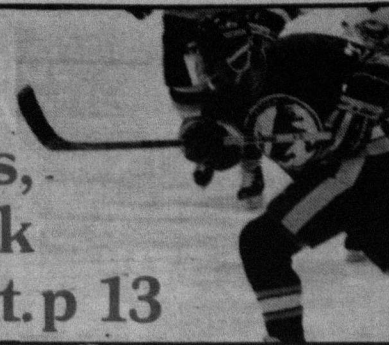


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# The Gateway

"Let's Fu-u-u-uck!"

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## Star gazer's delight

by Geoff Haynes

For the first time in eight years, the Physics Department's observatory has opened for public viewing.

According to Krista Stefan, a third year physics student who initiated the idea, the observatory, situated on the top floor of the Physics building, will be open from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. every Friday (weather permitting) until the end of March, with the exception of Reading Week.

The department's two telescopes, a 12" reflector, and a 14" Celestron, will be operated on a volunteer basis by students. A number of films and slide presentations are being arranged as an alternative during cloudy weather. Group bookings are also being considered, but details have not yet been worked out.

U of A physics professor Dr. Hube is in charge of the observatory. "We acquired the 12" reflector in 1967," he explained. At the time, it was situated in

Devon, away from the city lights, and was used primarily for research. In 1976, it was replaced by a larger 20" telescope, and moved to its present location on campus.

Since the 12" reflector was no longer being used for research, the department offered a very popular visitor's program. Two years later, Peter Pocklington donated the 14" Celestron, now valued at about \$13,000.

"There was a lot of interest at the time," said Hube. "One year we had 2,000 visitors."

In spite of the program's success, the department had difficulty supplying the time and manpower to operate the observatory. When the Edmonton Space Sciences Centre opened in 1981, the university was faced with some direct competition, and the program was ended.

For the last eight years, the telescopes have only been used for occasional viewing, mainly by

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Jeff Cowley

### Holy tonsils, Batman!!!

With large amounts of liquid refreshment on the line, over 3,000 students, staff, and engineers packed into Varsity arena to shout, cuss and shower verbal abuse upon the visiting Calgary Dinosaurs.

## Reds protest Bush without campus permission

by Kevin Law

On Friday afternoon a Marxist-Leninist Party protest against George Bush's visit to Ottawa was forced to leave campus property by campus security and city police.

The group had set up a banner in front of the South entrance to HUB mall and were handing out leaflets that declared George Bush "is not coming to Canada with the best interests of the people of Canada and the world at heart,"

citing U.S. aggression as the main reason.

Campus security arrived on the scene and asked the three protesters to leave because they had apparently not obtained authorization from University Hall. When the group refused to move beyond campus boundaries, security threatened them with arrest and called in city police.

"Where is democracy?" said Marxist-Leninist spokesperson Peggy Morton. "We're coming to

the students to express a viewpoint."

"It's astounding that we have to leave this big sidewalk," Morton said, adding, "If the Conservatives were here, they'd give them coffee. Are some politics accepted and others not?"

According to Dr. Peter Tait,

executive assistant vp administration, section 19.3 of the University calendar states university groups and organizations need permission from his office to conduct such activities.

Tait explained that canvassing and soliciting by off campus groups is usually forbidden.

"The policy relates to members of the campus community," Tait said, noting that they do allow "certain off campus groups, but only charitable ones, and they seek permission first."

One city police officer was moved to comment, "Why don't they go to the parliament buildings?"

## Ambassador speaks

by Sean Sunderland

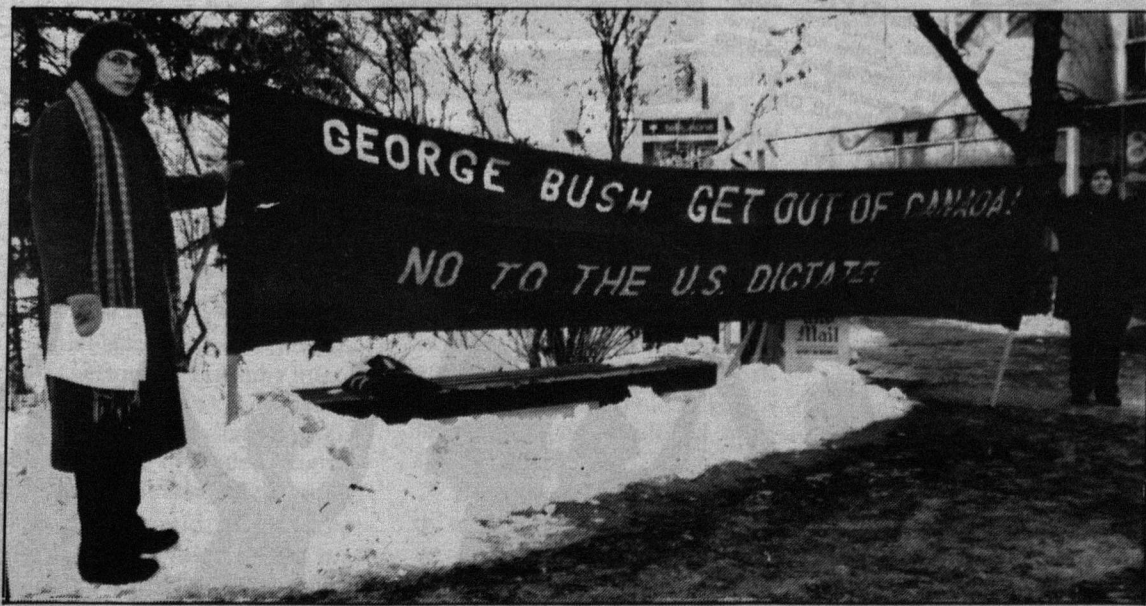
"Nicaragua is engaged in a quest for self-determination, democracy and social justice," said Sergio Lacayo, Nicaragua ambassador to Canada, who captured the attention and sympathy of a largely student body crowd in the Humanities building on Friday.

As the keynote speaker at the

University of Alberta for the "Dialogue for Development" seminar at SUB Theatre, Ambassador Lacayo presented a vivid, yet optimistic picture of the situation in Nicaragua and its prospects for peace.

"The 'Arias Peace Plan' of 1987 was a collective declaration of independence on the part of

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Kevin Law

Mary Joyce and Peggy Morton of the Marxist-Leninist Party tried to get their point across last Friday... at least for awhile.