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The Recess Is Over

In past weeks, The Gateway, the Independent Residence Committee for Lower Rents, various other student groups and numerous students at large have waged a fight for justice—a campaign against outrageously high room and board rates for the new residences.

The residence committee alone has conducted extensive surveys, written to newspapers and high schools throughout the province, and asked for and gained the support of organizations such as the Alberta Home and School Association.

U of A's Board of Governors was petitioned to lower the rents to a just and reasonable level-and on February 20 the board made a token compromise: rates for the new residences were lowered.

But rates in the nearly-crumbling old residences were raised seven to ten dollars over the present levels - after a fivedollar increase made last year.

The effect is that although the Board of Governors has in part reversed its earlier retrograde decision regarding new residence rates, residence life will still be a preserve for the rich.

Yet that is not all—next year even non-residence students will pay high

rates. Extensive surveys show that many off-campus landlords will increase their charges with the residence increase.

The surveys show more: average room and board rates in off-campus accommodations are \$66.25 in areas in some cases closer to campus facilities than the new residences. This compares more than favorably with proposed monthly rates of \$90 for a single room, \$82 for a small double, in all university residences.

Although some ground has been gained in the fight for justice, the battle is not over.

All students must tell their friends throughout the province of the residence rates and conditions at the University of Alberta. Next fall's freshmen must be warned well in advance to seek more equitably priced accommodation off campus.

An empty residence will go far in convincing the authorities of the error of their discriminatory ways.

We encourage the residence committee to go forward strongly in its fight for justice. It has The Gateway's full support.

And the incoming students' council has a responsibility to be among the first to move forward.

It's time to act again—the recess is

Extremists And Free Speech

Last Monday, the Political Science Club sponsored a sparsely-attended lecture by Canadian Communist Party head Leslie Morris.

The club is, first of all, to be congratulated for its foresight in bringing to campus a speaker of such eminence and widespread popularity.

Earlier, on Feb. 17, the club sponsored Mr. Ray Murphy, secretary of the Young Communist League, in a similar address.

Now the university, conventional academic doctrine tells us, is a sanctuary wherein all viewpoints may be freely aired, and let the best man

There certainly is a good deal to be said for this doctrine—especially in a society like ours, where extremists like the Communists pose such a meagre threat to national security, and the safety of the political order.

The appearance of Mr. Morriseven though his speech was delivered as obvious propaganda—can be defended on this basis.

One wonders, though, whether the Political Science Club will be as willing and anxious to extend its free platform and free publicity to extremists of all varieties-like Lincoln Rockwell's Anti-Semites, for instance

If we are going to use tax-supported facilities as a free platform for extremists, let's at least extend that platform to all extremists!

Comment From Ponoka's MLA

The Gateway has the deepest respect for Premier Manning, the same respect he has for The Gateway.

But Mr. Manning has a duty to the people of Alberta to clue in Members of the Legislative Assembly who ride in on his coat-tails-members like Glen Johnston (Ponoka), who came up with the following in the legislature about the CBC:

"At times (CBC programming is) pure Communist propaganda, apparently intended to confound, cause dissention, accentuate cruelty and gangsterism, and imply that authority is cruel and unfair."

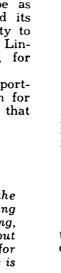
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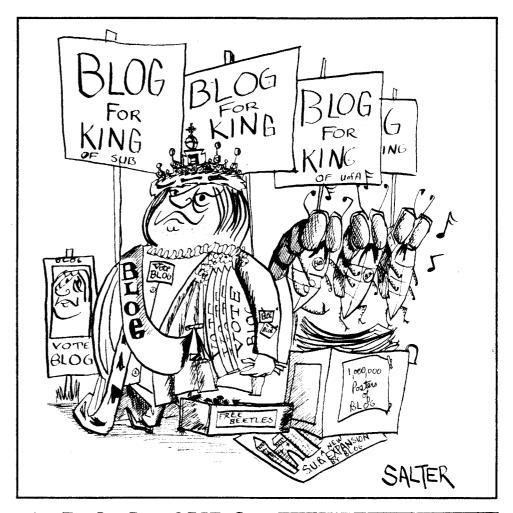
ism?" "I wonder if it is true, that

General Vanier engineered the death of John F. Kennedy? If this is true, why does not the press say something about it?"

"I wonder if it is true, that the man responsible for the picking and choosing of these degrading, filthy programs was kicked out of the U.S. several years ago for Communist activities? If this is true, why does not the press say something about it? Or is the press under the same Satanic power as the CBC and Commun-

Although we have no direct line to God, we expect this next:





A Pub In SUB?

A bar equipped to handle 16 barrels and 2,400 bottles of beer daily has been donated to MacDonald College in Montreal by one J. P. Pilon in an effort to maintain contact with the students. The \$50,000 pub opened recently with a party for college stu-

The University of Alberta's SUB Expansion Committee would do well to follow the example of MacDonald College and incorporate a pub into the still-greatly-uncertain plans for the new SUB.

A great many students on campus have expressed a desire to have a pub in SUB-and not all of them are robust engineers.

There is one obstacle: liquor is not allowed officially on this campus, though unofficially residence students and parking lot habituals consume copious quantities of alcoholic beverages.

Yet there is still hope as regards the "official" obstacle. The University Act is up for revision, and the incoming Students' Council could work diligently to get the archaic campus liquor regulation repealed. Some candidates have already indicated their wish to this end.

Thus it is perhaps fortunate that present plans for SUB Expansion are not yet final-for what would be a new SUB, without a pub?

Revolutionaries

Undertakers are counter-revolutionaries—they are always putting down the masses.

Looking Back through The Gateway

March 19, 1943 (Letter)

"Dear Sir,—I was very pleasantly surprised last week when the mail truck brought me six copies of The Gateway, They were most welcome -and even more appreciated now that printed matter cannot be sent overseas from Canada.

"I was relieved to learn that this present interruption has not completely disrupted athletics on the campus and that the Engineers are still unrivalled.

"There are a few more U of A men in my outfit, and we all enjoyed having pleasant memories dusted off by The Gateway. We hope that the old atmosphere still remains in the halls, and that 'Tuck 52' still has the largest attendance of all classes.

"One word to budding surveyors to run a blitz traverse, right angles are run by sighting along the sides of a cigarette box.

Conundrum

Why is The Gateway like a souped-up two cycle engine?

- A. It is prone to seizure.
- B. It is too hot to handle.
- C. It is too tempermental for the common man-our visitors

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