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# The Gateway

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...prostitutes in the bed of life

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## National Parties ignore students

**OTTAWA(CUP)**--After a summer spent seeking out the three political parties' stance on post-secondary education, Canada's national student lobby group failed to muster up politicians' concern for student issues.

The Canadian Federation of Students asked each party leader to participate in a national debate on the issue of university and college funding and respond to a questionnaire on student areas of concern. But the federation's attempts yielded few constructive results.

CFS chair Beth Olley says only NDP leader Ed Broadbent agreed to a debate. Prime Minister John Turner declined the request and Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney said he did not have the time.

Though the NDP and the Tories responded to the questionnaire, Olley says the student organization held off mailing the answers to its members until it received the Liberals' response. It never came.

Olley says the Liberals' failure to notify the federation that the party would not respond meant CFS' 66 members--about 450,000 students--were not fully informed about the parties' education commitments.

"The Liberals held us up. Their disorganized election campaign prevented us from mailing out the answers. Only people who phoned and asked for them were told what the parties had said."

Olley, however, says the federation did pass on the questionnaire to local student unions for use in their ridings. Student unions in

every province tried to raise the issues of education underfunding, youth unemployment, student aid and decreased accessibility with local candidates, she added.

CFS also alerted the chief electoral officer about the problems facing students who wanted to vote but were moving out of their home ridings.

Hundreds of students returning to school did not know where they could vote or were too busy on Sept. 4 with registration and classes to cast their ballots, Olley says, even though CFS and the returning officer encouraged them to vote early.

"We know the chief electoral officer was far more concerned about getting students to vote after we talked to him," she says.

Although some issues troubling students such as youth unemployment were already prominent in the election campaign, Olley says her interviews with local and national media as well as research papers and pamphlets sent to CFS members helped them become more of a priority.

"We did a little bit of kicking along the way."

Olley says now that the Tories have swept into power with a majority of 211 seats, lobby groups such as CFS must ensure the federal government does not renege on its election promises. Two of these include a commitment to maintain education funding levels and a proposal to "provide potential employers with incentives to hire young people."

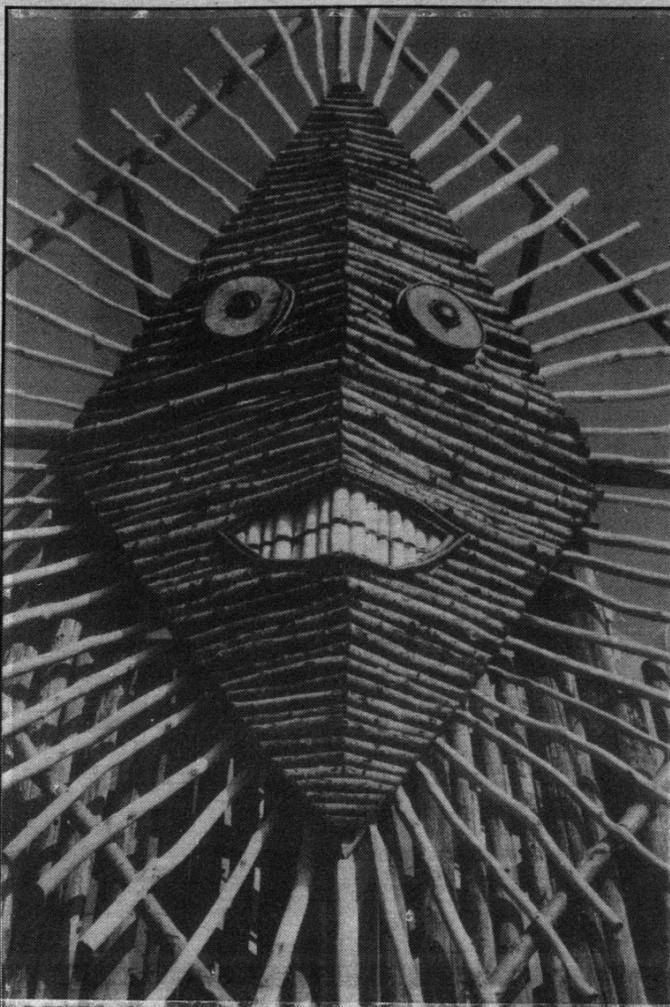


Photo: Dan Watson

This 40-foot wooden monstrosity is the ambassador of Latitude 53, an art gallery located at 10920-88 Avenue

The gallery shows works of artists who belong to the Latitude 53 collective.

