

## EDITORIAL

### Internship all smoke and mirrors

The Alberta government probably has good intentions establishing a teaching internship program, but the vagueness of the proposal leads to valid fears on the part of education students.

According to the government plan, freshly graduated university education students would act as teaching assistants in local schools. U of A education grads would not be considered professional teachers unless they have undertaken the program. Even after they have been in the real world of teaching, they would be expected to "re-qualify" as teachers every five years.

The first question that must be asked is how the intern program fits into the current U of A education degree. Teaching students already have to spend nearly a year student teaching. They already go into the schools to prepare and teach classes under the supervision of both a U of A faculty advisor and an in-school co-operating teacher. Will this internship program replace student teaching? If it does not, how will it differ from the already extensive student teaching experience? And how will the five-year license renewal affect those already teaching professionally in this province?

As aforementioned, there already exists a method of evaluating a student's ability. How will student teachers be evaluated during the internship program? Who will do the evaluation? Who, if anyone, will have the authority to deny teaching status if the internship is not satisfactory?

If there is no evaluation system, then the internship program is just a scam. Without the evaluation, it is simply exploitation. Does this internship have a legitimate place in a teacher's education? Or is it just one more bureaucratic hoop students are forced to jump through?

How will the program affect the education of Alberta school children? Will Alberta schools use these internships to avoid hiring full-time teachers? If school boards exploit a steady (and cheap) stream of interns, some school children could be victims of a kind of musical teacher's desks. These children would not have the advantages of being taught by a mature person with a long-term commitment to teaching and with experience in dealing with a variety of student problems, from academic difficulties to personal and domestic troubles.

Because the Alberta government has either deliberately released information about the program prematurely or deliberately obscured the plans, it seems the Tories are trying to show the people of Alberta that they are trying to improve the quality of education in the province — but it's all smoke and mirrors.

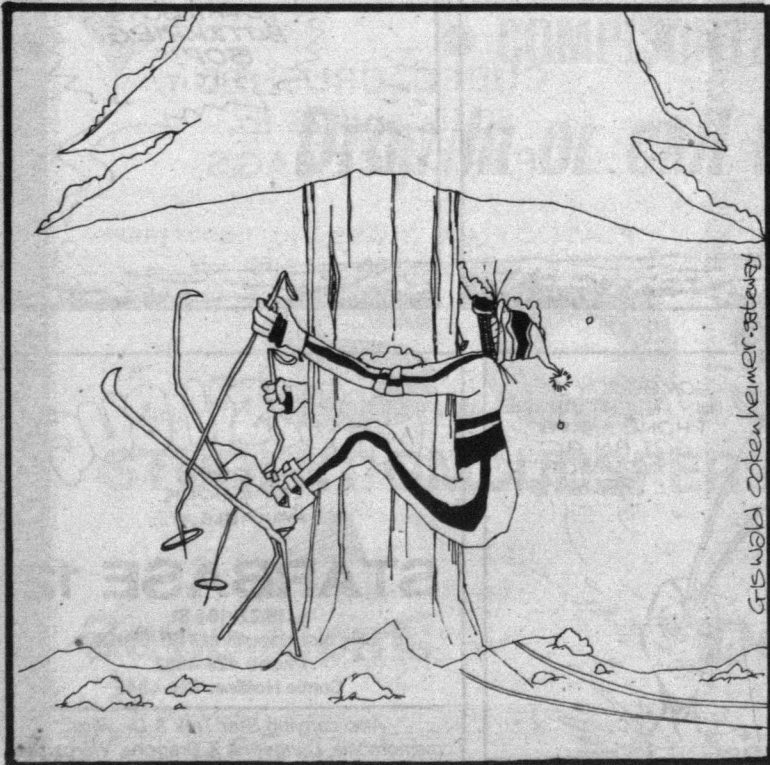
Will Albertans be fooled again? And will the fools have enough voting clout next time to make the plans all worthwhile?

Gilbert Bouchard  
Suzette C. Chan

### HEY READERS!

Only four work days next week so the **Gateway** publishes on Wednesday, April 10, our last regular issue of the year. On April 17, it's Warp speed through the time-space continuum to explore the multi-verse — or something like that.

