

Central America provokes passions

by Bill Doskoch

A hot, poorly ventilated room was the site of a hot, hyper-ventilated debate last Thursday on U.S. military and foreign policy in Central America.

The debate, sponsored by the Political Science Undergraduate Association, (PSUA) featured Dr. Max Mote and Dr. Fred Judson of the political science department.

Mote, who provided the pro-U.S. viewpoint, said the critical problem was to bring peace to the region and rebuild the economy.

To do so, the Sandinista government would have to be pressured into stopping the export of its revolution of the other countries in the region, said Mote.

"The region is a very important epicentre to the Soviets," said Mote. "We must be smart enough to not just turn it over to them."

One of the very real problems

faced by the Reagan administration in doing that, according to Mote, was the propaganda battle being waged by the Sandinista sympathizers through the North American media.

"It was the same during the Vietnam war. It's shown as a just war of national liberation with the U.S. 'imperialists' supporting the bad guys," said Mote.

People should realize that Nicaragua had the largest army in Central America, said Mote, with a force of 50,000 men and an additional 50,000 in the reserves.

He claimed it was too large to be only for their own defense.

"Would Nicaragua and Cuba be independent countries right now if their armies weren't 'too large?'" asked Judson in defense of the Sandinistas.

Nicaragua was under attack by the United States through their

'contra' mercenary proxies, said Judson, and this forced them to place a high priority on defense.

Given the situation, Judson defended the election and human rights record in Nicaragua, especially in comparison to U.S.-dominated regimes, where he claimed the political opposition "all ended up dead in the streets."

Questions from the audience provided for some lively moments, with the most aggressive questions directed at Mote.

One exchange of views had Mote telling his inquisitor "You have no appreciation of reality." "Of what, fascist reality," shot back the individual.

Another questioner asked Mote to reconcile his differences with the 'peace through strength' stance of the U.S. plus the rhetoric of Jerry Falwell.

"I didn't realize Falwell was making



Prof. Max Mote

Photo Bill Doskoch

Prof. Fred Judson

ing policy," Mote observed dryly.

At the conclusion of the meeting Judson said he could not believe the "grotesque arrogance" of the United States in its dealing with Nicaragua.

"Could you imagine Nicaragua telling the United States that it would not recognize it as a sovereign country unless it changed its policies to meet Nicaragua's ap-

"Well, that's what the United States wants from Nicaragua. It wants a government there which will be compliant with regards to U.S. national interests," said Judson.

Upon questioning after the debate, Mote concluded by saying, "of course the U.S. is trying to overthrow the Sandinistas. Wouldn't you?"

Academics say unemployment is punishing youth

by Pat Sytnick

Marvin Novick, the dean of the faculty of community relations at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, says unless government policies change, Canada's youth will continue to experience high rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Novick, speaking at the opening session of the third annual U of A hosted Canada, the World and the Future conference yesterday, said "Canada is pursuing an economic philosophy which presumes and accepts that there must be a sacrificial generation" who will carry the burden of unemployment for the next few decades. According to Novick, as long as we continue to believe that crude economic growth will solve our unemployment problems, we unknowingly accept the premise that a sacrificial generation is necessary.

"Even when young people do find work, said Novick, "more often than not it is in a job which has no future and only lasts long enough to enable them to collect unemployment insurance."

Novick concluded his presentation by stressing that a strategy where we carefully plan for the kind of growth we want is our only hope for solving the unemployment problem.

Dr Graham Lowe, a U of A sociologist, spoke after Novick and also said Canada's youth are carrying more than their fair share of the unemployment burden.

According to Lowe, the 15-24 year-old population makes up 22 per cent of Canada's labour force and represents over 40 per cent of Canada's unemployed. "In Alberta, the overall unemployment rate was year-old range it was 16.4 per cent,"

said Lowe.

Lowe referred to a study he is presently conducting on unemployment for most of his figures. He said Edmonton's Feb. 1985 unemployment rate was the third highest in Canada and estimated there were

over 60,000 unemployed people in the city right now. As well, his study compared the attitudes of unemployed and employed people and found that unemployed people experienced more feelings of depression and hopelessness.

Lowe also referred to figures that showed 46 out of 70 unemployed people blamed themselves for their joblessness. He said this tendency to blame the victim strips away young people's self-esteem and contributes to depression.

Julie: I used to Gopher dope!

by Lance Progenitor

Black wreaths hung about every desk. The squirrel's tail on news editor Neal Watson's car antenna flew at half-mast. Editors and volunteers moved about aimlessly, blank eyes staring out behind tear-washed hazes. The feeling was summed up best by one distraught volunteer.

