

Canoe route

Will the Churchill River canoe route become a national park? Or will current plans for parks interfere?

The Churchill River canoe route stretches across Saskatchewan and into Alberta include the Clearwater River. Even today, the river remains much as it did during the days of the voyageurs. Currently, the integrity of this historic and scenic route is threatened by proposed hydroelectric dams.

Throughout 2000 years of history and during the historical period of the Canadian Fur Trade, these rivers were the major waterway connecting human settlements. This route contains not only sections of historic interest, but also sites of outstanding scenic beauty and sections of whitewater canoeing among the finest in North America. Creation of a continuous, wild, scenic and historic waterway by the federal government along this route would serve to protect the traditional water and forest skills of the native peoples.

It would preserve, for all Canadians, a region whose spoiled environment is untraversed for wilderness being.

The National and Provincial Parks Association is sponsoring a meeting on this issue, Sept. 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the Provincial Museum Auditorium.

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Housing and Food at the Park

May I add to some of the valid points brought up by your recent editorial and subsequent

correspondence concerning Michener Park. A brief history is in order.

Until 1973, any family with a combined yearly income of more than \$7,500 per annum was not permitted to live in Michener Park. This condition was never enforced. No one family was evicted although it was evident that a minority were earning more than this limit. The difficulty was in enforcing the regulation, because it is not possible by law to force someone to produce income tax receipts. An eviction order on the grounds of suspicion would obviously be quashed by the courts.

During 1973, a time of housing surplus, the second phase of Michener Park was opened. The Park Residents' Association feared a high vacancy rate which would have increased rents per unit - yes folks, Michener park operates on a break-even basis, not subsidised; a common misconception. The Association petitioned Housing and Food Services to remove the \$7,500 per annum ceiling. The ceiling is therefore tacitly ignored, although priority is given to applicants stating they have a low income and the restriction is still written into the lease.

Hence the present ludicrous situation where Michener Park actually has a parking problem due to the number of families with second cars.

It is not often a situation such as this can be solved simply. However, in this case there is a simple solution. It is contained in a comprehensive report on rent structures presented to Housing and Food Services in 1972 by the Residents' Association, with the support of a majority of tenants.

The report called for a sliding scale of rents, dependent on family income. Those earning more than a certain amount would pay an (exorbitant) free-market rent. Anyone who could prove that they had a

Pig's Pen

What class are you in?

Beware Undergraduate! The forces of class distinction are here too! Watch for the signs that say "Faculty Lounge" or "Faculty and Grad Student Lounge".

Perhaps you have searched around campus for a nice place to eat your lunch. Perhaps you have gone to the top of the Tory Building on the Education Building and been confronted with the realization that you

lower income would be charged a lower rent on production of their previous year's tax receipt. The onus is thus on the tenant to produce the tax receipt or be charged a higher rent. The effect of this rent structure would be to make Michener Park unattractive to those with a high income. If they chose to stay, they would subsidise those on a lower income.

Housing and Food Services have no excuse for ignoring this report any longer. If this system is implemented in the new lease next April, it will have the immediate effect of freeing many of the units occupied by those on a high income and possibly lowering the rent of the poorest tenants.

Ultimately, of course, the Housing Crisis in Alberta will only be solved when the Provincial Government gets off its ass and stops pandering to the free-enterprise property speculators who have produced this top-go situation, i.e. give us public housing!

In the meantime, let's at least have some social justice in the University Housing System.

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can't eat your lunch there because you are an undergraduate.

When I was in first year I obeyed those signs. I didn't feel any disgust because I had just come from high school where the teachers (understandably) had a staff room where they could hide.

But here at U of A, all the profs have their own private office. They are endowed with a nice Faculty Club and they have nice lounges.

I feel badly about two aspects of this situation. The first is, why does the staff lounge, in Tory, have such a nice carpet and nice furniture and why is it located at the top of the building when the student lounge has no carpet and less comfortable furniture and is located at the bottom of the building. Why does the staff lounge have nice ladies who prepare a soup at noon and the student lounge has nothing but money stealing machines.

Such segregation adds nothing to this university. The lower class (the students) are really offered very little the way the scheme works now.

In the second place, why are the students segregated from the profs at all? If anything should be encouraged it should be mixing the profs and students. The profs should be encouraged to go to lunch with their students.

We need an academic environment; a learning, developmental university, not a factory from 1984. Fix up our lounges! Somebody! Maybe the slack-ass students' council can do something?



Berry wes Gateway

There's a lot of long faces over at the biological sciences building these days. Apparently, they had about 65 albino rats who escaped captivity on Thursday, and valuable little beasts they were, too. They were specially bred, and all of them had atomic assholes, supposedly to shit uranium, thereby providing a cheap source of energy. But the rats had other plans, it seems, and soon as they busted out, they made a ratline (or ratline, if you prefer) for SUB cafeteria. Now, all the rats have diarrhea, and theordinate amount of radioactive crap is dangerous, so the rats are on a strict Kaopectate diet and the experts are predicting that only a few of the poor

little stinkers will survive. Where is the SPCA, when they are needed?

* And that's not the only disappointing thing on campus - - Walking around campus the other day, seeing the sights, and whatnot, I noticed the Young Mostly Trotskyites With A Slight Leaning Toward Lenin But No Use for Mao Or Stalin Club standing outside SUB carrying signs that said "Free Women!" So I asked, but I guess they didn't mean it. Think I'll consult Student Legal Aid, and see about suing the YMTWASLTBLNUFMOSC for false advertising.

* Got a letter yesterday from Hank, who, as you may know, is paying his debt to society out in Abbotsford Correctional Institution in sunny B.C. He says that, contrary to public opinion, there is absolutely nothing wrong with the Canadian Penal system that a miracle wouldn't cure. Hank says his roomie beat the head cook to death with a spatula last Wednesday, but that it is likely to be ruled as justifiable homicide, because the cook, in front of 1230

witnesses, served RED wine with pheasant at supper on Wednesday. No jury in the world would convict his roomie for ridding society of a man who is so obviously a cad and a louse.



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