

SECOND WIND

by Gerard Kennedy

Crossing trades. It's a union term for when a person performs a job outside his designated responsibility, and in a sense describes what this column is. I usually confine myself to the graphic arts side of things when it comes to my contributions to *the Gateway*. This departure is justified, however, by some of my fellow staffers who did it first, for the coverage accorded to the Campus Hunger Project Club's Starvation (March 23) resembles nothing if not a caricature.

The press in general has shown a commendable tendency to seek out the dark underside of things, a condition perhaps of the post-Watergate, Woodward and Bernstein era. This type of reporting has a natural audience in that part of all of us that likes to see the pristine soiled and idols toppled. The dilemma, as in so many things, is to strike a balance so that the brush the journalist uses is no wider than the facts themselves can justify.

The investigative impulse was visited on the *Gateway* offices in the form of a 1978 article in *Mother Jones*, alleging strong connections between the newly formed American Hunger Project and the controversial consciousness raising for

profit enterprise, 'est.' Enervated by this new 'insight', the *Gateway* and Jens Andersen, our acerbic arts editor and general purpose debunker, in particular, adopted wholesale many of the contentions to be found therein.

The net impression is that the Hunger Project, and by association the U of A Starvation is at best a windy oversimplification of an enormous problem, and at worst an accounts receivable for one Werner Erhard, the head of 'est' and one of a number of original founders of the Hunger Project in 1977.

It is only the particular process of filtering something through newsprint which could have brought about such a disparate interpretation of a straightforward situation.

In response, one need only point out certain relevant facts.

Despite what my intrepid colleagues found at Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs (where it is not required to be listed), the Hunger Project is a fully registered charitable corporation under the federal Income Tax Act. Its books are fully audited and the Canadian Hunger Project is staffed wholly by volunteers. The monies

raised by the U of A Starvation will be used to buy educational materials on hunger for use in Canada.

The Hunger Project has more than 2 million members enrolled in 22 countries (70,000 in Canada), a considerable change from the 180,000 at the time of the *Mother Jones* article, and the organization has evolved along with this, reducing the initial 'est' component to relative insignificance. None of the members of the campus club are est participants.

Far from seeing aid as "dehumanizing" as the *Gateway - Mother Jones* suggested, The Hunger Project has helped the efforts of conventional relief agencies such as UNICEF by advertising for them and has played a role co-ordinating them, such as the 1981 conference which brought together, for the first time, representatives of all relief organizations in the US. It has raised money in emergency situations, more than 1.2 million for the crisis in Cambodia in 1980 and a similar amount for Somalia the year before. The Hunger Project itself usually relies on regular contributors; its share of donations to private organizations working to end hunger in the US last year was minute; about one-tenth of a per cent.

The role of the Hunger Project is to provide information and a perspective on World Hunger which is seen lacking in the general media.

The aim of the Hunger Project, and other groups like it, is not to eliminate the pangs of starvation everywhere as if it were merely some unsociable nuisance, but to remove it as the overriding concern in so many countries of the world, something 32 nations have accomplished since 1945.

The National Academy of Sciences in the United States has isolated political will as the most needed element to accomplish this task. Agronomists and food experts are generally agreed, as was expressed at the Starvation forum, that the resources and workable solutions already do exist.

The appeal of the Hunger Project is that people do not have to be on the front lines to do something. This can mean money to stop-gap relief or developmental agencies for long term (read structural) solutions, and what they and their government can do about it.

It may well be that the cheery view of human nature which sees hunger as inevitable will prevail. That remains to be seen, however, for the effort has yet to be made. Public perceptions about hunger when it's thought about at all are stuck in the missionary mind-set. The people in third world countries are not asking for charity but for the removal of obstacles we put in their way and our support in achieving the fundamental goals; the foremost being of having enough to survive.

Supporters of Poland support El Salvador...

Last Saturday, March 26, myself and other members of the campus East European Solidarity Committee joined the demonstration held in support of the people of El Salvador. Our sense of solidarity with the Salvadorians in their struggle against the U.S.-backed regime is as strong as our continuing support for the Polish workers who are now facing their own "state of seige" by the present military rulers of Poland backed by the USSR.

