

# the Gateway

## EDITORIAL

### A disunited front

During the next couple of weeks, you will hear a lot from the university community about provincial government underfunding and federal cuts in post-secondary education.

The litany remains the same, of course. Universities are underfunded, inadequate student assistance hampers accessibility, and the federal government must not be allowed to indiscriminately cut its transfer payments to the provinces.

We all agree, the students and the university, that these problems exist and that we all should try to convince mainly the Alberta government to shape up...

Or what? Well, we disagree on the 'or what?' In particular, the students and much of the faculty at the University of Alberta disagree with the University administration on what alternatives there are when the usual pleading about university troubles with the Lougheed intransigents produces no response.

The students, and much of the faculty at the U of A and at other Alberta universities, want to march on the legislature March 11. They support a genuine protest, a legitimate political tactic around which the university community could rally, united against what it does agree are post-secondary education's troubles.

The administration, however, represented by university president Myer Horowitz, is sticking to its usual position. Thus, again we are assured the administration in our best interests is lobbying the government 'diplomatically' and, to be sure 'perseveringly', but unfortunately with little result.

Even backed against a wall, and left without an alternative, the administration says it must never lose its composure, as it were. This view is supported by the Board of Governors of the U of A. Thus, public demonstrations against the government, however passive, or harsh words about the government, however phrased, are not acceptable alternatives.

Better that students pay a greater portion of the government shortfall through tuition fees, even though several Board members oppose the idea 'in principle'. Better that the Board approve a university budget that *anticipates* cutbacks in government funding, rather than send a budget request across the river that reflects the needs, not the expectations of the university. U of A chancellor Jean Forest, among others, has criticized the administration on this crucial point, but it is unmoved.

To hear the administration tell it, the government will only respond to such effrontery with bigger cuts and more intolerance.

In spite of this doomsaying, General Faculties Council voted decisively to support the student initiative to march by agreeing to cancel classes in the afternoon of March 11.

On that day, people from across Alberta will converge on the Alberta legislature. One hopes they will be orderly and thus command the respect of those who make decisions in government.

We would command even greater respect if we were to present a united front.

