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If you drink your face
off...

...where will I sit?

John Algard

National Training Act spells doom for U's

by Nastasia Nogoodnik

National Training Act negotiations between the federal government and Alberta's Minister for Advanced Education have resulted in some drastic changes for post-secondary education.

Though former Minister for Advanced Education and Manpower, James Horseman, had negotiated a seat purchase program whereby the federal government would fund specific industry-related programs, new Minister Dick Johnston cooperatively altered the provincial legislation with the help of Lloyd Axworthy, Canada's Minister for

Employment and Immigration. What follows is a brief outline of the two Ministers' innovative new version of the Act for Albertans.

1. Universities, as centres for learning or so-called "mind broadening" shall cease to exist, as will the concept of the "well-rounded" student.

2. Beginning in January 1983, Alberta's three university campuses will be converted into "apprenticeship training centres." Professionals in the 25 federally designated "national occupations" will be hired to give "observation seminars," in which groups of 30-50

students will observe the pros practicing their skills. Students will be allowed to choose their apprenticeship from any one of the 25 national occupations. A special academic scholarship to Harvard (Premier Lougheed's alma mater) will be awarded to the students who choose the designated profession which takes longest to become obsolete.

3. Academic staff at the universities will be awarded special civil servant positions with the government. Tenured professors will become provincial administrators with special job descriptions to

include the appointment of personnel for newly created departments such as official textbook burning.

4. Existing colleges and technical institutions will be allowed to continue with their regular programs with the exception of all art and dance courses, which will be replaced with *Welding by Numbers* and *Movement to Nuclear Fission*.

Johnston stated in a telephone interview that he was "very pleased" with the outcome of his negotiations with Axworthy. Said Johnston, "Lloyd's a great guy... he really did most of the work but once he explained how patriotic his interpretation of the Act was going to be, I just felt honored to be of use to the Minister."

When *The Getaway* first contacted Ottawa for comment, Axworthy was unavailable because of official celebrations but later returned our call (we're honored too) to explain his motives for adjusting the Act.

"I realized we were dealing with Albertans, and God only knows the last thing Canada needs now is a bunch of Western rednecks purporting to be Renaissance men and women. They probably believe they have some right to influence decisions of importance traditionally made in the East. So I did the country a favor by ensuring that particular province maintains its designated status... that of Canada's strong but silent breadwinner."

Students' Union President Robert Greenhill attempted to insert a provision for Church-basement teaching in various Arts and general science courses. Greenhill argued that the "preservation of certain enrichment programs is vital for the maintenance of good study habits in the event of any future legislation that would bring back education for its own sake." Greenhill's arguments, though, were systematically shot down by all provincial government officials who cared to listen when the SU President made his public plea in a CBC broadcast last Friday.

Greenhill's last ditch proposal was criticized by Tory Ministers and Back-benchers alike for its "lack of feasibility during times of restraint." Provincial Treasurer Lou Hyndman said that he was able to forgive Greenhill's naivete because he lacked the financial background to realize the rashness behind government funding of academic programs when the tutorial manpower could be better utilized building parts for nuclear arms.

The revised provincial version of the NTA becomes effective January third. One U of A student present at Johnston's official announcement was heard to mutter, "Geez these government wetheads piss me off. I already wasted a weekend cramming for Classics. A considerate government would have tipped me off before all the good ski trips were booked."

Mossad's mole flushed out

U of A student activist, Oscar Ammarr, broke down during cross-examination and admitted to being an Israeli secret agent.

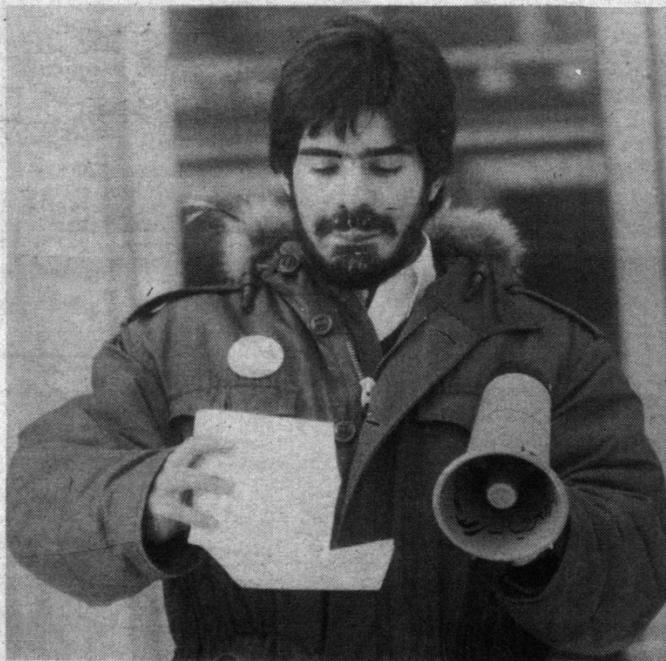
During a DIE Board hearing into charges he has been, "a pest and a pain in the neck," the blubbing bearded Ammarr confessed he had been planted in the Arab Students Association by the Israeli Secret service, The Mossad.

"Okay, so I'm guilty. I was only protecting the interests of the state of Israel. Oy vey," wept the distraught double agent.

