

... cont'd from page 4

funding cutbacks to education, it was felt that since there was no increase in the operating grant (in fact, a decrease), there could be no increase in tuition. One point five times nothing is nothing, right?

However, it has come to my attention that the 1987-88 fee increases are based on the previous year's increase, not the current year. In other words, the comparison is made between 85/86 and 86/87, and NOT between 86/87 and 87/88.

I cannot explain the rationale for this formulae; there is a one year lag between when the government pays an increase and when the student does. However, it is apparent that A.C.T. has been inadvertently advocating an increase in tuition for 87/88. THIS WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THOSE INVOLVED!

It is unfortunate if any confusion has arisen due to A.C.T.'s misunderstanding. I hope this letter clarifies the situation, although I realize that some people may be further confused by the complexity of the tuition fee increase schedule as outlined above. I urge all those who wish to re-evaluate their commitment to the petition to find out more about this; you should know what you are supporting.

Martin Levenson
Arts II

To the Editor:

WELL THEY DID IT AGAIN! SU President Dave Oginski and VP External Mike Hunter feel that because about 9 per cent of students on this campus elected them, they have the mandate to deny access to education for many of you through their tuition negotiation policy. With the cutbacks to the U of A's operating budget and the "ol-one-two" on the Student Loan remission program, it is clear that students can not afford, and do not want a tuition increase.

Oginski and Hunter, and for that matter a majority of SU Councillors believe that we can pay more for an education that will clearly be "devalued" by cutbacks to funding and student aid. Rather than referring this serious question to the student body BEFORE negotiations begin, they have deferred it until the SU Executive elections are held. Referring the referendum to Bylaws and Constitutions Committee of the SU (which Oginski chairs) will likely result in the same misleading question that surrounded the Building Policy referendum a couple of years ago. Open, representative government? Not likely.

DO YOU WANT TO PAY MORE? According to flimsy "straw-polls" conducted by Oginski and Hunter, you do — I, for one, doubt that that is the truth.

It's clear from a report from the Ontario Students' Federation (OSF) that for every \$100 increase in tuition, 2.5 per cent of the study body disappears. Your SU Council has decided that some of you can go — is that what their mandate is?

Let's be serious about the "pull" that Oginski and Hunter have in negotiations. The provincial government and U of A Administration do not view them through the same "rosentinted" glasses that they view themselves.

They've gone around saying that they need a bargaining position to effect the negotiation process — they had one: a 0 per cent tuition increase policy. Council felt that we shouldn't fight for that policy, but, replace it with a motion that is both ambiguous and misleading.

I salute some members of Council that have grasped the reality of this SU "stint" and have fought against it. I only hope that the students on this campus will look more seriously when they vote for Councillors and Executive members next election!

What is becoming very clear to me is that Oginski and Hunter are preaching a very pointed sermon: "Education to the rich, and for the rich." I find it a sad state of affairs when student leaders (I use that word lightly) try to go into "camera" in Council meetings, mislead other Councillors with their own distorted visions of funding reality on this campus, and abuse the Office that they hold.

David Kuefler
Arts IV

Arafat article

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the allegations made within "Arafat article unfair" in the January 8, 1987, edition of the Gateway. Before I go any further, I would like to congratulate the Gateway on its fine coverage of Dr. Fathi Arafat's lecture and the Palestine Awareness Week as a whole.

The points that I would like to address are as follows:

- western media's obvious tilt toward a pro-Arab perspective;
- Israelis providing medical care of an exemplary nature;
- Israelis improving the life of Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza, as well as other countries; and
- supposed acts of terrorism and terror carried out by the PLO.

Within the above-mentioned article it was stated that the western media has taken a pro-Arab stance since the 1982 "Lebanon War." In what fashion? Is it pro-Arab to refer to Palestinians — who are fighting to regain land that is rightfully theirs — as terrorists at every turn while other such people in South Africa, Nicaragua, and Afghanistan are seen as freedom fighters? We, as Arabs, must continuously put up with the media and cinema portraying us from a negative point of view. For years our plight (to regain our homeland) has been ignored, so much so that even if the media is in our favour now, I would say: IT IS ABOUT TIME!!!

The second point raised is that Israelis provide medical care and other social assistance which is of an exemplary nature. This is ludicrous. Palestinians living in the West Bank, Gaza, as well as those living in Israel, are treated no better than slaves, and living conditions consist of houses that we

cont'd...

...cont'd.

in the western world would associate with slums. As for medical assistance: what Palestinians receive does not amount to one iota of what they need and the little they do receive costs much more than they can afford.

The third point — concerning the idea of Israelis not only improving Palestinian lives within Israel, but going outside of Israel to "help" other Palestinians — is impossible to accept while in a sober state of mind. This gracious action is supposedly carried out by the same people who do not admit to Palestinians' existence nor do they care who they hurt as is proven by the many massacres which they have been party to (eg. Sabra and Chatilla). This kind of "help" is not needed. What we, as Arabs, want for Palestinians is their right to self-determination and a homeland.

The last point I would like to discuss is that of PLO terror and terrorism. The PLO has in no way threatened Palestinians nor Arabs in general. Instead, the PLO has given Arabs and, more specifically, Palestinians not only a semblance of a government which provides for their every need, but an identity of which to be proud of as well. In the face of declining and failing options, the PLO has given Palestinians a basis from which to fight for their rights. As to the suggestion that the PLO is a terrorist organization, I would like to ask what makes Palestinians any different from other freedom fighters? I would also like to ask how Israelis can defend such actions as: the Sabra and Chatilla massacres, Dier Yassin massacre, and attacks upon Syria (1967), Egypt (1956), Iraq (1981), and Tunisia (1985), to name only a few, as being anything but terrorism.

