

Savard's still talking

Sunday morning: and the station not in the employ of the evangelist was CFCW. So, I opened to hear a brief report about this year's Convocation speech.

At my own graduation, I had the privilege of hearing a fine, ringing speech by Dr. Gunning about the need for support of scientific research.

But, this year! It is not racist to acknowledge that the Native people have problems of violence, drunkenness, and lack of success in the educational system: we all know this is true in general, but what causes it, and

how can it be solved?

Apparently, the convocation speaker had an answer. Seems that welfare, by making them feel dependent, was destroying their culture. Native people should be encouraged to get jobs! But, this country is wasting its dirty, underpaid jobs on immigrants. Instead, we shouldn't pay Indians full welfare benefits: that way they will be encouraged to take these jobs, and progress towards full citizenship!

I hope that I misunderstood what I heard on the radio: or that the report was inaccurate. While my own views on such subjects

are not impeccable by liberal standards, this sort of thing I do reject: if it isn't racism, at least it's a wistful longing for the days when workers had to take what they could get.

The children of the poor will make progress towards equality when they have good food, warm homes, and adequate clothing: not when they are the victims of a downgrading of social services intended to starve their parents into taking the nations worst jobs.

Of course, among the poor, whether or not they are in racial minorities, the violence of peers and parents also prevents children from having a chance to work for their futures. But, taking a man off welfare and giving him a menial, back-breaking job isn't going to stop him from beating his wife or children! Deal with the violent individual: not everyone who is poor. I can just visualize how reducing the welfare given to deserted mothers among the poor is going to protect their children from contact with the criminal world!

There are many responsible elements among the Native people and the rest of Canada's poor. Thus, we should work with them, and not against them, in trying to solve Canada's problems of poverty.

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If I hadn't had an overdue assignment for the tenth, I would have gone to something on NSD: though, as I've read claims that people have died in this province due to hospital cutbacks, even if NSD were a smashing success, I fear it would have damaged our credibility: by making us look incredibly selfish to be protesting only a milder aspect of the general 11% expenditure ceiling.

And of course, I share Mr. Gunning's concern about apathy, for my own reasons: the right-wing reactionary that I am, there are certain facets of recent history that I'd like more people to know and care about.

In the Gateway of Thursday, Nov. 18, there appeared an advertisement which I suspect may be misleading.

It was for the Alberta NDP, and said, and I quote, "All the other parties accept money, lots of it, from banks and big corporations."

If the Alberta NDP has information concerning these alleged large quantities of money given by banks and big corporations to the Communist Party of Canada, and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), I would certainly like to hear about it.

Grad student opposes fee hike

As a grad student I decided to join the SU as a full member, both out of principle and because I thought it would be worthwhile. Unfortunately, it seems I was wrong!

The SU in many ways seems ineffectual and is unwilling to take a political stand - admittedly this seems to be what the average student wants. The average student's apathy and lack of political awareness is appalling. (As witnessed by the abysmal turnout for any election or referendum.)

RE: Foreign student fee increase: This seems ludicrous given that the foreign students make up less than 4 1/2 per cent of the U of A environment, and that fees from all students only make up 11 per cent of the university's budget.

Many students seem willing to see increased fees for foreign students on a racial basis and seem particularly discriminatory against Chinese students. Such an increase will mean little financial gain to the University, and a closing of the doors to most foreign students.

I myself am a foreign student (from England). For me to take further grad studies in Canada would mean working full time for 5 years at U.K. wages to save enough to pay the increased fees and general expenses of study in Canada. This would be difficult, but at least I would have the opportunity of doing this. But what are foreign students from less developed countries meant to do? — Never get a university education? (when such skills are badly needed in their own countries.)

I don't think most U of A students (who can pay the year's fees and living expenses from their summer earnings) realize that increased foreign student fees will be a seemingly insurmountable barrier to students from less developed countries.

Already (particularly at an Undergrad level) the university is becoming culturally and geographically isolated. Education involves exchange of ideas — lets not allow the U of A to become an ivory tower of Albertan ideas and exclusivity!

Name withheld by request

Pembinites agree: SUB cafeteria flunks out on French Toast

the Director of Housing and Food Services: Mr. Young.

Subject Matter: SUB Cafeteria, What is going on!

I am a resident of Pembina Hall and am one who has complaints about selections for breakfast. Now as I understand through our representatives in Pembina that Housing and Food Services is doing its utmost to obtain these few extras, but what is going on in the SUB Cafeteria? The residents in Pembina found a notice on our board stating that we would be served "French Toast" on Tuesday, the 23rd of

November. Now had the French Toast not been well received, we were informed, that we would not have another chance which I think is unfair - but may be justified. So to help the cause "Variety is the Spice of Life" to come true I got up early today to ensure that I would receive my ration of French Toast. To my surprise listed right on the menu by itself was "French Toast" 90¢. Need I say more! You can bet who ever sets the prices must take us for being fools; for my 90¢ I got 2 pieces of toast with 1/10th of egg and milk. For this 90¢, in the same

cafeteria, I can get 2 eggs (40¢), 2 glasses of milk (40¢), one patty of butter (5¢) and two slices of bread (4¢), saving myself a penny. Something has gone rotten in the Kitchen. But to get that extra spice of life I spent 90¢ to help a cause.

Spendthrift Fool
C.P. Simpson
Pembina Hall

Pembina residents were recently dismayed at the latest fiscal *faux-pas* orchestrated by the well-known portly dietician of SUB cafeteria. Eager french toast eaters, anxious to sample this

new dish on the *pembina menu* — the result of a general petition for more variety on that menu — were dismayed to see the price of \$0.90 for two *only* (2) pieces of french toast. This was compared with the price for uncooked cold bread in that most excellent of cafeterias, at \$0.02 per slice. Of course, some of the exorbitant cost may be accounted for as compensation to the aforementioned dietician for extra research on the challenging question: "What is french toast, and how is it made?"