Peter Michalyshyn

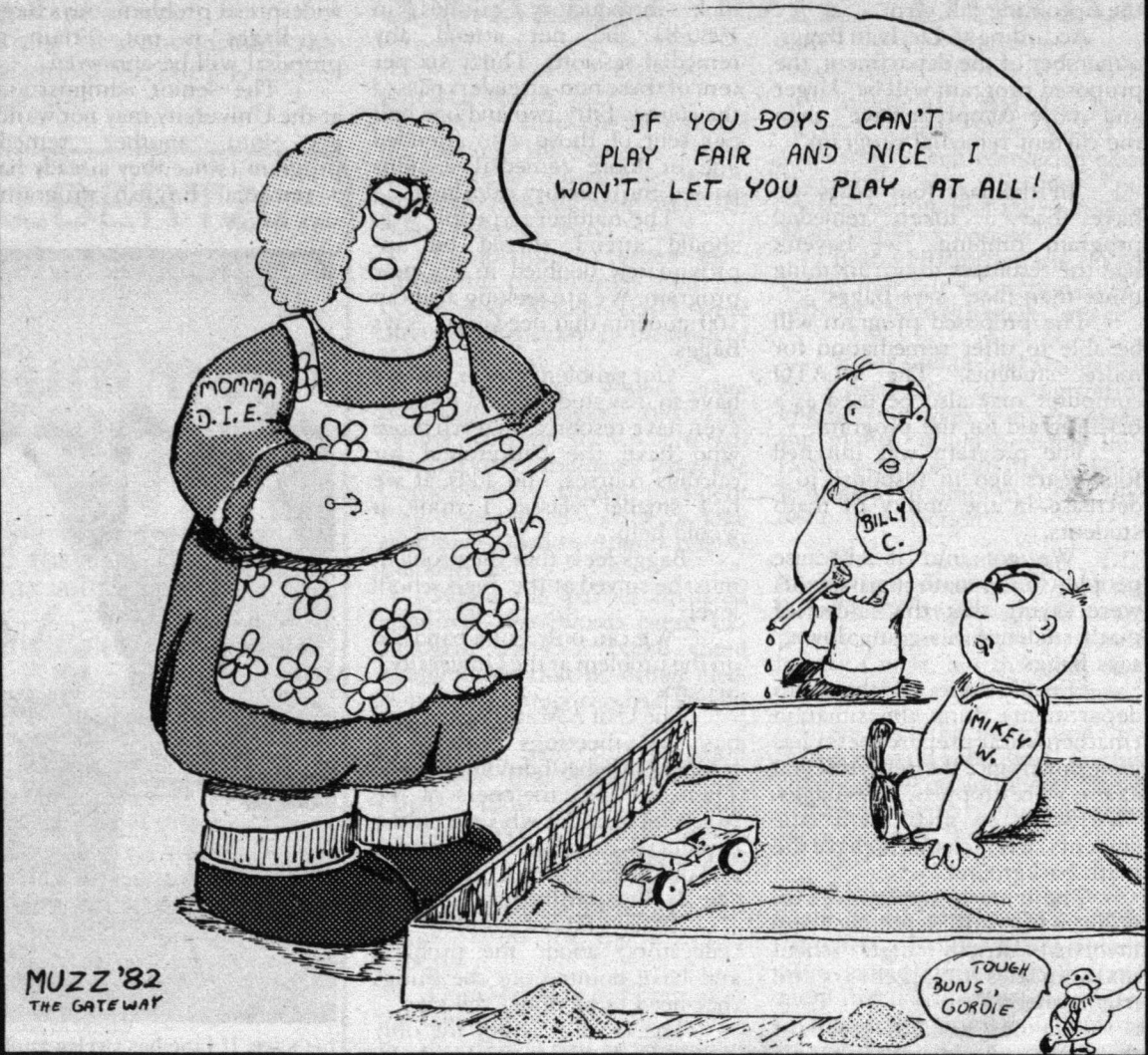
### What's disgusting

You know what's really disgusting this week? It's not the Women's Centre running off at the mouth again. It's not even the administration's (read Myer Horowitz) cowardly stance on the proposed protest March 11. It's this bloody transit strike. I don't know how the members of our fair City Council (and the leaders of the Transit Union, for that matter) can sleep at night. Their lackadaisical attitude towards an inexcusable situation is aggravating the entire city's population, increasing the auto accident rate, and has contributed to the rape of a young girl who was hitchhiking last week. "Coping" indeed.

In all fairness, I would like to offer a solution. I propose that we place the City Council, and the leaders of the Transit Union in a small van in the middle of a large traffic jam with six or seven tiny children and refuse to let them out until they hammer out an accord. Then we'd have *our* buses back and the people who brought us this mess would get their just desserts.

Jordan Peterson

### News Item: D.I.E. Board Moves To Throw Out Presidential Election.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Still no word on tuition policy

The article "Big Dada Jim keeps natives waiting" in the February 9, 1982 edition of the Gateway contains some inaccuracies that I would like to clear up.

First, there was no meeting between FAS representatives and Bruce Ramsey from the Minister's office. The context of my remarks on the tuition fee policy came from a telephone conversation with Ramsey on February 2 where I asked for details on the status of the policy and when we could expect a decision. Bruce did not say that indexing was a favoured option. I made the remark that drawing from some of the Minister's statements on this campus at previous forums the concept of indexing was favourable to him.

I believe that it would have been more accurate to put Bruce's comments in the context of my remarks pertaining to our telephone conversation rather than to quote him based on my recollection of what he had said. Perhaps this is the major source of the inaccuracies.

Finally, my position with the Federation of Alberta Students is executive officer not chairperson. The president of the Federation is Lorraine Mitchell, a full time student from the University of Lethbridge.

Despite these problems the article does point out that there has been no word on the tuition policy recently and that there is some possibility that there may not even be a decision reached due to the federal/provincial battle over financing of post secondary

education. Perhaps this would be a good opportunity for the Minister to undertake the access study being proposed by many groups and freeze tuition fees until we

have a clear indication of their effects on accessibility.

Sincerely,  
Anne McGrath  
FAS Executive Officer

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## LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should be a maximum of 250 words on any subject, regardless of how much you normally run off at the mouth. The fact that you are hot under the collar doesn't impress us in the slightest. Also, spastic, disjointed and semi-intelligible writing is pure migraine to read, and should be saved for your professors, who deserve it. Thirdly, the statement "I think" is just a theory, and considering the evidence - 3,877 predictable letters on every subject - a rather dubious theory. Finally, we reserve the right to hack, chop, or shred any windy, illiterate, or defamatory correspondence. Furthermore, if you persist in sending us such diatribes, Gateway special assistants Vito and Ernie will take whatever extralegal measures as are necessary to insure that you bother us no more.

Staff this issue: du due do etc. The SU elections... you *think* you've elected an executive... but *something* has gone wrong... you investigate further... and find that you've now entered... the DIElight Zone. Dave Cox, Anne Stephen, Michael Skeet, and Kent Blinston cringed at the strange turn of events. Murray Whitby, John Roggeveen, Ambrose Fierce and Teresa Goulet dried out for mercy. Beth Jacob, Garnet DuGray, Allison Annesley, and Jordan Bonk Peterson fell mute while pondering a second election. And Bill Ingles; Martin Beales, Liz Hill and Rich resigned themselves to the fact that predestiny plunged Gateway staffers forever into this bizarre land of hopelessness... The DIElight Zone. (The Gateway would like to make an announcement: We only let Greg Harris work here because we feel sorry for him.)

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