One Latitude 53 artist is Norm Wenschler of Red Deer, who constructed this totem pole kitty-corner to the Garneau theatre.

Latitude 53 and its latest exhibition is featured next issue.

## DTUC returns

**NELSON, B.C.(CUP)**--After a dramatic 95-day occupation of a library in a school that the B.C. government tried to wipe off the map, Nelson residents are feverishly drawing up plans to restore a post-secondary institution to their city.

Former David Thompson University Centre students and faculty have a year to come up with a use for the centre's buildings which will not cost the provincial government any money.

So far, they have set a committee to determine the centre's future, and are organizing a Kootenay school of writing that will offer writing courses, workshops and publishing seminars in Nelson and Vancouver this fall.

More than 350 students attended this summer's Kootenay School of the Arts, organized by former students, faculty and staff of the centre which the government closed in May. The three week school offered non-credit courses in fine arts, writing and history.

"It was a very political move on our part," said DTUC graduate Jeff Derksen. "We were saying we don't need the government or the administration to be the best writing school in the country. We have built our own reputation."

Former DTUC students have also maintained their student society and plan to keep the student society

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# Carpark closes; 1000 spaces lost

by Suzette C. Chan

Stadium CarPark has been closed at least until February, leaving hundreds of students scrambling for parking space.

The carpark, located at 116 street and 89 avenue, is one of the major parking facilities on campus, with a 1000 vehicle capacity.

Physical Plant Manager Gord Bulat says the carpark was closed in early August when it was discovered that "post-tension cables

showed excessive corrosion."

He says "there has to be a new structural system to support the slab."

Bulat estimates the repairs may cost \$1.5 million.

"There's no question the problem is related to the quality of construction," says Bulat. "A part of the framework caved in during construction (in 1969). It was a small piece that was not fit properly."

Bulat adds, "Windsor CarPark is the same type and was built around the same time, but we have not experienced any problems with it yet."

Bulat says the carpark will likely be closed until February. "The project will probably be structurally completed in February. The design should be finished and the tenders sent out by the end of the month. The repair work should begin in mid-October."

will be left scrambling for parking stalls.

VP External Paul Alpern says there will now be only 300 parking spaces for every 1000 students.

"There are now less than 1200 spaces compared to 2200 last year," says Alpern. "The situation is so serious that visitor parking may not be available in the morning."

He says there are lineups at parking services already.

Parking Services has devised a priority list for parking passes. Passes will be available to the handicapped first, the U of A staff, then students. Alpern feels the list leaves students at a clear disadvantage.

"There is concern that staff who live only a few blocks away may be taking stalls that students could use," says Alpern.

Alpern says even within the student category, there is a priority list. He says students with documented medical reasons for taking vehicles to university have first priority, followed by students who have to take children to daycare, out-of-town students, students with special reasons (such as a medical student who must travel back and forth from campus to hospitals), students who attend classes or must stay on campus after regular bus schedule hours, and students with part-time jobs.

Alpern acknowledges the park-

ing problem has been plaguing the university "for a long time", and

does not want to blame anyone for the situation.

"The main reason (for inadequate parking facilities) is monetary. There are also physical restraints", he says. "The Board of Governors has a policy to build new parking lots underneath new buildings or underground."

However, he notes, there is no parking facility beneath the Business building.

While no long-term plans to solve the parking problem have been drawn up, Alpern says he and Bulat have some suggestions for the time being.

The intramural football field just south of Corbett Hall may be open to parking in the winter. The field is used for snow-dumping after it freezes.

Alpern says the Garneau housing area has already been opened for 100 vehicles.

He says there may be park and ride service to and from University farm and Emily Murphy Park.

Parking Services may be able to squeeze more parking into the Jubilee Auditorium lot. It now has 800 available stalls.

Bulat says there is also a possibility levels of Stadium CarPark will be open for parking as repair work goes on.



Two hundred beams supporting upper level of Stadium Carpark