"I can't believe it," she sobbed. "Lauren let us down. Hell, she let us all down!"

It was the confession of cocaine addiction by well-known television actress Lauren Tewes (formerly Julie McCoy, cruise director of *The Love Boat*) that caused news gathering operations at the Gateway to come to a virtual standstill as editors and writers converged on the tavern of the Strathcona Hotel to cry, to laugh, to ruminant about the destruction of childhood icons.

"I wanted to be like her, just like her," wept news editor Suzette Chan. "I always wanted to sail, smile and sleaze all over the Pacific Rim. I mean, she made sleeping around seem, I don't know, wholesome. She was the one who always got [former Brady Bunch dad] Robert Reed. I always loved and admired her for that. Now leave me alone, damned news leech!"

A news story in Monday's Edmonton Sun quoted Tewes as saying, "All [my] money didn't go into the bank. It went up my nose."

Entertainment editor Dean Bennett was visibly shook up as he came under critical verbal abuse from his colleagues.

"It's like it's my fault," he squalled, sitting arms akimbo in the far corner of the production office, his body one massive quiver. "I mean I loved Lauren too, but because she's on my beat, it's somehow my fault."

Editor-in-chief Gilbert Bouchard

took a more philosophical approach to the situation.

"Lauren Tewes?" he queried. "Wasn't she on *Gunsmoke*? No, wait, it was *Batman*...."

Sadly enough Tewes was also quoted as saying, "I wanted to be one of the gang. I'm ashamed to say it, but it's true."

Ah, Lauren, poor Lauren. Pity poor Lauren. Such is the stuff AADAC commercials are made of.

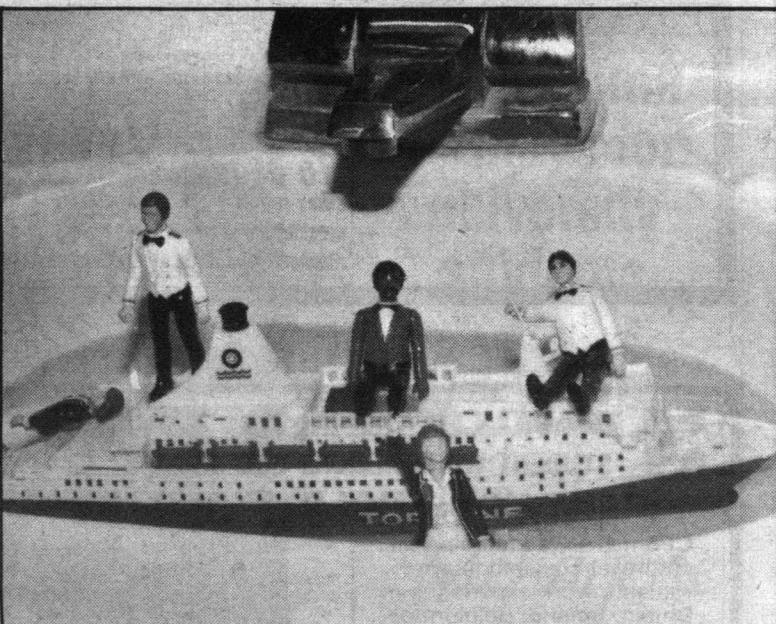


Photo Suzette Chan

Lauren Tewes as *The Love Boat's* Julie, tanning herself in the foreground of a collector's item publicity still: just trying to be one of the gang.

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If you are interested in any of the above positions, or would simply like to get more information about the newspaper, please submit a brief letter of intent to Suzette Chan, Room 282 SUB.

Deadline: March 14, noon.

For What?

by Bill St. John

Did you ever wonder about the person behind the Gateway by-line? Perhaps you've spent a substantial amount of time pondering the merits of the various editors of this venerable 75-year-old institution.

Perhaps your answer to these pressing questions is an emphatic "NO!" However, as spring takes its sojourn toward summer and as young hearts go pitter-patter with love, a strange and equally magical phenomenon takes place in the Gateway offices: selection of the editorial staff.

The editor-in-chief is picked by a Media Selection committee, but all other editorial positions will be decided in an election on Thursday, Mar. 14 at 4 p.m. in 282 SUB. All students at the U of A are eligible to apply, although only Gateway staffers may vote (see voters list on page 4).

The editorial positions available include two news editors, a managing editor, an entertainment editor, a sports editor, a photoeditor, a circulation manager, a production manager and a CUP editor/adv.

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