I hear the complaints and complements of students in all faculties I think that the time has come to express what I've heard and seen of your office of operation.

I feel that there would be nothing gained by reminding the department just who is responsible for their salaries - nor do I feel that it should be

necessary to state the foolishly elementary principles of economics that if there are no customers there's no clerks.

No student expects, or should expect, a subservient attitude on your part, a "shout and I'll jump attitude", but no student will accept (and I urge students to reject) an attitude of condensation, arrogance, and just plain crude ignorance.

Student, after student has told me of their disgust at the

treatment they have received on "Cloud 214, Arts Building" statements like "The Dean doesn't talk to students. "Dr.-----is too busy to talk to you!" just can not be tolerated. Arts staffers, you do not expect that diffident rudeness from others and let's be clear about this--we don't expect that attitude from you!

Doug Black  
Coordinator

## Comment on Amchitka

by Darryl Gregorash

It took federal Environment Minister Jack Davis long enough to do it but he finally came out in opposition to the Amchitka nuclear test.

This came after a long list of responsible people had served notice that serious repercussions, both legal and ecological, could result if the October test goes ahead as scheduled.

The special circumstances involved in the test are worth looking at--something that President Nixon obviously has not done.

The most dangerous aspect of the entire matter is that Amchitka Island is located in the Aleutian chain - an area with one of the highest earthquake probabilities in the world. One need only recall that 1964 Alaska earthquake to know this sort of terror. The Americans are dealing with a large

amount of natural stress, which most certainly has been building up, and are threatening to release it on several hundreds of millions of innocent people.

There is also the possibility that severe leakage of radio-active materials could occur. Despite assurances to the contrary, one out of thirteen American nuclear tests have resulted in nuclear waste being spewed into the atmosphere.

It is indicative of the disregard by the American government that the test will take place, not inside US territory, but four miles offshore in international waters. Any wastes entering the atmosphere thus would clearly be a violation by the US of the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

The little Canadian boat that will be in the area in October could have two things happen to it if the test goes ahead. Either it will be boarded by the US Coast Guard--an outright act of piracy on the high seas--or it will be

blown right out of existence--even if the test is called off, Richard Nixon loses.

Perhaps the most idiotic statement of the entire issue came from movie actor John Wayne. He told Canada and Japan, both of whom have officially protested, to shut up and mind their own business. Since the test will take place in international waters, it just so happens, it just so happens to be everybody's business, not just the Americans'.

In a typical extreme right-wing attitude, Wayne said the United States "should be better prepared than anyone else, to deal with the Commies since they are always breaking treaties." He seems to have forgotten who has broken the 1954 Geneva Accord on Viet Nam, and who now will break the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Not the "Commies" but our friendly neighbour to the south, the USA. Perhaps they are not so friendly after all.