

In some parallel universe...

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...This issue of The Gateway is perfect.

Gilbert Bouchard

SU creates lobbying monopoly

by Kent Cochrane and Greg Owens

Students' Council has decided to do all provincial government lobbying through the External Affairs Board (EAB) and to eliminate lobbying by private members.

Council met for a marathon three and a half hours Tuesday night and decided to co-ordinate all lobbying efforts in the EAB to avoid different SU members issuing contradictory statements.

Council also voted to study the feasibility and desirability of hiring a full-time professional lobbyist.

VP Internal Gord Stamp opposed the motion, saying it would restrict SU President Floyd Hodgins ability to "meet with government officials on a day-to-day basis from time to time."

Hodgins agreed the measure would obstruct lobbying by executive members.

VP External Paul Alpern said the motion wasn't meant to "muzzle" anyone, but only to co-ordinate SU lobbying strategy.

"It should cut down on gobble-dygook from the mouths of babes," said Alpern.

When reached for comment yesterday, Alpern explained the motion

by saying, "We've been frustrated by efforts that were too broad with too many people. With a more concise effort we can be more hard hitting with the presentations."

According to Alpern, his office and the External Affairs Board, which he chairs, will become the liaison office between the council and government bodies.

He said, "the 'gobbledygook' statement was a cliché at a heated moment."

"I'm not going to point a finger at any one person or office. What's done is done. This way we'll hopefully be able to avoid future contradictions."

In other business, Council voted to give \$500 to the Unemployment Action Centre (UAC).

This money will enable the UAC to continue operating after federal government funding expires on Nov. 2.

The \$500 given to the UAC will help it to continue such services as assisting people with Welfare and UIC claims and distributing food for the Food Bank.

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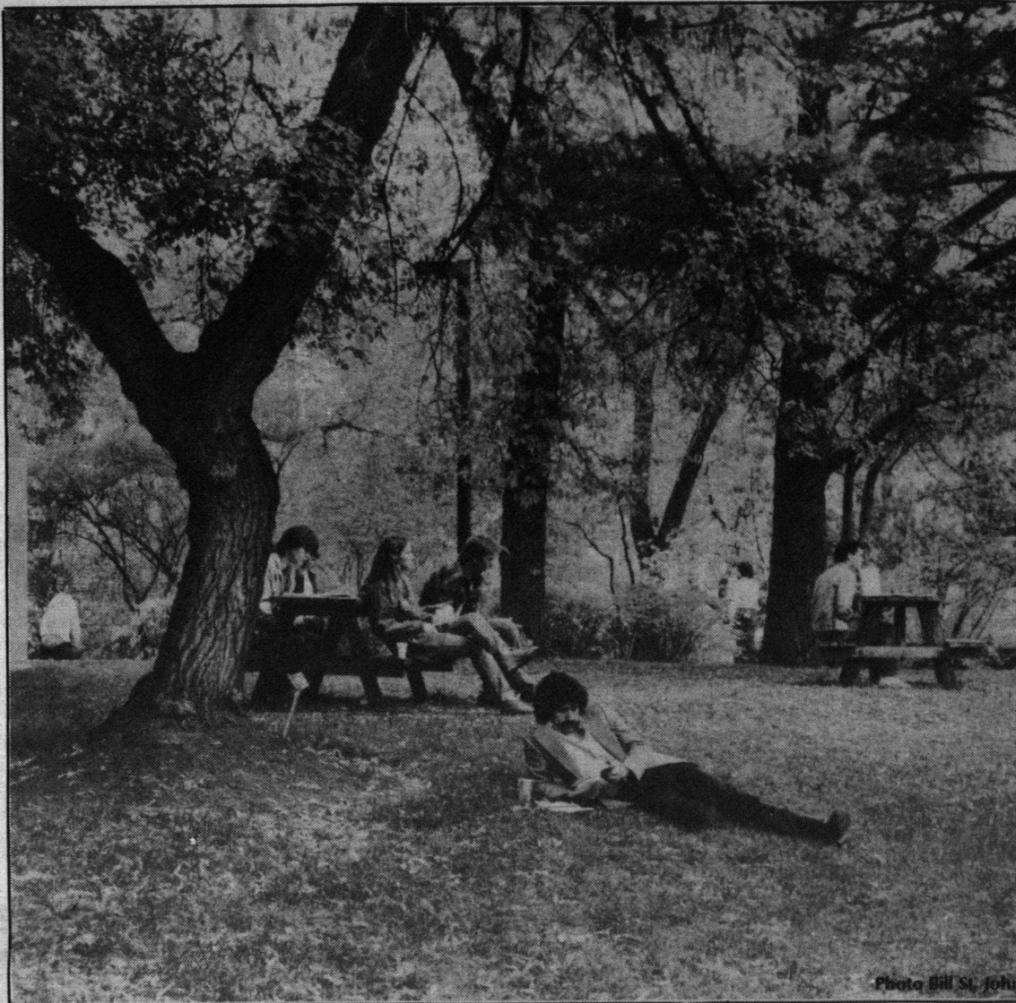
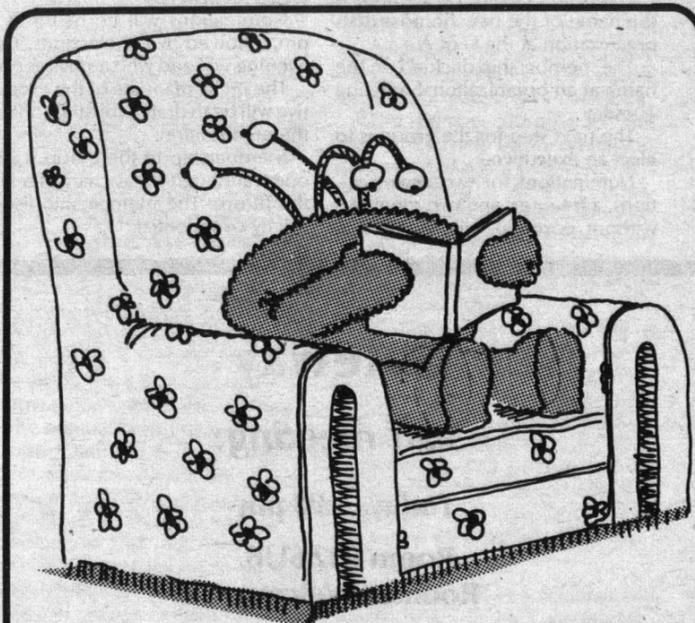


