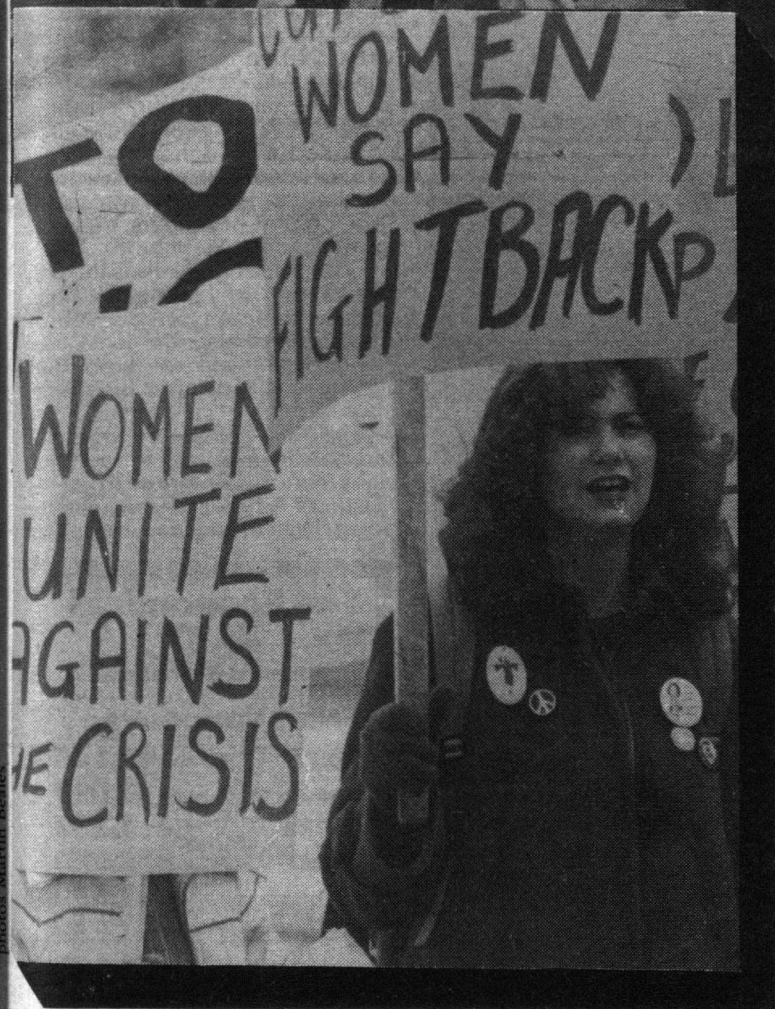


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What are our schools for...

...if not indoctrination against Communism?
Richard M. Nixon



Women for rights

by Ken Lenz

Over 150 people demonstrated for the rights of women by marching from the Legislative Buildings to the Edmonton Public Library last Saturday, March 5.

The demonstrators were supported by feminist groups in virtually every population centre across Canada and the world.

The march was organized in recognition of International Women's Day which commemorates the unity demonstrated by women textile workers on March 8, 1857 in New York who protested the intolerable working conditions, low wages and long hours they were forced to work.

International Women's Day was not officially recognized however until 1910 when, in Copenhagen, it was officially declared a holiday.

The march was organized by several feminist groups including the U of A Women's Centre, Every Women's Place, Edmonton Working Women, Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, Common Woman Books, Women Against Violence Against Women, Women Fight Back, and The International Women's Day Committee (IWDC).

The theme of the march stated by spokesperson for the IWDC, Andrea Waywanko, was the Economic Crisis.

"We feel we must talk about things that affect everyone, but affect women most," said Waywanko.

"These are things like jobs, social cutbacks, and unnecessary war preparations."

Susan Cragie, another spokesperson from the IWDC spoke after the march on some injustices towards women that are presently taking place.

"In Canada, a woman working full-time earns 62¢ for every dollar a man earns doing the same work," said Cragie.

"Social, health, and education cutbacks affect women most because they affect the jobs that women traditionally take up in the workforce such as teaching and nursing occupations."

The demonstration ended with Cragie reading a list of demands including:

- free, safe abortion rights available to all women
- full employment with equal pay for work of equal value
- job training programs with equal access for women
- the right to strike and the right to organize into unions
- improved social services-free 24-hour user-controlled child care
- full civil liberties for lesbian women
- an end to pornography and violence against women
- an end to the arms race
- equal access to non-traditional jobs.

Several resolute demonstrators moved to Eaton's department store after the march to protest the store's involvement in First Choice.

The Eaton family owns controlling interest in one of the companies that produces and sells programs to First Choice Pay-TV, the company that also broadcasts Playboy Programming.

After marching around the store for about five minutes the demonstrators were asked to leave by a security guard. They then promptly left without any incident or argument.

There are activities going on throughout the week to promote awareness and interest in issues that women are constantly faced with.

Watts my line?

Gateway Chief quits

by Allison Annesley

Gateway Editor-in-Chief Andrew Watts has tendered his resignation.

After being elected to office as Students' Union Vice President External, Watts was in what many considered to be a grave conflict of interest situation.

A notice of motion spelling out an attempt to have Watts suspended if he did not resign of his own accord was brought forth by Faculty Representatives Cheryl Davies (Arts) and Vaughn Atkinson (Education) at the last Council meeting.

Watts, who says he had decided over Reading Week that he could not continue to act as both Editor and VP External-elect, ap-

proached Davies about withdrawing her motion. Watts said he would withdraw his resignation if Davies and Atkinson did not withdraw their motion.

"Although it's still going to look to some people as though I'm bowing to political pressure, my mind was already made up," Watts says. In an open letter to Gateway staff, Watts describes the Gateway's atmosphere since his election as one of discomfort, which he says "stems from the fact that I was, and still am, a member of his (Robert Greenhill's) Team." Watts' conflict of interest was unavoidable according to his letter.

Also contained in the staff letter was Watts' admission that the time commitment required to

prepare for office was greater than he imagined: "This has put me into a conflicting situation with my duties as editor." He continued, "I have a responsibility as editor to inform the Gateway of events or actions which might be newsworthy. Equally imperative is my obligation to the members of my Team. There are things that I should have told the Gateway and should tell you now. But I am preparing to enter office..."

Watts' resignation becomes effective March 17. Sports Editor and Editor-in-Chief-elect Brent Jang will assume the position's duties at that time, subject to ratification by Students' Council. Watts will be helping Jang to settle into the position during the interim.

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