

Change in our attitudes needed

Third World economist speaks

by Mike Walker

The present international economic order is unacceptable to the majority of the world's population.

And it is only "a question of time" before it is scrapped and replaced by a more equitable system.

This was the message of Godfrey Ukio, economics department head at Kivukoni College in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tuesday at a Students' Union forum.

Poverty in Third World countries has nothing to do with "poverty in resources," Ukio said. Rather, the world power structure promotes the division of the world into rich and poor nations, and directs the flow of wealth to the rich.

Change is inevitable, though, he warned, either through co-operation among nations or confrontation between rich and poor.

Confrontation is only avoidable by a change in the attitude of the industrial nations, Ukio said. If citizens of these nations do not change their attitudes, he said he foresees inevitable conflict.

Co-operation implies two things, according to Ukio. First, world bodies such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) must be restructured to benefit the third world.

Second, foreign aid must be compatible with the philosophies and development plans of the

recipients, he said.

Ukio pointed to the World Bank as an example of the present economic system in action. Although the bank was ostensibly formed to direct capital to developing nations, the Third World controls only 38.5 per cent of its voting power, said Ukio.

The IMF is also weighted against the poor nations, he said. Richer nations control its lending and voting power.

The result of such arrangements, he said, is only four per cent of all international credit in the past 30 years has gone to the Third World.

Protectionism in the industrial nations has led to discrimination against Third World exports through tariffs and

international shipping cartels, Ukio claimed.

He quoted World Bank president Robert McNamara as saying dropping tariff barriers could facilitate as much as \$33 billion per year in additional exports for developing nations. Further, he said shipping cartel price structures encourage Third World countries to whip raw

materials rather than finished goods.

In offering aid to poor countries, the industrial nations often interfere with the development plans of the recipients, Ukio said. For instance, Tanzania has refused an IMF loan because the fund stipulated that Tanzania cut public service and education expenditures.

Cheaper bus pass for students here?

A proposal to subsidize student transit costs by providing cheaper bus passes to U of A students may be implemented as soon as 1981, according to the SU Housing and Transport Commissioner.

Tim Hogan says providing cheaper bus passes is one way of attacking the higher cost of a university education and will help individuals with their budgeting problems.

Hogan says the Student Pac the Edmonton Transit System currently offers is more of a convenience than a subsidy.

"I would like to see the cost of bus passes cut in half for U of

A students," he says.

Hogan says he hopes the university administration will help fund the subsidy which he says could be quite expensive, though the figures haven't been compiled yet.

Hogan also says subsidizing bus passes may help alleviate parking problems on campus.

And he says the university should consider increasing the cost of university parking stalls, now operated on a break-even basis, to help pay for the subsidy.

Hogan says his proposal will be presented to Students' Council at next Tuesday's meeting.



The Astley slate ponders an election speech at Wednesday's SU forum. From right, Norman, Ingram, Kris Farkas, Berni Conrad, Karen Stephanson and Nolan Astley.

Accusations disturb GFC rep

by Alison Thomson

Charges by a Students' Union (SU) presidential candidate that he missed the only General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting he should have attended because he was not notified by the GFC student caucus chairman are under dispute.

Presidential candidate Scott Thorkelson charged yesterday at the SU election forum that GFC student caucus chairman Chris Hansen did not inform him of the meeting because of animosity between them.

However, Hansen told *The Gateway* yesterday afternoon that notifying student members of meetings is not and never has been a function of the student caucus chairman.

That responsibility belongs to the GFC secretary, he said.

The matter arose at the noon election forum when GFC member Bob Kirk asked candidate Thorkelson why he listed GFC experience in his election pamphlets when he had never attended a meeting.

"I was appointed to GFC two months ago. We've had one meeting since I was appointed and that was last week," Thorkelson replied.

"I wasn't informed of the meeting, and I think there is some animosity between myself and the caucus chairman, who had planned to run for president. He didn't inform me of the meeting," he continued.

Thorkelson added that he had been in the GFC library several times and had studied the issues thoroughly, which allowed him to be well acquainted with GFC issues.

Current SU vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya explained that he had presented Thorkelson's name as Arts GFC representative last week after obtaining the permission of the Arts Students Association and the Academic Affairs Board. The first meeting after this nomination was Monday, January 28, when Thorkelson's name was approved as the first item of business.

Thorkelson was entitled to vote for the remainder of that meeting. However, he was not present, said Bhattacharya.

Bhattacharya confirmed that the student caucus chairman is not responsible for informing the individual members of meeting times.

"It is the responsibility of the individual student to make himself aware of meeting times," Bhattacharya added.

The Gateway tried repeatedly to have Thorkelson to reply to these charges. Last night, a friend told us he had nothing to say to *The Gateway* on the matter.

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Be there

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Kirk Kirkwood

It's 7 am. You got up at 5:30 but your brain decided to sleep in until 8. It promised to meet you after first class but in the mean time, without the ability to focus and with only a rudimentary ability to associate, you're trapped in a dangerous place: the twilight zone.

In the distance there's a sign. "STUDENT NURSES DANCE", it says. "I'm sure they dance very nicely," you say. Your eyes close for a second and when they open you actually see it Student Nurses. Dancing! There is music and there are a bunch of women in white dancing. You check to see if your eyes are really open and things come into focus. It's a bunch of people standing under a bright light. They aren't dancing; your head is nodding. The music is just CJSR coming out of the walls.

You shake your head and turn to another direction. A cloud of cigarette smoke rises from the people beside you. You look up to the ceiling; watch the smoke form patterns; see clouds, rabbits, faces, people you know. You trace the smoke down to where the curls form from branches, to where the branches form from streams to where the streams begin. You stare at the ends of two cigarettes, glowing bright red, growing at one end, shrinking at the other. The two people put out their cigarettes, get up, leave. Nothing remains but two red spots, they are painfully burned into your retinas. You cannot see anything directly ahead of you.

If you're ever going to escape the twilight zone you have to wake up. You go to get a cup of coffee (third time's a charm). You hold the styrofoam under the spout of the huge urn. As you hold down the handle you are fascinated by the steady stream of the pouring coffee. Watch it go down, down to the bottom of the cup, splashing on the sides. See it slowly reach the top, build up over the rim for a second and then come down, down, pouring again, over the sides of the cup. Feel the heat on your hand; hear the splash on the floor. Augggh! Your hand releases the handle. The other, the scalded hand drops the coffee cup. It hits the edge of the counter and coffee splashes all over you. The caffeine is wasted but your goal has been achieved: adrenalin will keep you awake.

For a while anyways. As you're sitting in class there is a total cessation of feeling. Your clothes dry, your hand stops throbbing. A mental fog rolls in on the atonal waves of the lecturer's irrelevancies. As he drifts off into a story about his days as a grad student you too drift off into the past. *Grad... high school grad. Wow. All night. Didn't get home 'till 7. So tired, so tired. Oh man, oh man.* "We just sat up to watch the sunrise mom, really."

The pleasant buzz of the classroom stops and you realized you spoke out loud. They laugh, you blush and the prof makes a quick mark in his papers. Still the blood rushing to your face spills over into your brain and you stay alert for the rest of the class. You learn nothing, however, you're too busy noticing people glancing over their shoulders and snickering.

Next period is a spare and you go to the library. You can't focus on the words in your book and you rest your eyes for a bit. Suddenly a librarian is shaking your arm and asking you not to snore so loudly. She leaves as you're still going, "Huh, what?" You look up. It's 1:30. You've missed 2 classes and you're late for a lab. As you run through Chemistry and Physics you rack your brain to remember why you got up so early. It never comes.