

# the Getaway

## EDITORIAL

### It's over

A newspaper dies only once. There is no magical reappearance; there will be no miraculous resurrection; this is not a drill. The *Getaway* is no more.

We would like to thank the University of Alberta Students' Union for overseeing the closure — final and irreversible — of a university tradition for over 70 years. Student politicians and business managers come and go (some all too late); the *Getaway* has been here always. It will be missed.

It has been vibrant, controversial, humorous. It has kept up a vigilant stand against corruption, graft, and prohibition laws, and in more recent times, it has been the dominant agent of change on campus (outside of the women's center).

Predictably, perhaps, leaving such an invaluable and uncommon tradition of truth, beauty, and goodness in the bumbling hands of students was the paper's fatal flaw. We should have, in retrospect, bailed out from the hopelessly incompetent Students' Union organization before the inevitable turned into a reality.

The University administration, fast to turn on students, must share the blame for stifling the press and freedom of expression on campus. Claims that the *Getaway's* service to students can be duplicated by such organs of popular assent as the *Bridge* are lies, damnable lies, and every bureaucrat in University Hall shall burn in hell for that vicious slander.

As we put this final edition to bed, the final staff gathers round for a few minutes of silence for a grand old institution. We know the *Getaway* is doomed, dead. But its spirit will live on; it will survive the hearts and minds of the people. Or something like that.

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### L'optimisme

Could this be the beginning of the end? Forty Soviet Army divisions are poised on the Polish border, in a "state of advanced preparation." Poland has been subjected to martial law, the people's gains and victories against the bulwark of practical Communism over the last sixteen months swept away in one brutal blow. There can be no question the new police state tactics stem from inside the Soviet Union, from inside the HATED Kremlin.

Solidarity, the free Polish labor union, has called for a general strike.

Nations of the free world are cutting off aid and food to Poland. Poland itself has cut off all external communications, and even internal communications have been decimated to avoid popular insurrection.

The Soviet Union has not met the test of its power. It has tried repeated to coerce the Polish leadership to quash the Polish liberation movement. One after another Polish Kremlin surrogates have failed, miserably. The imposition of martial law was a move of desperation; it is the Soviet Union's response to Polish troubles from a position of weakness, not a position of strength.

It is a signal of the beginning of the end of the brutal experiment in Communism that has ravaged Eastern Europe for decades. The nations of the free world can hope only to speed up that inevitable decline.

