

Mr. Gateway a Tory supporter?

by Hollis Brown

Joe Clark and his friends are really desperate.

So desperate they have asked a Mr. Gateway for a financial contribution.

Early in January, *The Gateway* received a four-page letter from the head office of the PC Canada Fund, the organization in charge of soliciting contributions for the Progressive Conservative Party.

The letter was addressed, "Dear Progressive Conservative" and even wilder assumptions were made further on.

The letter begins by explaining how tough Joe Clark had it in office: "as the PC's (sic) took over the Government, the Joe Clark team realized that our nation was facing one of the most difficult situations in years. After eleven solid years of mismanagement, bureaucratic growth and waste, the finances of the Canadian Government are, quite frankly, in a mess."

And, apparently, so are those of the Conservatives.

The letter goes on to explain how unnecessary the upcoming federal election is, saving the plug until the very end:

"The need today is greater than it has ever been before.

"Your personal contribution — \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$600 or whatever you can afford to give will make the difference

between a solid victory for the PC Party or a return of the irresponsible Trudeau Liberals.

"In fact, because of the unprecedented demand placed on our Party, I'm asking you to consider a contribution of nearly twice as much as you've ever made before."

The letter is signed by Terry Yates, Chairman of the PC Canada Fund.

Enclosed with the letter was a plastic "sustaining membership" card, proving to all that the newspaper is in support of the Progressive Conservative Party. The name on the card identifies its bearer as "Mr. Gateway".

The regional office of the PC Canada Fund in Calgary could offer no explanation of why *The Gateway* was being solicited for funds.

"We've got a lot of new people working on our campaign," a spokeswoman said, "and it's likely that a mistake was made somewhere."

On the other hand, she pointed out, the party is actively seeking contributions from many individuals and groups, and *The Gateway* might have been put on the list intentionally.

Gateway editor Gordon Turtle was flattered by the PC solicitation.

"It's sort of nice to be considered important enough to

rate with the Tories," he said, "but it will be a cold day in hell before they get a dime off us."

Turtle added, "I think this letter ended up at the wrong end of the second floor of SUB."

The national office of Canadian University Press (CUP) in Ottawa also received the letter and the membership card.

Like *The Gateway*, CUP has treated the entire incident with the lack of seriousness it deserves.

CPC(M-L) to make rich pay

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) would eliminate tuition fees for students from workers' families, but make rich students pay the entire cost of their education, according to party leader Hardial Bains.

Industries hiring graduates would then have to reimburse the state for the cost of their education, said Bains speaking at a Monday press conference.

Bains said the right to education is considered a privilege in this country and children from working class families often don't go to university. A slogan of the Marxist-Leninists is "defend the basic interests of the students."

Bains said if the federal election were not rigged, the Marxist-Leninists would achieve a majority.

"The capitalist media has deliberately befuddled the masses into believing there are only three parties, and that the

views of the other parties are irrelevant," he said.

Bains said the most important issue of the election is the preparation by the capitalist parties for war. He said they want to drag the people on the side of U.S. imperialism against other imperialist countries.

The only genuine socialist country in the world is the Peoples' Socialist Republic of Albania, according to Bains. "It is the only government which speaks out against imperialists and social imperialists."

Bains said the New Democratic Party is capitalist, and that the Rhino party is supported by "declassified lunatics who will support anything."

"We, the revolutionaries, are not afraid of the Rhinoceros," he declared.

Bains said the rich are exploiting the workers of Canada. "The unions do not support the struggles of the workers, but serve the interests

of the state," he said.

"All the capitalist parties are war mongering. They have a little rhinoceros jumping around their gun to give color to their fascism," he said. "We will do everything in our power to ensure that that war effort is not successful."



Hardial Bains

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Mr. Gateway

1980 Sustaining Contributor



After all the cheap shots the Gateway has been taking at Joe Clark, this card came as a surprise.

Chretien, Ukio to speak

Visits by former Liberal finance minister Jean Chretien and Tanzanian economist Godfrey Ukio highlight forums in SUB next week.

Chretien will address students Monday on *Election '80: The Liberal Platform*. The forum, sponsored by SU Forums, runs from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Dinwoodie Lounge.

Ukio, head of the economics department in Kivukoni College, Dar-Es-Salaam, will speak on *Making a living in the world* Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Meditation Room in SUB.

His visit is co-sponsored by SU Forums, the University Chaplaincy Association, the Student Christian Movement and Ten Days for World Development.

ACT telerama to be held in SUB

There'll be stardust in SUB Theatre this weekend.

That's when the Associated Canadian Travellers (ACT) host their sixth annual telethon, *Telerama '80*.

This year's telerama features Hee-Haw star Ronnie Prophet, puppeteer Shari Lewis and the country rock band Prairie Fire. The telethon will raise funds for handicapped people in Alberta.

The ACT has funded the

Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund and a recreation centre for the disabled in the past.

The telerama will close sections of SUB to students, but SU vp internal Sharon Bell says the closure will be only a temporary inconvenience.

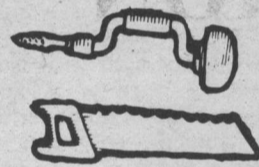
The Art Gallery, Music Listening Area and all offices on the ground floor of SUB will be closed, says Bell. The northeast wing of the building, including

L'Express and the photocopying facilities, will also be closed.