Unfortunately not everyone who participated in the Salvador demonstration believed we should have that opportunity. When the

march reached the university campus and we began to distribute a leaflet entitled "Solidarity with El Salvador" outlining our position and calling for Canadian recognition of the FDR (the united front of the Salvadoran opposition), members of our committee were immediately confronted by some of the organizers and a few members of the demonstration who told us that since the leaflet was not approved we could not hand it out. When we pointed to the fact that we were on university property and believed that we were within our rights to express our opinions in this manner at a public

demonstration, it was made clear to us, by threats of violence and actual minor acts of intimidation that our democratic rights did not extend to this march.

Freedom of speech is a scarce commodity in this world. Even in so-called western democracies, many of us recognize the

We have heard the brutal news of the assassination of Cucapel Jimenez, president of the Financial Public Employees (Chile).

The Pinochets secret police arrested Cucapel and his body was found later outside Santiago with his head smashed and almost separated from the body.

On December 17th, the American president reacted with annoyance, and raised clamour around what he calls a violation of the elementary rights of the Polish people and sharply demanded the release of leaders of Solidarity, KOS-KOR, and others conspirators.

Yet the day before, his representative at the United Nations voted against a resolution condemning the fascist regime of

limitations for those not in power — those who don't own the means of ideological "production" like newspapers and television stations. However we cannot attempt to mimic the methods of our oppressors when we disagree with someone else's views.

Members of our committee

will continue to defend the people of El Salvador. We are part of the growing movement of people around the world who are not prepared to accept repression whether in the name of so-called "democracy" or "socialism".

Peter Matilainen
Sciences III

...but not the reverse

Pinochet at a time when more savage repressions were seen in Chile.

Mr. Reagan's support for Pinochet and indignation at the measures of the government headed by General Jerujelski is a contradiction.

Another leader is a victim of the genocide that Pinochet perpetrates each day; but as one man said before: "A leader may fall, but still there is a cause, America will be free".

Christina Fernandez
Ag II

Cattle grazing becomes an issue

I would like to point out an obvious blunder made by Larry Nugent who criticized the Blackfoot Integrated Management Plan in the previous issue of *Gateway*.

He says that "Citizens and interest groups are concerned about the two and a half million dollars of public money being spent to convert natural woodland into meadows, especially when the cattle grazing capacity will not increase from what it is now." His

statement is false as cattle grazing capacity will be increased about 13% or 200 cattle per year.

If Mr. Nugent finds the management plans heavy emphasis on cattle grazing so distasteful, I strongly recommend that he skip the main course (beef) and have a double serving of dessert. (prairie pastries and meadow muffins).

Margaret Johnson
Animal Science

Robert was Production editor; he made up and laid out the ads and in general coordinated the production end of the operation. He had enormous tolerance for cold weather, cheerfully taking the finished lay out sheets to the cab every night (which was usually late), and then waiting for another cab to take him to where his car had been towed away. Robert says he's going to be a full time student next year. We'll wait and see.

Ray Giguere — resident capitalist plumber and photo-editor. I learned half way through the term that Ray didn't mind people thinking he was a miserable s.o.b. most of the time. I guess his irritableness forced Ray to perform up to his own standard, which he did, and he'll be back next year, with more of the same and then some.

Mike McKinney — is leaving us after two years as Circulation editor, but he'll always be welcome to come up to the office and sleep on the couch, as he has done countless time waiting for the paper to come back (usually late) from the printer every Tuesday and Thursday morning. I do know one thing about circulation: after helping to deliver 13,000 papers across Campus, I'm glad I was able to do the bulk of my work sitting lamely behind a typewriter.

Andrew Watts — had the best job on the

paper. Nothing, I'm convinced, is more socially worthwhile, and thus rewarding, than sports-writing. Witness the fact that we had not one, but two sports editors this year: for the first month and a bit, Michael Skeet wrote stories of heroic athletic accomplishment, along with the Big Three sports, but he eventually had to move on the Edmonton's *other* tabloid.