Over the past two years Ammarr has been the focus of a Mossad plan to discredit the Arab students Association. He has disrupted Hillel forums made outlandish statements to the press and written laughable letters to newspapers in an attempt to make U of A Arab students seem like, "a raging horde of maniacs."

Ammarr, who holds the rank of private second class, was trained by the Mossad and American CIA in non-specific, repetitive rhetoric; shouting, and leaping in front of cameras.

Tomorrow, Ammarr is expected to change his plea to guilty. The maximum penalty for espionage (as well as for anything else handled by DIE Board) is being told to "cut it out."



Israeli secret agent, Oscar Ammarr, in happier times

Jens-boy is not a smart-ass

"I'm really John-Boy Walton," announced Jens Andersen, managing editor of the *Getaway*, this morning at a special news conference.

"I have been living under an assumed name for the past four years in order to escape religious and income-tax persecution."

The real Jens Andersen, as it turns out, is actually working in a fish cannery in St. John's, Newfoundland.

"He's a close friend, of mine," explained the fake Jens Andersen, "and when he told me of this inconspicuous job up north, working

with a closely-knit family of caring and loving individuals, I couldn't refuse. It really reminded me of Walton's Mountain."

Walton went on to disclose the fact that he had carried on the facade of appearing pseudo-intellectual and omnipresent merely to throw the I.R.S. off his track.

"I'm really not a smart-ass...honestly," he asserted. "I'm actually very kind, considerate, and extremely religious."

Walton explained that he had decided to come forward because he

felt in his heart that it was wrong to lie. This, he said, was the important first step which was necessary before he could begin his new career of television evangelism.

"Jerry Falwell has been my inspiration," he stated to close the news conference, "and in order to be more like Him, I need to be more honest with myself and my people."

John-Boy Walton-Andersen will be holding revival meetings in the Students' Union Building Theatre beginning sometime in the New Year.

Tearful thanks for underworld

by Andrew Whats

For the first time in two years, the Loomis security company has not been robbed while making a delivery to SUB.

Normally, at this time of year the Loomis van would be robbed while delivering bags of money to the Commerce bank in SUB basement.

Two years ago, thieves got away with scads of money as the security personnel could only watch in horror.

Last year, thieves struck again, carting off money in plentiful supplies from two Loomis security

agents. But the guards did not give up easily last year.

The crooks, while making their escape were shot at by the guards. Apparently one man was hit but it was unconfirmed.

A spokesman for the security company said, "We're really pleased that we haven't been robbed, our rep was beginning to slip, y'know?"

The spokesman, though, did add a touch of humility by adding, "I am sort of going to miss them (robbers) they were usually nice guys, from what our people have said."

When contacted, a spokesman for the underworld commented, "We didn't really want to hit them (Loomis) again, it would've been too easy and we like a challenge once in a while, y'know?"

The underworld fellow went on to say that this was something of a Christmas present for the Loomis security company. Touched by that comment, the Loomis spokesmaa choked back the tears and replied hoarsely, "thanks."

Biology no excuse

Men should labor also

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Women are routinely oppressed in life report members of a co-alition formed to fight against these injustices.

"Yes, it's true," shrieks Winnie Anne Whine president of the coalition entitled the Society for Helping Real Intelligent Liberated Ladies (SHRILL).

"Women rarely reach the same level of advancement," complains Whine.

Whine complains the biggest offender in the oppression of women is Biology.

"Biology makes us bear the children," says Whine. "In a society that can put men on the moon there is no reason why it can't come up with some way to make others share in the

responsibility. Why should women always get the procreative end of the stick?"

Whine says that scientists should come up with some way of making it possible for men to have children.

"Men should have to share in the biological responsibility that keeps the human race going," said Whine.

Birth control and choice are not enough; there has to be a full sharing of all responsibilities, insists Whine. Whine says there has to be a total similarity between sexes before any reasonable amount of equality can be reached.

"Let's face it," says Whine. "What we're aiming at is a unisex society and Biology can no longer provide a valid excuse."

NASA wants it

U of A food into orbit

Food and Housing head honcho, Gil Brown, in a recent combined smorgasbord/press conference at the Four Seasons released the news that Housing has recently won the contract to supply meals to NASA's space shuttle.

Brown, punctuating her statements by waving her roast leg of pheasant in the air, remarked that food services have had "Years of experience feeding space cadets." She added that food services cooking is perfect for space exploration, "It's hard, dry, holds together well in zero gravity, and should have a great shelf life since most of our food has already been exposed to the elements for so long anyways, it's already been through every possible transformation. Also when properly diluted the food stuffs can be used to repair cracks, replace lost insulation tiles and even flush out sluggish sewer lines."

Brown also cautioned that the food stuffs would be clearly labeled warning the astronauts to avoid contact with the eyes and open wounds.

She also added that since half the lure of food service cooking is the wonderful atmosphere the astronauts will receive: a full service of stained cracked cups, plates, bowls, two-pronged forks, bent knives, wobbly chairs, dirty tables, unreasonable meal hours and at least two snarly uncooperative servers.

As for the actual preparation of the nood, she anticipates little or no problems since the food tastes much the same frozen, thawed, or boiled. She added that a slice of lasagne put into orbit last summer still has retained its original shape and texture, "how's that for space food?"

Brown did not substantiate rumours that the astronauts will be put on space scrip.