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NonCon is on

The seventh annual Alberta science fiction convention takes place in Edmonton this weekend.

The NonCon is a non-profit organization for people interested in all aspects of the science fiction/fantasy genre.

The special guest of honour at this year's NonCon is Alan Dean Foster, author of the novelizations of *Alien* and *Star Wars* and numerous other original works of his own.

Foster, a former writing instructor, will be conducting writing workshops throughout the weekend. He will be judging the entries in the short story competition at the convention.

For the more imaginative collectors there will be a show and auc-

tion of science fiction/fantasy artwork.

Registration for the convention starts at 5 pm Friday, October 5 at the Regency Hotel. A membership fee of \$15 will admit persons to all schedule events. Day memberships will be available but these will expire at 6 pm, not entitling the member to the evening activities.

Tickets for a tour of the Space Science Centre and the Sunday Brunch will cost extra and will be available upon registration.

For more information, call Marianne Wilson (433-9971), or Mary Karen Reed (477-4382 or 469-9911).

The mailing address for NonCon VII is P.O. Box 1740, Edmonton T5J 2P1.

Ontario wing quits

LONDON, Ont. (CUP)—The Ontario Federation of Students has broken its official ties with Canada's national student lobby group, leaving national student leaders worried about their organization's future.

"The hastiness of a decision like this is dangerous," said Beth Olley, Canadian Federation of Students chair, at the Sept. 22 to 23 conference of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario/Ontario Federation of Students.

"A national organization without Ontario will go down the tubes," Olley said.

The move means students in Ontario can now focus their efforts solely on provincial concerns. Olley said it will weaken CFS and might prompt other provinces to pull out.

But many conference delegates said the move was necessary to simplify the organization's structure and constitution.

"If we're both strangling each other with by-laws, we'll never reach our full potential," said Monika Turner, CFS-O/OFS chair. The Ontario Federation will simply become OFS when the change occurs - the CFS-O name will be dropped from the title.

Turner said the move is not "anti-CFS" but an attempt by Ontario students to recognize the problems facing their own organization and the national group.

"It's no secret that CFS is undergoing financial difficulties," Turner added. "The National Federation currently has a \$65,000 deficit."

"(But) I think what OFS is saying is 'let us do provincial development growth, and that way CFS can benefit'."

The decision to end ties means

the provincial organization will likely be more appealing to some institutions, such as the University of Toronto, Brock, Laurier and Windsor universities, Turner said.

Under the old policy, a new member had to join OFS, CFS-O, CFS and CFS Services, which provides a variety of services to members. This meant a levy of \$7 per student: \$3 for CFS-O, \$3 for CFS and \$1 for CFS-S.

Other conference delegates, however, said the decision represents a clear motion of non-confidence in the national student federation.

"What we did by passing that motion was basically dump CFS," said Robert Butcher, representing graduate students at the University of Western Ontario. "I don't think anyone would suggest that CFS is perfect, but you won't get the changes that you want by pulling

out."

Butcher said these problems include regional splits and the view among Ontario members that the national organization is more radical than the provincial one.

Walter Myktyshyn, CFS/CFS-S link, said the pull-out will have a ripple effect on other provinces, some of which think the national organization is too conservative and lobby-oriented.

"Already at a conference there is a regionalism apparent, and this is really going to bring it to the forefront," he said.

Ontario federation representatives will meet in Ottawa in November to discuss the details of the pull-out and to maintain a working relationship with CFS. Delegates voted to co-operate with the national organization at least until the January 1985 regional conference.

Campaign ends

by Neal Watson and Ross Gordon
A lack of money and the pressures of being students has forced impeachment campaign organizers to abandon their efforts.

Todd Rutter, an Arts rep. on council and a late joiner to the campaign, says the organizers couldn't afford the time or the money to continue the campaign.

The students collected approximately 675 signatures for the impeachment of SU President Floyd Hodgins, 700 for VP Internal Gord Stamp and 625 for VP External Paul Alpern.

The SU constitution states that 12,000 signatures must be collected on a petition before any member of the SU Executive may be im-

peached.

Students Danica Frazer and Lorraine Mitchell started the campaign on the first day of classes by circulating a leaflet calling for the impeachment of Hodgins, Alpern and Stamp. The campaigners felt the executive members had failed to live up to their stated goals. The executive members were "playing political games," according to Frazer and Mitchell.

Rutter said, "it was beyond our wildest dreams that we would collect the necessary signatures to impeach." He said the campaign did a lot to make students aware of

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