

often becomes a mockery when management has all the clout at the bargaining table. Who in his right mind can fail to see the subtle, and sometimes not so subtle, pressures in the unenviable position of trying to force their reluctant employer to be reasonable. N.A.S.A. can go through the motions but it cannot do the job to the general satisfaction of its membership. Can the present C.S.A. of A.?

Yes, I believe it can and not merely because it is the only legally appointed body under the Crown Employees Relations Act which is entitled to negotiate for non-academic staff. The C.S.A. of A. already negotiated for the non-academic staff of the Universities of Calgary and Lethbridge. It has rearranged its structure to meet the multitudinous needs of its 26,000 members. Over the past two years, under new leadership, it has hired a full-time lawyer, trained and highly experienced professional negotiators, additional membership service officers, and a research staff under an experienced director. The C.S.A. of A's projected budget for 1975 will run into millions of dollars, including expenditures on computer programming and a modernised communications system. Perhaps most importantly, the C.S.A. of A. has at long last recognised the role it must play if it is to meet the militant demands of its 26,000 members. These working people have had more than enough of patient acceptance of the disgraceful wages paid by their employer, the provincial government. The C.S.A. of A. demonstrated this recently in a successful strike which forced the government to retract its \$50.00 or 7% per month adjustment in wages prior to the commencement of actual negotiations of over 25 contracts throughout the province. I believe N.A.S.A. members were handed \$60.00 at that time.

In the circumstances, the non-academic staff will be well-advised to regroup as a properly constituted Branch of the C.S.A. of A. They lose nothing thereby for they will still continue to elect their own branch executive and they will still ratify their own agreement. They have much to gain as a forceful group served by all the professional facilities and support now available to C.S.A. of A. members.

The C.S.A. of A. has come of age as an effective bargaining force, in successfully having adapted to the role it must play in the collective bargaining process. N.A.S.A. members can and should take their place with C.S.A. of A. in that process. They are cordially welcome.

