

Ted Kemp-views and overviews

gauntlet cuts

CUP

from the U of Calgary "Gauntlet"

The Gauntlet has withdrawn from the Canadian University Press. The decision was made by editor Pat Tivy, who feels CUP is not necessary. Associate editor Larry Hannant and news editor Geoff White both were against the withdrawal.

CUP is a news co-operative made up of 48 campus papers. It has a national office in Ottawa and a full-time staff of eight. The national office provides member papers with feature stories and coordinates annual conferences. It would cost the Gauntlet \$1005 to join this year.

Tivy's decision was based on his belief that the Gauntlet should be more of a community-minded paper. He says that CUP stories tend to be used as a crutch by campus papers—editors use them when they have nothing better to fill their pages with.

Both Hannant and White agree, to a point. But they maintain that CUP stories often have a national perspective that can't be found on this campus. They also say that CUP stories provide tips for local reporters.

Debate has been clouded by the existence of Youthstream, a Toronto-based ad co-op tied to CUP. The ad co-op was created to supply national ads to CUP papers, but no contract involving the Gauntlet has been signed. There is a dispute about the definition of a "national" ad.

According to the CUP national office, Youthstream could be a revenue-generating agency for the Gauntlet. Youthstream ads could be worth as much as \$8000 this year. But since the Gauntlet is out of the CUP it might not get this money.

Other papers not in Youthstream are The Gateway (U of A), The Peak (SFU), and at last report The Ubbysey (UBC). UBC students' council has withheld funds for CUP fees from The Ubbysey.

Ted Kemp is best known to students here not as a guru nor as a professor but as the central figure in the tenure controversy that shook this institution in the winter of 1970. He has severed his formal connections with the university and is now the co-ordinator of the self-study pilot project at Grant MacEwan Community College. "This program," he states, "offers the opportunity to any adult to pursue knowledge without necessarily going through the curricular structures of an educational institution."

In a recent editorial in The Edmonton Journal, Kemp outlined his perception of an educational phenomenon he labels "the moribund middle". This phenomenon is comprised largely of petty administrative bureaucrats, faculty executives, graduate students, and certain instructors intent on bringing the university into the seventies in a forum as reactionary as possible. When asked about "the moribund middle" as it applies to the University of Alberta, he stated that "the middle" is pretty indicative of the U of A. In particular, it has dragged its feet in regard to the General Faculties Council. It was only those in senior administrative posts like Max Wyman and student leaders like Leadbeater and Christian who got the 2-2-1 representation on GFC."

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When queried about the effectiveness of student participation thus far on GFC, Kemp replied, "I thought students would take stronger stands on curriculum, teaching and the general governance of the University. But the Students' Union brass as it is now constituted proves the adage that there is no shirt too young to stuff."

In addition, Kemp feels that students do have an interest analogous to a class interest. "There is a need for students to organize and make an analysis of what's going on in the university, in the public schools, in the colleges and to get together with teachers and administrators to make education a more real experience as regards the problem of today."

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Furthermore, he believes that it is possible for the administration, the teaching staff and the students to agree on what he terms "real" issues. "These problems people should regard each other as colleagues," he said. "Not as entities frozen into strictures of roles."

When asked to pursue this point further he stated, "If you are going to be a Maoist or a Liberal you've got to get out of the trip itself; you've got to get hooked into what's going on. In fact, there is no structure or system: there are only people performing certain actions to attain certain ends. People tend to forget they are persons and subordinate themselves to the role. And if these people say they can't think because they have been conditioned into role playing by 12 years of public school then they're full of bullshit: it's the guy who's been successfully conditioned that is not aware that he has been conditioned."



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The conversation turned to the Barry Moore controversy that currently envelopes Grant MacEwan College. When queried about the politics of the initial cabinet decision not to re-appoint Moore, Kemp replied, "Well, after thirty years of being out in the cold power-wise, the Conservatives want to get a machine going. They want to place their party people in places of influence in community institutions. Moreover, with the abolition of the College and Universities Commission, the government will have a direct line of access to the educational institution." Kemp feels that this situation in effect transforms the post-secondary system into a branch of the civil service. "But that's not necessarily a bad scene," he stated, "if the government becomes more immediately responsive to the public."

In reply to a question about the possible re-appointment of Moore to his position chairman, of the Board, Kemp said, "I have high hopes that the minister will reconsider. If the appointment is to be made on merit and not on politics then who else but Barry Moore can fill the job? I mean, he has most definitely demonstrated his competence."

Kemp applauded the student-faculty solidarity that formed in support of Moore. "There were obvious political appointments made at the U of A, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge. But when the government tried to pull the same stunt at the community college level, the shit hit the fan because students and faculty aren't only interested in a get-a-job mentality but also in a context where they can make a good education for themselves."

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Kemp feels that Grant MacEwan College faces many problems similar to those vexing the University of Alberta. However, he qualified this statement by saying that there is a greater degree of confidence at the college which gives its constituents the

courage to attack those problems. "At the U of A students are isolated from themselves; they fight against one another for their places on the marking

curve. At Grant MacEwan there is no real formula, only an outstanding-complete-incomplete marking system. We're also not divorced from the community to the extent the U of A is; our 3 campuses are in the community; they can be used by the community and because of this our theory about what's going on has to be rooted in the inner city. In fact, most of the programs at Grant MacEwan take the student into the community."

Kemp has high praise for the community college concept. "It's a movement towards making society its own school, where education is not abstracted from life."

Jim Adams



mountaineering-new therapy?

A man who risked his neck to climb Mount Everest and saw a fellow climber buried in a rock slide, later decided to get his Ph.D. and is now conducting wilderness excursions for chronic mental patients, Dr. Luther Jerstad, addressed about 200 students at the year's first forum in Tory last Friday.

Held at a cost of \$550, the Jerstad forum is the only "free" one of the year. In the future, admission will cost 50 cents for students and 75 cents for non-students.

The change has been necessitated by a cut of the forums committee's budget to \$8,000.

According to committee chairman Randy McDonald, future forums will feature Dick Gregory on

October 18, Andy Russell with the film "Grizzly Company" on November 30 and December 1; Russ Burgess on ESP on January 11; Joe Sorentino on the Mafia in Canada on February 16 and Lord Terence O'Neill, former prime minister of Ireland, on March 26.

Medical students from the U of A may present a discussion of "the non-medical use of drugs." In addition, the committee is hoping to bring in someone on the present educational system.

Students are invited to submit suggestions to room 272, SUB, the forums office.