

## Closing the doors

The format of the Heritage Savings and Trust Fund conference to be held at the university this week raises some disturbing questions about the Lougheed government's attitude towards the people of Alberta.

The conference is intended to be a "think tank," with various perspectives and policy options for the Fund being discussed. Unfortunately, the conference is closed to the public; attendance is by invitation only and is limited to 190 people. Obviously, this indicates the Lougheed government does not wish to encourage discussion and debate on the policy directions the Fund may take.

This deliberate exclusion of the public makes a mockery out of any claim to participatory democracy or "open government" that the Lougheed administration may make. Certainly the day to day investment decisions for the fund must be taken by a small group, but the long term policy decisions for the Fund should not be left in the hands of a bunch of Harvard Business School graduates, especially when they are playing with public funds.

Of course there will be media coverage of the conference, but this is no solution to the basic problem. A two minute condensation of a day-long discussion can hardly be termed adequate. In fact, media coverage is important for what it chooses not to show, as well as for how it distorts what actually occurs.

The exclusion of the public becomes even more important when one realizes the government itself has no clear idea of what to do with the Fund. Nevertheless, the Fund continues to grow (it will reach the \$10 billion mark early in the 1980's), and without a clear direction much money will simply be wasted in short-term business investments (stock and bonds) when it could definitely be put to better use elsewhere. Conferences such as the one at the university can clearly play a positive role here. Instead of holding a closed session where various groups can either pat each other on the back, or confess their lack of initiative, the government should encourage open debate and public input into the decision making process.

The choices surrounding the Heritage Fund are probably the most important decisions that will be taken to shape Alberta's future for the next few decades. To have a government arrogant enough to assume it can make these decisions for the people without informing them of the alternatives can only be a dangerous precedent.

by Keith Krause

Thanks to all of the people who have taken time to complete the *Gateway* reader's survey. The response so far has not been overwhelming, but surveys are still coming into our offices at a consistent rate.

Our biggest mistake with the survey was not placing any collection boxes around campus. This was an oversight on our part that was too late to correct by the time we thought of it. Anyone wishing to get a completed survey to us can drop it off at our offices, (Room 282 SUB) or mail it free of postage through the campus mail system.

Persons wishing to fill out a survey who do not have survey forms can still pick them up at the office.

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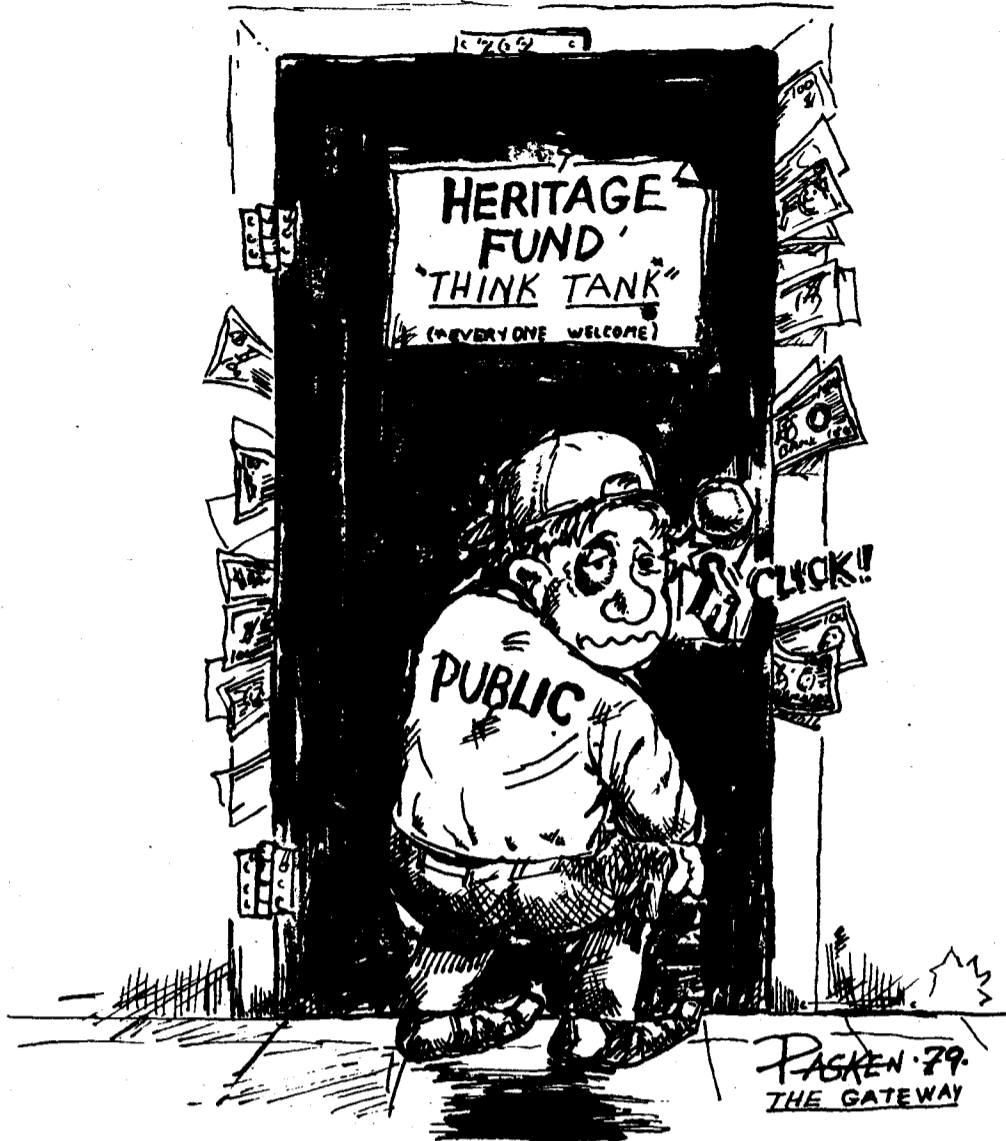
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## Second Wind