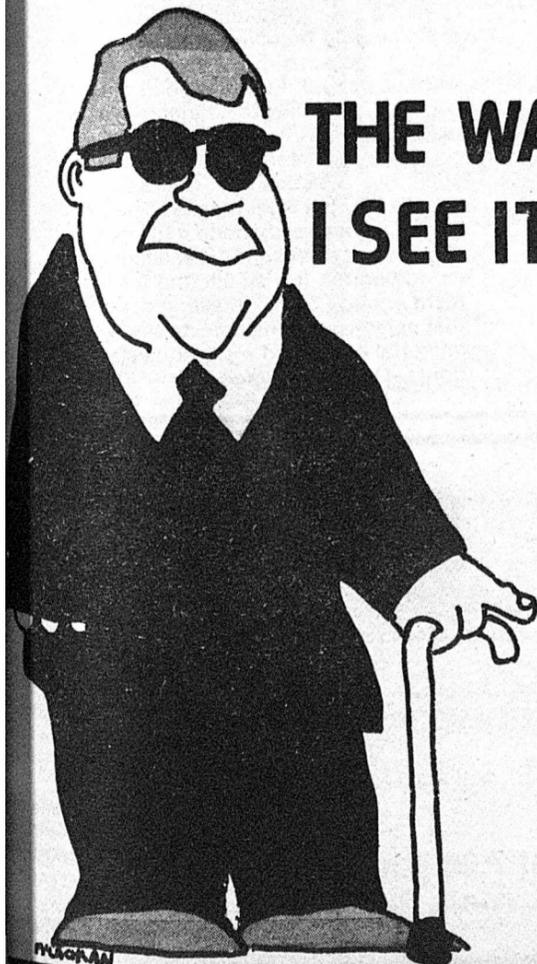
Efforts to change the fractional

weighting of the breakfast/dinner cash allotment have met with considerable procrastination. Many of the items fondly remembered from last year's menu have been callously excised. Often the 'main dish' has run out fully fifteen minutes before the posted closing time.

We, on behalf of the emaciated totality of Pembina residents, most vigorously protest this chronic lack of concern!

Executive members of
the Pembina Hall
Students Association

Frank Mutton



THE WAY
I SEE IT

While down in the typesetting room yesterday, I bumped into a lady I hadn't seen in years Sylvia de la Kryzanowski, now Senior Assistant Proofreader. Sylvia was a good friend at Riverdale High back in the thirties, but she married at fifteen and I hadn't seen her since.

Her name back then was Sylvia Della Sauve, but after five Ukrainian husbands she decided to show off her French background by changing Della to de la. She always was a woman of culture — the first girl at Riverdale to shave her legs and clean under her fingernails.

Anyway, she immediately recognized me (even with the white hair and jowls), and invited me out for coffee. She even took me over to the White Spot on Jasper at 16th, which is, as she puts it, *lay trez shick* restaurant.

She offered to foot the bill for my Blue Plate Lo-Cal Special A La Mode, but women can only go so far with this lib thing. I did, however, allow her to leave the tip.

Sylvia had not asked me out on this little *Swaray* without reason — as chairlady of the Oliver Women's Guild Committee to Prevent the Separation of Quebec From the Rest of Canada, she wanted me to publish the statement they planned to send to that Reeny Levaskew fellow, as she put it. It took me a minute to realize that she meant Quebec's new premier.

I don't normally allow this

column to express any political views, but Sylvia's grace and charm convinced me. The statement reads: *We the undersigned feel that you, Mr. Reeny Levaskew, had better be pretty careful about trying to succeed from all us other Canadians — we all visited Expo 67 and Muriel Beaumont has a cousin who saw the wrestling at the Olympics, so don't think that we haven't spent money on you Quebecers. Why, we even bought all those Lottery tickets and didn't win a damn thing. (Actually, my sister won \$100, but what can that buy these days?)*

So Monseigneurie La Premiere, please consider your position carefully — it won't take much effort on our part to shut down all the pipelines, and where would that leave you and Jeanette Reno, and John Drapoe, and all the rest?

Personally, I feel that Sylvia's efforts are well thought out and reflect the views of the average Albertan, so I urge you to support her campaign — she's one woman who really knows what's happening.

The desperate search goes on for a poor little waif missing since last week. *Kimmy Daisy* wandered away from his McKernan home last Sunday night, and hasn't been seen since. His mother had let him out to work on his Chemical Thermodynamics homework in the back yard, and had just sat down to make his lunch when she heard a blood-

curdling scream and the screech of tires.

She ran out just in time to see a late-model Chrysler with no muffler roar off into the night. A note was later found in the sandbox directing her to **keep her mouth shut or lose her little engineer forever.** Police feel this clue is of no significance, and are concentrating on the idea that Kimmy was carried off and eaten by a giant bird.

Kim was last seen wearing an engineer's jacket with an engineer's t-shirt and a calculator on his belt. He is usually attracted to the sound of beer. Please help find him before the aggies do.

The National Football League has decided to cancel next year's Grey Cup, and will instead offer all Americans in the CFL the chance to win a trip for two to Arizona. The contest will be called **The All-Canadian Cup**, and is open only to those U.S. players who have suffered through more than one northern winter **Chuck Chandler** of CHED is the first to join my little **Lose a Pound a Week Club**, which begins its reducing campaign on **December 8.** Chuck called from a couple of phone booths on Jasper with the good news.

In closing remember that Christmas is less than a month away — time to get out the mistletoe and the ho-ho-ho and all that shit."