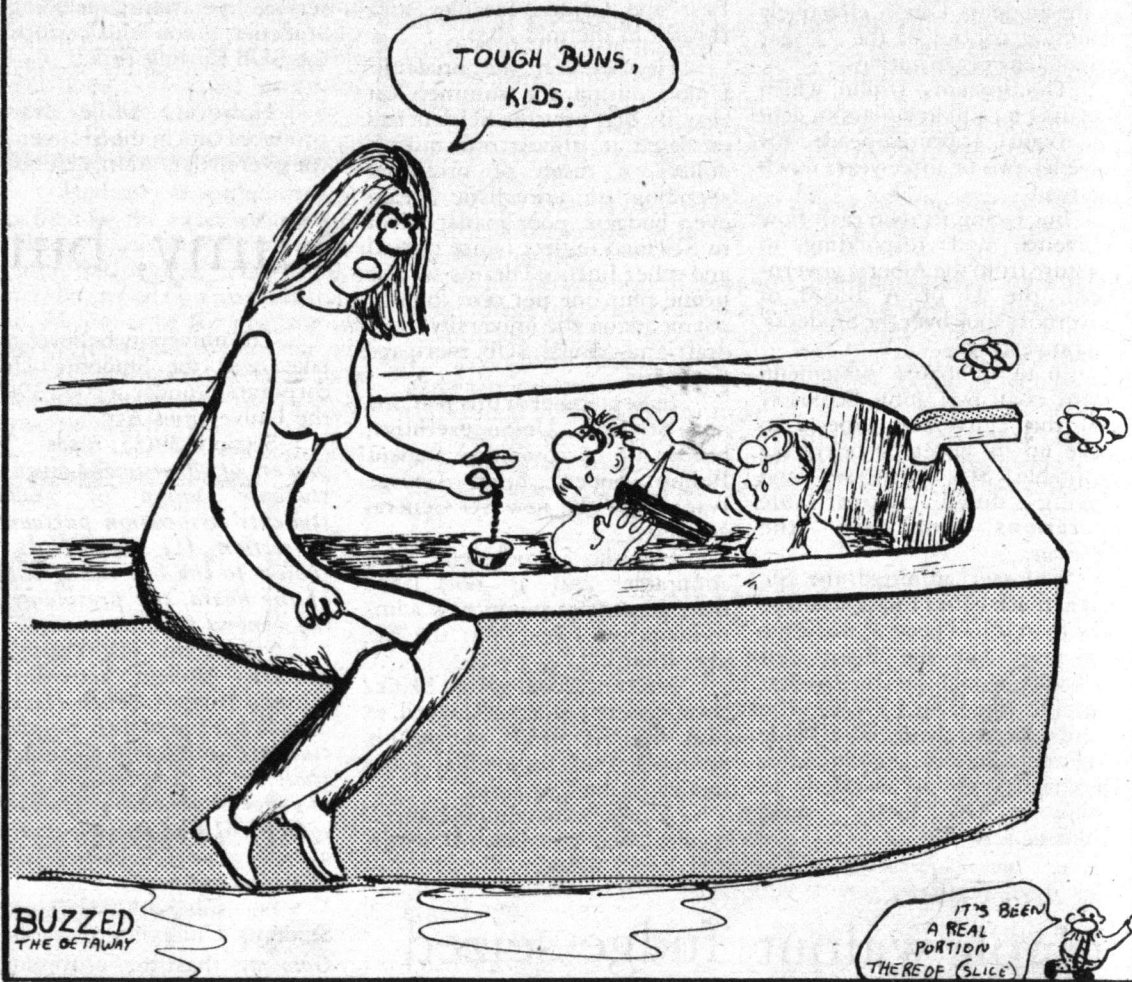
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mixed greetings from SU staff

To: Peter Michalyszyn  
Getaway Editor  
From: G.J. Ivanisko  
Business Manager

Re: *Getaway* Closure 1981 12 14

Please express my condolences to your staff for this unfortunate but essential action on the part of the *Getaway*. You must realize that the *Getaway* represents a possible

loss of over \$40,000 per annum. The current situation dictates that extreme measures be incurred. I am truly sorry to see the *Getaway* as one of its victims.

Please also thank them for fine job

they have done in producing the paper this year.

G.J. Ivanisko  
Business Manager

P.S. Merry Christmas to one and all.

### Promises, promises

to the *Getaway* staff,

We wish to express our condolences to the staff of the *Getaway*. We realize that the closure is an unpleasant act, but also an essential one for the continued livelihood of the rest of the Students' Union.

We also wish to promise, when the financial situation stabilizes the feasibility of reopening the newspaper will be seriously examined.

Also at this time of year, we want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

signed:

P.K. Soper (SU President)  
E. Gaudet (SU v.p. Finance)  
L. Walter (SU v.p. External)  
L. Lunney (SU v.p. Academic)  
Boom Boom Bechtel (SU v.p. Internal)

### Letter from the premier

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the government of Alberta I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the editors and staff of the campus newspaper at the University of Alberta, the *Getaway*.

It is with deep regret that I must inform the University community that our policy of fiscal restraint does not allow a provin-

cial subsidization of this fine, 72 year-old institution.

Nonetheless, the staff, both present and past, should remain proud of the high standards of journalistic excellence displayed in the pages of the *Getaway*. Your heritage has been great.

Best wishes for the future, and the best of the season to all.

Peter Lougheed  
Premier of Alberta

### A Christmas wish

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good boy this year. I worked really hard in school. I got an A+ in Show and Tell and in Advanced Money Management. My teacher says I am "prime presidential material." She's real swell. I was real nice to all the boys and girls in my class. The only reason I threw a spitball at Bobby was 'cause he was telling stories about me. I think that makes us even. I really want a Space Invaders computer game

but if that weighs too much then I'll go for a presidential Rolex or a Cartier pen and pencil set. Thanks a lot. I'll leave some of my cookies on the table for you.

Your friend,  
Dewey

Ed. Note: The *Getaway* is not the gateway to Santa's north. Campus mail does not give free delivery to the North pole.

## history