

The \$54.50 question

In the latest issue of your publication the Students' Union ran an advertisement entitled "WHERE DOES YOUR \$54.50 GO?". The total SU revenue figure was stated to be \$1,746,173.00 and the total expenditure figure was stated to be \$1,669,914.00. Quick reference to my calculator informed me that there appears to be \$76,259.00 unaccounted for in the statement furnished by the good folks at the SU. Could it be that they are reluctant to inform me that part of my "\$54.50" is being used to subsidize the already large SU surplus? But what the heck, I feel proud to contribute money I didn't need anyway.

Patrick Mahoney
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Punless pranks

Re: Vandalism to Mechanical Engineering Building, Jan. 18, 1985

It is becoming more disturbing each year to witness the increase of vandalism on this campus. As Non-Academic employees of the University, and tax payers, we feel it is time that the protests being lodged about this subject are listened to, particularly by the student body. University students are continuously registering complaints about the high cost involved in attending University, and incidents of deserving adults being denied a university education due to financial factors are often brought to the public's attention. The students registering these complaints are apparently not accepting the fact that roughly only 11% of their educational costs are covered by tuition fees, etc. and that the remaining 89% is absorbed by the tax payers. It is unfathomable to the tax payers that the student body would allow such waste of the education tax dollar. Physical Plant Main-

tenance reported that the cost to clean up the damage to the Mechanical Engineering Building was \$294.55. Surely anyone who is considered eligible to attend university is capable of realizing that this money can be far better spent elsewhere.

It is particularly alarming when one realizes that the students perpetrating this act and the people who may be, to a large extent, dictating the way our future society will behave. When they graduate, and are released on the unsuspecting public, are we to believe that they will condone vandalism? It is particularly reprehensible that this form of vandalism is referred to as a "prank." Some of the mischief that occurs on campus is harmless, and often quite witty. However, damage of this nature is by no means amusing, except to those with a primitive sense of humour, and must be stopped. Is there a sector of the student body that believes itself to be immune, simply by the virtue of its student status, to the laws of our country, and the codes of decent behaviour?

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SECOND WIND

by Peter Smyth

I never cease to wonder at the cruelty of this land but it seems a time of sadness is a time to understand...

Supertramp

Many thousands around the world marched recently to remember and honor those people who died in German concentration camps during World War II. They were marking the 40th anniversary of the day to Soviet Red Army freed the survivors and the German reign of terror came to an end at the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau camp.

So many people today still suffer and bear the scars of this saddest of crimes committed by man. People still live out their lonely lives because all their family, friends and relations were tortured and destroyed in death camps. Former prisoners continue to have nightmares of the terrors that took place behind the fences that have closed off the camp. These horrors are still vivid in some minds and we are unable to grasp their feelings when they try to share these experiences. We cannot comprehend what they lived through yet we try and understand and share their sorrows.

It is without question that all these atrocities took place and as many as 6,000,000 people (mainly Jews) were put to death. There are hundreds of disturbing documents, pictures and films and stories from survivors to remind us of what man is capable of doing to other men, because of beliefs that one race is better than another. However, there are those who doubt the Holocaust happened and many survivors and doubters live right here in Alberta.

It is true a person can convince himself of anything if he applies his mind. Even with overwhelming evidence, some justify themselves to say the Holocaust never happened or was exaggerated.

"Only about 2,000,000 died, not 6,000,000," an anti-semitic might say.

Only 2,000,000, as if they were cockroaches or flies. In Canada we are free to have our opinions and if

someone wants to believe the Holocaust never happened, and that the Jews are controlling the banks and plan take over the world, that is their privilege.

Jim Keegstra, a former teacher in the small Alberta community of Eckville, carried this privilege too far. He acted in an irresponsible way by teaching his beliefs about the Jews to his students for a number of years. He will stand trial in April for spreading hatred.

In the preliminary trial, the judge told Keegstra that with freedom of speech comes responsibility. Former students of Keegstra believed what he was saying because they hadn't heard all the details of the Holocaust in the past. Keegstra was supposed to enlighten them but instead he shared with them his bigoted views. Some of these students don't trust Jews anymore, or at least will look twice when in contact with one.

The proceedings have gone this far and it is likely Keegstra will be found guilty. If he isn't, there could be a lot of trouble in the schools. It could give other teachers an excuse to brainwash students with their beliefs no matter how radical or who they effect. If there is one thing society doesn't need it's for discrimination to become part of the school curriculum. It is sad enough the provincial government had to form a Tolerance and Understanding Committee to point out "Alberta is for everybody," though it is a good program.

If Keegstra is judged innocent it would also give cause for him and those who share the same beliefs to falsely discredit the Jews further and proclaim louder the Holocaust never happened.

And right after the Mounties have rounded up all the Jews in Canada for controlling the banks and trying to take over the world, we'll arrest all the Irish in Canada for trying to corner the potatoe market, cause famine, and seize power.

In the future we will still try to understand the sadness of the survivors of these concentration camps and strive to never be caught in the situation where man is lowered to degrading and dehumanizing his brother in such a way again.



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