

The Gateway

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editorial

Let's fence them out

Isn't it wonderful how enlightened and open-minded people are in this province? I don't understand why foreign students keep on complaining to us year after year that they cannot find housing and are being turned away because of the color of their skin. Everyone knows that's downright silly - discrimination is something Americans do.

And what about the foreign students who organized a protest to the Lougheed government's move to raise foreign students' tuition fees 300 per cent or more? They should have realized the move wasn't prompted by any bigotry or racism. It was merely the provincial government's way of saying welcome to foreign visitors. It was merely a move to ensure an isolated, provincial, narrow profile for our institutions of "higher learning"

And surely people can't complain about the vicious, racist graffiti that adorns the cubicles of most washrooms around campus. That's merely the enlightened, broad-minded student's way of telling foreign students (or indeed, native Canadians) that in fact the people at this institution are as vicious, bigoted and racist as any Klu Klux Klan members. Maybe that's why the KKK started up a branch of their organization in Alberta - it's because we're broadminded enough to appreciate the egalitarian manner in which they approach other human beings.

As a matter of fact, maybe we're all being too broadminded about this situation. Maybe we should ask the government to raise the fees of people from other provinces, to make sure we don't come into contact with other Canadians (they might be carrying swine flu, you know). Maybe we should go a step further and stop people from outside Edmonton from attending our university (we won't actually tell them they can't come but we'll charge them such outrageous tuition fees and make it so difficult to find housing that they'll be forced to go elsewhere, right?)

If the government agrees, maybe at last we'll find ourselves in the type of intellectual vacuum that the government itself exists in.

Kevin Gillese

I wanna pre-register a complaint

In April of this year, I suffered through long lineups in order to pre-register, supposedly to save myself needless worry, excitement and aggravation in September. Feeling confident that all the hassles were over, I went away into the big world.

I returned on September 11 to pick up my time table, only to find that the computer had bounced me out of my practice teaching and out of two Ed CI courses which were to form part of my major.

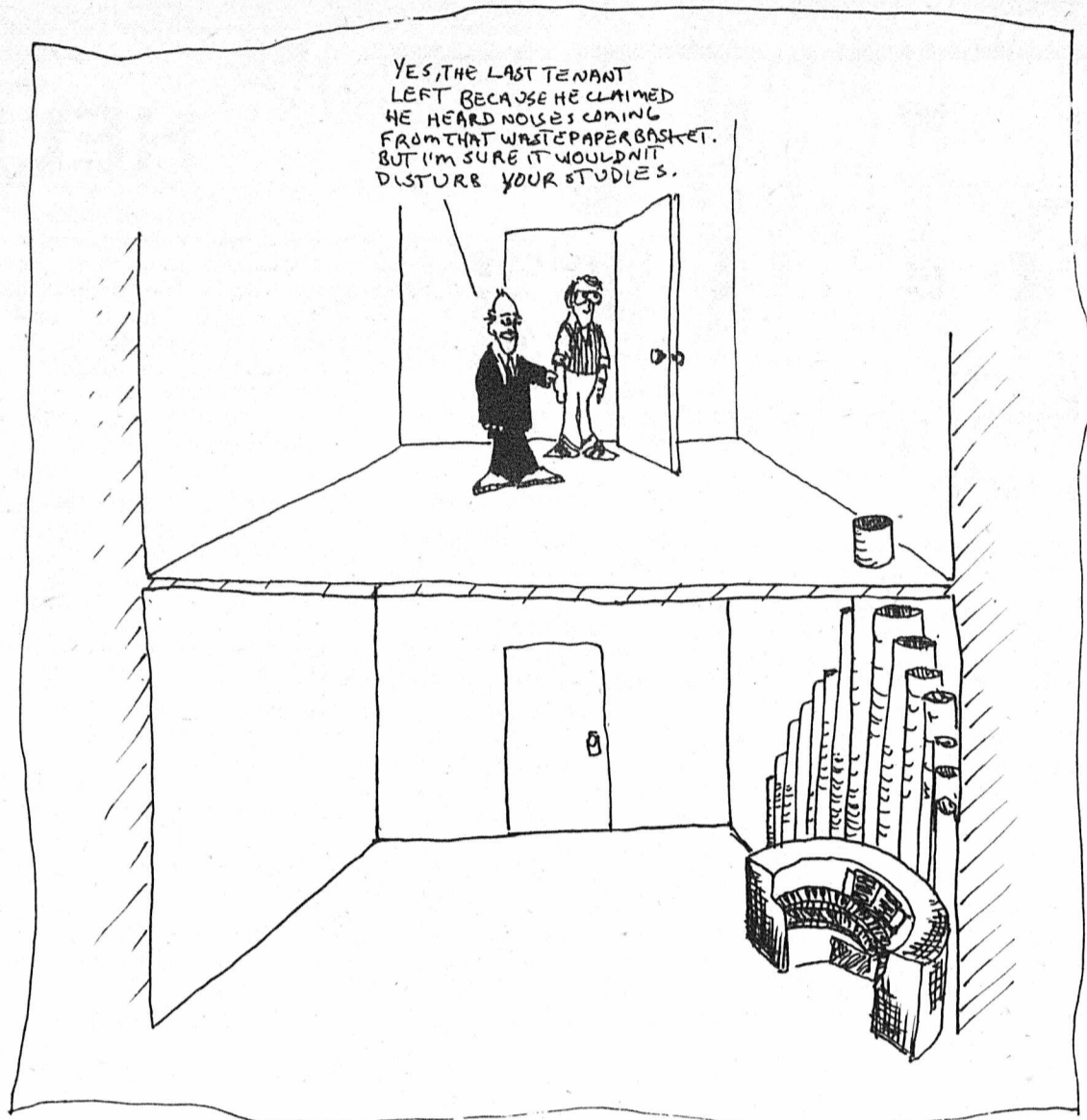
Today, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, I stood in lineups stretching for a full city block, rode the elevator from the 3rd floor to the 8th, from the 8th to the 5th, from the 5th to the 8th and back, hearing everywhere the same words: The section is full, pre-registering does not guarantee anything.