### EYE SEA by Ook



Trees grow in the darndest places

## FROM OUR STRANGE BUT TRUE

FILES: HARVEY WENDALSWEEN, AN ARTS STUDENT, ACTUALLY HAS A SUMMER JOB THIS YEAR!!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Death wears a uniform

On March 11, 1985 a farmer was shot to death while on his way to deliver onions to a store in Zrariye, a town in southern Lebanon. The same day two children and their mother were all shot in the back by the Israeli defence forces while walking to school and left to die in a pool of blood. Enroute to visit a doctor a pregnant woman and her husband were crushed in their car by an army tank. Israel claimed that these people and 34 others who suffered the same fate were terrorists. Who are the real terrorists?

Omeed Sabet

### Council wants control

On December 4 at Students' council, the following motion was passed; "Moved that Students' Council hold a referendum concurrent with the Student Union General Elections; further that a majority decision of students voting on this issue bind Students' Council to amend the Students' Union Constitution to include either;

"Students' Council has the right to prohibit events in Students' Union controlled areas if the Students' Union feels the event is sexist, racist, degrading or otherwise offensive." if there is a "YES" majority; or "Students' Council has no authority to restrict any event held in Students' Union controlled areas unless the event breaks federal or provincial laws." if there is a "NO" majority.

On February 7 and 8, you were asked the following question;

"Do you wish the Students' Union to place restrictions, in addition to those which exist within applicable federal and provincial laws, on activities in the Students' Union Building?"

The result was almost 79% NO. This seemed like a strong statement from the students on what they wanted from their elected representatives, so I brought forward a motion to Students' Council to amend our Constitution. the motion FAILED.

It is obvious that certain councillors put their own personal beliefs above their duties to you as your representatives. The most notable abuser of authority is the VP Finance, Christine Ens (432-4236). Do us all a favour: telephone her up and ask her to resign. Or

drop by her office in room 259 SUB, she'll be glad to see you.

Gordon Stamp  
SU VP Internal

P.S. I will be bringing the motion forward at the April 2 meeting of Students' Council at University Hall (7:00 p.m.). Drop by to watch.

### Gratitude from the starved and diseased

This letter is to thank all the students and staff at the U of A who contributed to the Ethiopian Famine Relief during the Christian Awareness week sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of \$1,161.72. Your support is helping to provide many with an escape from poverty's vicious bondage.

I recently witnessed, first-hand, the results of drought and famine and saw the look of hopelessness and fear etched on thousands of faces. I returned from Ethiopia a few short weeks ago, but in my mind's eye I can still see the masses of people waiting, crying out for help.

As I held these paper-thin children I agonized in the knowledge that for some it was already too late. I wept at the gravesides with remnants of once-proud families, now broken apart by starvation and disease.

You have joined with us in the fight against famine and poverty in Africa and around the world. The battle is not lost. By sharing with others you are supplying whole communities with food for their families, equipment and training for well-building and improved agriculture, shelter for the homeless, and healthcare for the sick.

Your gift was given freely, without expecting reward, but I would like to recognize your contribution and thank you personally for your compassion and the practical step you have taken towards easing human suffering.

May God bless you as you continue to share with others.

William J. Newell  
Executive Director

Reflection: "No one stands so straight as when they stoop to help someone else."

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Judy Au was shocked to find Bill Daskoch stuffed in a mailbox opening outgoing letters. "Anything good?" she asked. "Well," he admitted, "Hans Beckers is being ignored by pen pals Shane Berg, Pat Synnick and Cindy Rozeboom; Mark Olyan is blackmailing James MacDonald with pix of Zane Harker's cat; Mark Spector's trying to sell Mike Evans, Dave Boyd, and Susan Sutton courses in correspondence french kissing; Dan Watson and Tim Hellum keep sending the same chain letter to each other; and Brinton McLaughlin is here somewhere with a stamp on his forehead and Any Major War Zone written on his T-shirt." What was Bill doing in the mailbox? "Oh, nothing."