Out of nowhere in October, came Andrew Watts. He saw in the *Gateway*, among other things, his chance to take cheap shots at Edmonton's pro-sports sports media celebrities. Andrew is moving all the way up, as it were, to the office of the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, and he'll be busy all summer filling the gaps of lack of experience that even 'youthful exuberance' can't fill. It won't be any problem, but look for a quite different *Gateway*, I think, next year.

Jens Anderson — I know Jens won't mind being last; it's a fitting place for a self-confessed small 'f' fascist and the best writer/thinker (is that redundant?) on staff this year. He will continue to distinguish the *Gateway* as Managing editor next year, where, I hope, he might be persuaded to appreciate deadlines: that's part of newspapers too. Someday, Jens and I are going to collaborate on a first-rate, sensible journal of opinion that will help

obliterate all the left-liberal rubbish on the market today. Perhaps then I will learn how this meticulous, mild-mannered Menckente sparts such virulent response from readers of his columns and reviews.

In a class alone, especially now that they're physically removed, and might be missed, are Margriet Tilroe-West and Tom Wright. They kept the typesetters working and the ads coming in, without which all our work would still be sitting in the Copy Basket in Rm. 282. They also did their share in helping the *Gateway* generate a profit for probably the first time in the last 75 years.

So much for the full-timers. But we can't forget all the little people (sic) whose diligent work gave all of us guilt feelings everytime we cashed our paychecks.

The also rans, er... the veterans: Foremost is Kent Blinston (*Title not available at Press time, Olivia Butti's Diary*) who single-handedly turned out the year's best humour columns, and will no doubt join Jens and I in forming our famous reactionary magazine; John Roggeveen, who is still at work producing the story of the decade, though it'll take that long; the Cartoon Corps: Murray Whitby (Muzz and my favourite, Randy Rodent), Michael Skeet (BAZ), Gerard

Kennedy (Pasken), and Peter Durovic (Pseudohumans and Pterodactyls); Keith and Mike, who wasted their lives in student politics; Garnet DuGray, Bob Kilgannon (who returned to help cover athletics on campus); the intrepid photo staff, including vets Tom Freeland, Dave Chan, Brent Jeffery, and newcomers Martin Beales, Cindy Oxley, Peter Jarvis, Ken Tsai, Matt Moralis, and Vic Marchiel (congratulations Vic).

Other newcomers destined for greatness in the *Gateway* ranks (aside from those on the staff next year already) include Anne Stephen, Jim Miller, Dave Oginski, Peter West (special correspondent from down under), Geoffrey Jackson, James Stevens, Diana Tashchuk, Terri-Lyn Paulgaard, Mike Ekelund, Beth Jacob, Igor and Jessica Leventhal, Gunnar Blödgett, Louis Pena, Don Millar (?), Lloyd Takeyasu, Dave Benoit, Pete Melynychuk, Marianne Neilson, Liz Hunt, and Billy McKay, among others.

Errata: of special note: Mom and Dad, William F. Buckley Jr., the Edmonton Police and Fire Department, the Engineers (for leaving us alone), the Students' Union, Alison Thomson, CUP, Jim in Winnipeg, Peter Hammond and Dale Lakevold on the buses, WestWeb Press, Oscar, typesetter Jordan Peterson, and all the letter writers and all our critics: it's been an honour and a privilege.

Peter Michalshyn

Yes, there is a year end party, by Gosh. It'll happen sometime between the beginning and the end of April, whenever you like, almost; I'm open to suggestions. The sucker-in-chief (that's me), is victim again. There will be great festivities, much gaiety, hordes of people you probably won't recognize, and other sorts of diversions suitable for the end of classes and the end of publishing the *Gateway* (did you hear that?). You all will duly be and promptly informed of the time, place, dress codes, and conditions

of conduct within which the event will be allowed to take place. Until then you will have to satiate your darker thoughts at Wednesday's bash at the Friar's (which ain't so bad an event) new address. If interested, check in at Command HQ (282) SUB, for the the the, uh... oh... the address. Good God, it's been quite a year. I'm glad I did it.

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