Gordon Turtle

An open letter to Glen Gallinger:  
Listen, Glen, I for one am getting quite frustrated with your blatant abuse of privilege and unethical campaigning procedures. I refer of course to the mounting of your election posters all over the campus in places where they should not be.

You've had them on trees, on windows, on doorways, and on walls where they shouldn't be. In SUB, for example, you have violated so many building regulations that I've lost count.

For your information, let me quote from the SUB Policy Manual. It says, "All posters shall be confined to those facilities specifically for that purpose, inside and outside the building." Glen, this means you don't stick posters on windows in SUB. You've even got one in the Stadium Carpark passageway!

Having been a member of the executive for about two months, you should be aware of these most rudimentary regulations. I don't know whether you are ignorant or intentionally abusive of the rulings, but either way, your irresponsibility is a bad omen. If you win your by-election, will you continue this flagrant use of opportunity?

Another section of the SUB Policy Manual states that "Posters shall indicate a date on which they may be removed to make way for other posters and shall be removed by maintenance staff on that date." In order to have that date placed on the poster, a stamp of approval must be obtained from the Information Desk staff. But of course, you didn't bother with that: your

posters are not stamped. Again, in your blustering frenzy at the hustings, you have chosen to ignore the regulations that pertain to all candidates.

Election posters are ugly things, and often an affront to one's intelligence and good taste. If you wish to impose your campaign upon us, you should at least have the courtesy to do so in a civilized and courteous manner. Posters on trees are unforgivable examples of your "win at any cost" tendencies and have also set back pollution standards about fifteen years.

Posters in politically advantageous positions in SUB, (it should be noted that you have also violated building regulations in Education, Tory and God knows where else), destroy your credibility as a responsible candidate. The posters themselves are certainly not a terribly heinous crime, but the attitude they reflect is disconcerting. During an election, regulations are enforced to protect all candidates; your abuse is unfair to other candidates who have obeyed the rules and decided to contend with the problems those rules create.

Glen, your campaign slogan is "Experience counts." I would suggest that your experience doesn't mean a thing if you haven't even learned where posters may and may not be mounted. Any candidate worth his salt would avoid the insulting overkill of his or her mug on walls, windows, etc., by checking out regulations beforehand.

I don't know what your experience in office has done for you Glen, but if you haven't read the SUB Policy Manual, then I fear your experience is more limited than you realize.

## No nukes is good nukes!

I want to thank you for the recent article on nuclear energy and your commitment, as stated in your editorial "nuclear madness," to run a series of features on various aspects of nuclear energy.

However one feels about the viability of nuclear energy systems, there is another "nuclear" development that has been in production for some years now that should also be of major concern to all reasonable people. And that is the commitment on the part of the superpowers to continuing development and deployment of nuclear armaments capable of bringing on a final apocalypse.

The vast majority of in-

dividuals in the western world may have some hesitation about the cost and implicit terror of these weapons of ultimate destruction, but in terms of practical response, very few people are either sufficiently motivated or know what to do, to take a public stand that effectively opposes nuclear arms and provides an alternative.

Yet there are pockets of active, vocal resistance across Canada and the U.S., and in this regard I would like to notify *Gateway* readers that two of the leaders in the campaign to stop the development of nuclear weapons will be on campus November 8, 9, and 10. Jim and Shelley Douglass were the

original founders of the Pacific Life community, committed to stop the development of the U.S. Trident Nuclear Submarine weapons systems.

The Douglasses will speak of their own experience of non-violent resistance, and provide some necessary background information for any who wish to understand the race to nuclear self-annihilation that the superpowers so steadfastly pursue.

Anyone who wishes more advance information on the Douglass' visit is invited to contact me at 432-4621.

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