

# Student protest causes traffic jam

**"To cross this street  
Learn this well:  
Look both ways  
Then run like hell."**

A sign near Lister Hall with the above message summarizes the complaint of about 800 students who marched for traffic lights Friday afternoon.

At 4:45, nearing the peak of rush hour, Lister Hall students began to march, single file, across the walk on 87th Ave. between Lister Hall and the football field, backing up traffic for more than a block.

The aim was to get traffic lights installed at the three-way intersection.

As the march marched on, several motorists grew impatient and tried to force through the line of pedestrians. The successful were rewarded with jeers and boos.

One lady who managed to get through was confronted by a couple of marchers who opened the hood of her car and disconnected the distributor.

Several others hoisted up the front end of an intruding Volkswagen, to the applause of their fellow marchers.

A team of city police soon arrived and rerouted traffic down 113th Street. Buses cut through the Jubilee Auditorium parking lot to avoid the demonstrators.

## NO RESPONSE

Bill Bowden, chairman of the Residence House Committee said he has received no word from the city in response to the march.

"A cement overpass has been recommended for the site but there is no chance of one being built for another two years," he said.

The protest started about two weeks ago when 20 men from Lister Hall met to see if something could be done about the traffic-crosswalk situation.

The makeshift committee, independent of the house committee, approached Edmonton's chief traffic engineer and expressed their concern.

They asked if a traffic light could be installed and were informed the city could not afford either the time or money to install a traffic control.

Friday's march resulted. One of the organizers said they felt the demonstration, "was the most positive action to get publicity."

## VIEW AND DISCUSS

"Maybe now," he added, "they (the city traffic engineers) will listen to the house committee."

Bowden said he will recommend to the house committee that "they invite members of city council, the mayor, or city commissioners to come and view the situation and sit down and discuss it."

A sergeant on the city police force at the site of the march commented, "I do not feel that this is the proper method of bringing this situation to the attention of the city."

He added there is a city by-law that prevents more than three people from congregating in a public place.



LISTER HALL PRECISION DRILL TEAM AND MARCHING CHOWDER SOCIETY  
... demonstrating their intricate marching techniques without their Merry Marvel Marchers badges

—Henry Kwok photo

## Opposed to idea

# King denies proposing second gov't

The former chairman of the now defunct Pro-CUS committee has "emphatically" denied a story in the Oct. 21 issue of *The Gateway* stating he wanted to set up an "alternative to student government" on campus.

In a letter to the editor-in-chief of *The Gateway*, David King, arts 3, and president of the campus Progressive Conservatives, said, "I did not propose a second government.

I have never proposed a second government. I am opposed to the very idea."

He said when he was speaking to a reporter from *The Gateway* he was "speaking only as a private individual," and not as chairman of the defunct Pro-CUS committee.

**STATEMENTS 'DIFFERENT'**  
He suggested he never alluded to "an alternative to student government.

"What I did say was that I wanted to present an 'alternative philosophy to that being espoused by student government on this campus.' The two statements are different."

This statement has been refuted by *The Gateway's* reporter who interviewed King.

King also denied a report from Ottawa indicating Canadian Union of Students president Doug Ward

had offered the group the benefits of CUS at no cost, in an effort to woo U of A into returning to CUS.

"They offered to put us on their mailing list so that we would receive the CUS publications. But, as every other student on this campus, we are denied all other benefits, except as our council may be able to negotiate them."

He also suggested *The Gateway* inferred he suggested the name "League for Responsible Student Action" for the new group.

King says he never heard of the name before reading it in *The Gateway*.

"I like Campus Involvement Association. The CIA for short," he said.

King did agree with one statement in the story—one saying he later called *The Gateway* and said he had "no comments" on the new group—a statement he made after talking to a *Gateway* reporter on the subject.

## CUS dissolves regional division

VICTORIA (CUP-Staff) — The Canadian Union of Students has experienced another split.

A CUS western regional conference held in Victoria at the weekend voted to dissolve the western region and to focus their energies upon provincial activities and to set up provincial organizations.

British Columbia already has a provincial body, the B.C. Assembly of Students, and institutes of post-secondary education in Alberta have set up a provisional Alberta Association of Students.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba would have

to form provincial bodies under the new provisions.

U of A students' union president Branny Schepanovich called the move "another victory for sanity."

"The U of A delegation has been recommending the dissolution of this body since last June," he said.

Stephen Bigsby, the 19-year-old president of the University of Victoria, terms the move as an attempt at improving communications in the western universities, even though it destroys the present means of communication.

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VICTORIA (Staff)—The proposed second government on the U of A campus will prove to be more "ineffectual and irrelevant" than the Pro-CUS committee, says U of A students' union president Branny Schepanovich.

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