Miraculously, however, it turned out that there was room in the Ed Practicum and that I could be fitted in.

To add to my frustrations, out of a sampling of 16 Ed Fdn courses offered during first term, 5 meet mornings only and conflict with my other courses, 4 require pre-requisites which I do not have, 2 are on the days that I practice teach and I have taken 1 other one. That leaves four to choose from and it so happens that I am not particularly turned on by any of those.

All this leads up to a number of interesting questions:

1. What is the use of pre-registering, if up to 50% of the courses you picked can be taken away?
2. How can there be a) no conflict, b) a conflict and c) no conflict, if the computer is programmed right?
3. What provision is made for people who have to take certain courses and who are ejected from them?
4. Why is the EdCI department



Keep on tractoring

The Aggies are back at collecting lab specimens again this year. As you sit contemplating at any one of the rest offices on campus, think of all the good you'll be doing for an Aggie once you flush your little turd and see it whirl away on its journey to

the Agriculture Building. Without your donations, the Aggies will have to get it from wherever they can, which usually means beating it out of Allis Chalmers.

Herman Kardon
 Engineering 2

Judo chop

Concerning the picture with the caption "Now for Something completely the same" in Tuesday's issue, I would certainly like to find out what happened to the organization of these activities.

Speaking for the Judo Club, we were quite disappointed with the way things turned out. We were asked to give a demonstration at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, with the Wrestling Club. We were promised that a mat area would be put in the Quad along with a loudspeaker system. Neither of these things were there.

So, we hauled out a mat by ourselves and gave the best demonstration we could under the circumstances. It would have been nice to have been able to explain what was going on to all those perplexed faces out there.

No doubt it didn't help that the demonstration was advertised in *The Gateway* to be on Monday and Thursday.

Having U of A club demonstrations was a good idea but someone sure ruined it by their bad organization.

C. Bielech
 President
 U of A Judo Club

Timid council should stand

Please note my complete agreement with your Editorial of September 9, regarding the Student Council's failure to take a stand in support of the October 14 day of protest against wage controls.

This is my first year at U of A. At the last university I attended (McGill) a students' council that announced it could not act on behalf of the student body would either resign or be impeached.

In my opinion, the "Wage and wage controls" and the overall restraint package of

which they are part, are a direct attack on the standard of living and democratic rights of many layers of Canadian society, including students. Every organization which is even vaguely political, including student councils across the country, will be required to state unambiguously where they stand on this attack.

If the U of A Students' Council hasn't made up its mind yet, the least it could do is organize a series of debates, public forums and discussions to make facts available and inform students of the different viewpoints so the student body can make an intelligent decision and act accordingly.

Don Tapscott
 Graduate Studies

Study while you wait...

After the frustrations of registration week, it was not without ire that many students found themselves facing voluminous lineups in the U of A bookstore, some queues taking up to six hours to reach the takeout counter.

As students plowed through looping files of would-be purchasers striving to reach trophied tomes tucked away in cumbersome crannies, an air of malcontent slowly spread through the premises.

Indeed, it is a tribute to the patience of both students and the checkout people, whose stoicism can only be described as Herculean, that no incidences of violence erupted.

In any case, steps must be taken to ensure that such common *menage a cinq mille* as occurred in the bookstore this week, are not repeated.

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Staff meeting Fri., Sept. 17, 3 p.m.
 Gateway offices.

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