Yours truly,  
W.F. Finn  
Research Officer

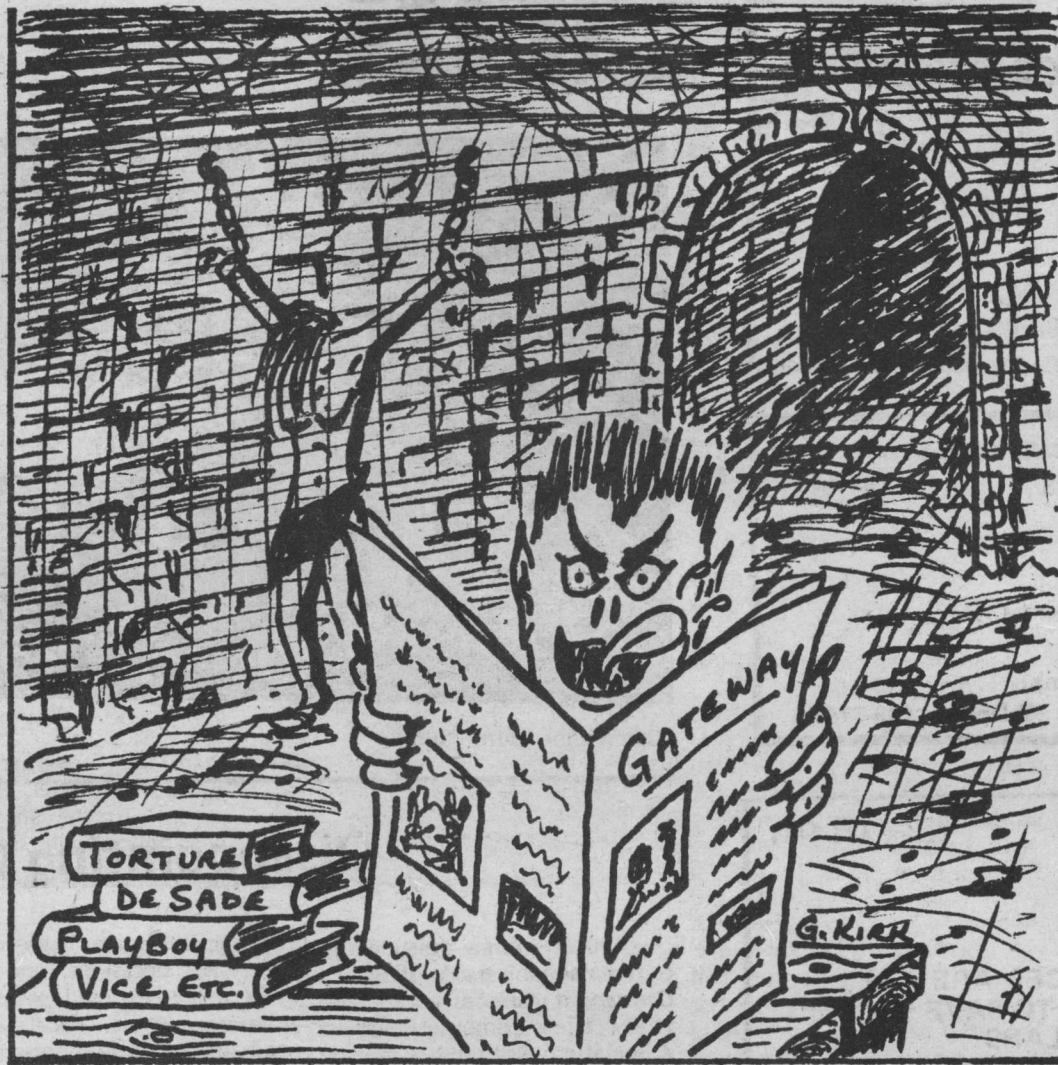
## Nuff said

The abysmal ignorance and audacity of the person who submitted the letter "On Life" (*Gateway*, Oct. 31) is self-evident and needs no further comment.

Roland Auer  
Med 2

## Beef

Every year in North America, hundred of children are seriously crippled or killed by chemical additives or sharp



"AND NOW TO READ MY FAVORITE!"

objects being placed in Halloween candies. What is the purpose of G. Rasmussen's caricature of an old man buying razor blades at a one-half price Halloween sale, and the child behind him holding an apple?

Directly below the editorial column exists a conversation between two men concerning their sexual exploits. Truckey is really telling us where he's at.

His his editorial, Greg Neiman tells us not to support an illegal cause, or ruin a young boy's life by turning him over to the authorities, because he is a petty panhandler.

Also, Neiman tells us not to perpetrate his present state by giving him financial aid.

Hwo can one slap the hand of a young boy, and pat the backs of Rasmussen and Truckey by printing their cartoons?

I feel that the racism, sadism, and sexism that exist in our lives is an acute problem designed by those who have psychological and financial needs to stay in control.

It deeply saddens me that *The Gateway* is so unaware as to encourage and joke about the monster society in which we live.

Phillip Van Horn

*The Gateway, being the collective efforts of the students on this campus, will naturally reflect the collective attitudes of our contributions. There exists no official policy that supports or promotes sexism, racism, or sadism.*

Marquis de Fritze  
Gateway Editor

## Psychic Society

The newly-formed Psychic Society of Alberta is sponsoring a meeting to be held November 15 at the Chateau Lacombe. The purpose of the meeting is to attract membership, and will begin at 8 pm.

The aim of the Psychic Society of Alberta is to study and explore psychic phenomena in a serious

manner. Membership in the Society will cost \$10 per person, \$15 for a married couple, and a special \$5 membership fee for students.

The Society hopes to attract a large membership in Edmonton in order to support an active program of guest lecturers.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting,

within a total. Of all those people who were born before the year 1800, regardless of race, religion, color, or creed, there has been one hundred per cent mortality!

In spite of their dread addiction, a few tomato eaters born between 1800 and 1850 still manage to survive, but the clinical picture is poor -- their bones are brittle, their movements feeble, their skin seamed and wrinkled, their eye sight failing, hair falling, and frequently they have lost all of their teeth.

Those born between 1850 and 1900 number somewhat more survivors, but the overt signs of the addictions dread effects differ no in kind, but in the degree of deterioration. Prognostation is not hopeful.

Extensive experimentation shows that when tomatoes are withheld from an addict, invariably his cravings will cause him to turn to substitutes -- such as oranges, or steak and potatoes. If both tomatoes and all substitutes are persistently withheld, death results in a short time!

The skeptic of apocryphal statistics, or the stubborn non-conformist who will not except the clearly proven conclusions of others, may conduct his own experiment.

Obtain two dozen tomatoes; they may actually be purchased within a block of some high-schools, or discovered growing in a respected neighbor's back yard!

Crush them to a pulp in exactly the state that they would have been introduced into the stomach, pour the vile juice and pulp into a bowl, and place a gold fish therein. Within minutes the gold fish will be dead!

Those who argue that what affects a goldfish might not apply to a human being amy, at their own choice, with to conduct a direct experiment by fully immersing a live human head into the mixture for a full five minutes.

## Beware of statistics



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