However, students who want to use photocopying facilities can obtain clearance from security personnel in the building, she says.

Only Student Help offices and the Dinwoodie cabaret will be open on the second floor.

The telerama runs from Saturday, February 2 at 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. All students are welcome to attend.



Kirk Kirkwood

Is Elvis Really Dead? asked the headline of the, shall we say colorful, newspaper. Inside, one of their intrepid reporters, a man hell-bent on getting the facts (or bending the facts to hell, whatever) gave proof that singer Elvis Presley faked his own death. The whole charade was nothing more than cashing in the receipts of sagging career.

Obviously, it worked. Money for Elvis memorabilia is still rolling in. The modestly anonymous reporter went on to say that Elvis was even planning to start a new career under a new name.

I was shocked at first, but since then I've done some research showing that death is a common means of bringing life into a performer's career. It was recently revealed that Jimi Hendrix "died" only because his record sales had been going down. Since then he has gone underground; he is hiding in a basement studio recording "lost Jimi Hendrix albums."

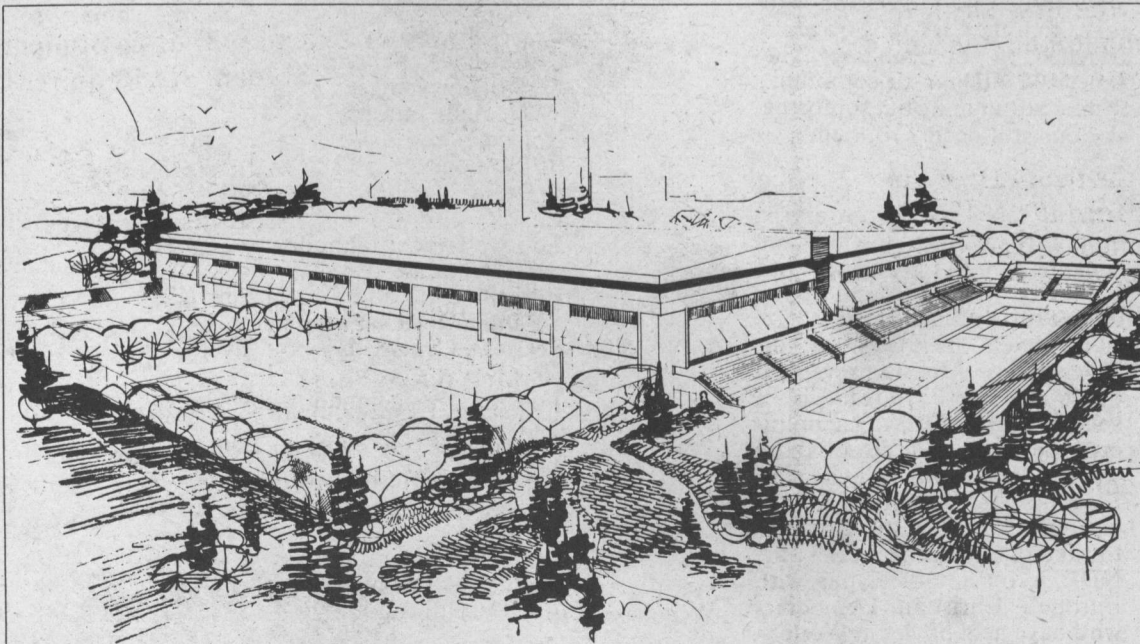
The recent death of entertainer Jimmy Durante has turned out only to be a test run. The test was a failure, according to his manager, because of the lengthy illness that kept Durante out of the public eye. Durante will return to work until such time as his death will be meaningful and profitable.

Other stars who are dead are thinking of returning to performing. According to the manager of Janis Joplin, the popularity of the movie, *The Rose*, will bring new life into rock's first lady. She will be exhumed and sent on a 60-city tour. "I'm sure she'll be just as good as ever, or at least she was for those last few months," said her manager, who plans to sign Lynnyrd Skynnyrd as the opening act.

Other stars are planning to die in the near future. Dustin Hoffman has promised to die if he will be promised a posthumous Oscar for *Kramer vs. Kramer*. Liza Minelli, who has not had a hit movie since *Cabaret*, will take no pictures with her next picture. She will star in *The Judy Garland Story* and take real sleeping pills in the final scene. Should the early reviews be favorable, however, she may have her stomach pumped.

Closer to home, Joe Clark has promised to die to overcome the large Liberal lead in the polls. Party organizers have convinced Clark that he must show the same youthful, dynamic, self-sacrificing leadership that John Kennedy typified. Clark says that he has always given his all for the party and is ready to go all the way. The major problem facing party organizers now is sorting through the thousands of suggestions they have received concerning the method of death. It is rumored, however, that he will be assassinated by a French-speaking Liberal who works for Petrocan.

Thus a new problem is added to the debate on life after death. In many ways, though, things haven't changed. Life marches on. But now, so does death.



An artist's conception of the proposed fieldhouse to be constructed if Edmonton is successful in its bid for the World Student Games.

Diagram courtesy Folio