In conclusion, I doubt the sincerity of the authors of the letter "Arafat article unfair" with regard to their supposed devotion to humanitarianism. I also feel that their kind of ideology can only be viewed as a sad and, unfortunately, true state of how many people take a slanted view of the Palestinian plight.

Tariq Deeb

Movers and shakers

To the Editor:

RE: Bowers and "Furious" on liquor.

As one of the handful of people on campus who deals daily with the administration of the University's liquor licences, I would like to comment on two letters which appeared in the 15 January 1987 issue of the Gateway.

Mr. Bowers refers to "two organized public parties on campus", one at a fraternity and the other organized by the Lister Hall Students' Association. Naturally, we all think of fraternity houses and student residence rooms as being part of the campus; but for the purposes of the University's Policy on Liquor Functions, the ALCB has ruled that these areas are private homes and are therefore not included under the policy. The University's policy clearly states that food and non-alcoholic beverages must be available at all University functions where liquor is served.

The Engineering students to whom "Furious" directed his/her ire are jeopardizing the privileges we all enjoy in terms of the consumption of liquor on campus. If not the last bastion of this type of short-sighted, shooting-their-own-feet-behaviour, they are certainly the most visible. Had Campus Security been summoned, appropriate disciplinary action under the Code of Student Behaviour might have "sobered up" these people.

I would like to believe that all the regulating of liquor consumption, all the publicity of the policy, and all the "moral-suasion" regarding responsible drinking might be having an effect. As a citizen and student in the University community, I know better — students like Mr. Bowers and Furious who speak out are the real movers and shakers.

Martha Roxburgh
Arts II

You couch potato!

To the Editor:

RE: G. Winton's letter of Tuesday, January 13.

So Mr. Winton, you're a sports fan with a discerning eye for quality, championship sports and teams such as the NFL and NBA on TV and the Eskimos and the Oilers but you have no time for "little league" participants such as our very own Bears and Pendas.

For a supposedly knowledgeable sports fan, Mr. Winton, you don't seem to have any idea of where today's stars come from. They don't just walk in off the street, they spend years learning their skills and for many, university athletics is the final stepping stone before making the big time. If you were a truly knowledgeable sports fan, you would be interested in seeing tomorrow's stars develop today but if you'd rather be a couch potato and stay at home and watch NBA basketball instead of coming out to see Dave Otto score 5 goals and the men's basketball team win a big one over UVic, go ahead. The Bears and Pendas deserve real fans not fair-weather fans. One last thing, Mr. Winton, the Esks and Oilers won't always be winner so lord only knows what you'll do when that day comes.

B.J. King
Phys. Ed. III

Missed symbolism

To the Editor:

Re: Letter on Engineer's poster

You being an informed Arts student obviously sensitive to African issues, it is surprising that you missed the symbolism of our poster. It is symbolic of the fact that the mindless intrusion of Europeans into the nations of the south has resulted in violence. The history of imperialism and the present South African situation demonstrate this.

Your own shrill attitudes are not surprising, however, as this university does not offer courses that may enlighten its students as to the rich and diverse cultures of the engineers among them.

Ian Langood
Mineral Engg. IV

Racist prof?

To the Editor:

I would like to lodge a complaint against a certain professor teaching a 300 level Sociology, who is promoting racism against obvious and religious minorities.

This professor has a discretionary 10% of our marks which he appears to use as blackmail to control arguments against his ideas. Some of the students in class are afraid to oppose him in case the above-mentioned "discretionary" 10% goes against them.

In every lecture he makes derogatory comments attacking different nationalities. On Monday's lecture he said that, first of all, Christianity is a white religion and implied that it should be taught only by whites to the heathen natives.

He gave a specific example in which he objected to Christianity being taught by a Korean woman to the white society. In the same lecture he stated that Ukrainians are a group who switch their churches between Orthodox and United to move up the social ladder.

I have written a letter to the Sociology department stating my complaint about the professor. I would like this professor to withhold his offensive remarks and stick to the basics. I hope this letter will encourage the student body to be on the lookout for incidents such as these, and to speak out against them.

J.C. Smith
Arts III

STAFF MEETING
Today at 4:30 p.m. in
Rm. 282 S.U.B.
*** Managing Editor Election**
*** Selection of members to**
Media Selection Committee

GMAT LSAT GRE

(Graduate Management
Admission Test)

(Law School
Admission Test)

(Graduate
Record Exam)

Accepting registration for GMAT, LSAT and GRE weekend test preparation courses. Includes Sexton text book, lectures and personalized services. Tax deductible. Student discounts. Ask about MILLER ANALOGIES TEST and others.

Sexton
Educational Centers

CALL
459-7261

Endorsed by the Academic
Commission, University of
Calgary, Students' Union.

PRO-STENO

S · E · R · V · I · C · E
A Division of Kolke & Associates Ltd.

- Resumes
- Term papers
- Reports
- Documents
- Theses
- Photocopying

\$18.00 per hour.

Text Storage on diskettes. Changes and insertions can be made anytime. Minor changes can be made on-the-spot. Prompt professional service with no minimum charge.

424-9048

#430, 10232 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1M4

15% OFF

WITH THIS COUPON ON ANY PROJECT
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER PROJECT.

PRO-STENO

#430, 10232 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1M4