

Ship sails under clearer skies

by Keith Krause

Lister Hall students are gaining an increased voice in the affairs of the Ship, the lounge in residence.

This, along with changes in the scrip system for purchasing food, resulted in a reduction of tensions between students and administrators in the Lister Hall complex say both parties.

Last week, the Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA) organized a boycott of the Ship, in protest of the high beer prices. The boycott was successful, as only about two cases per night were sold.

"It was a show of strength to show we had student support,"

said Lisa Walter, LHSA president. "We plan to make the administration acknowledge us as a serious student group."

Walter said some students were feeling they hadn't been consulted on some of the decisions affecting them.

Lister Hall administrators don't see it that way, though.

"We had been asking the students to meet with us about the Ship since September," said director of Housing and Food Services Gail Brown.

"I don't know where this thing about not being consulted is coming from," she said.

Brown said administrators had made every effort to ac-

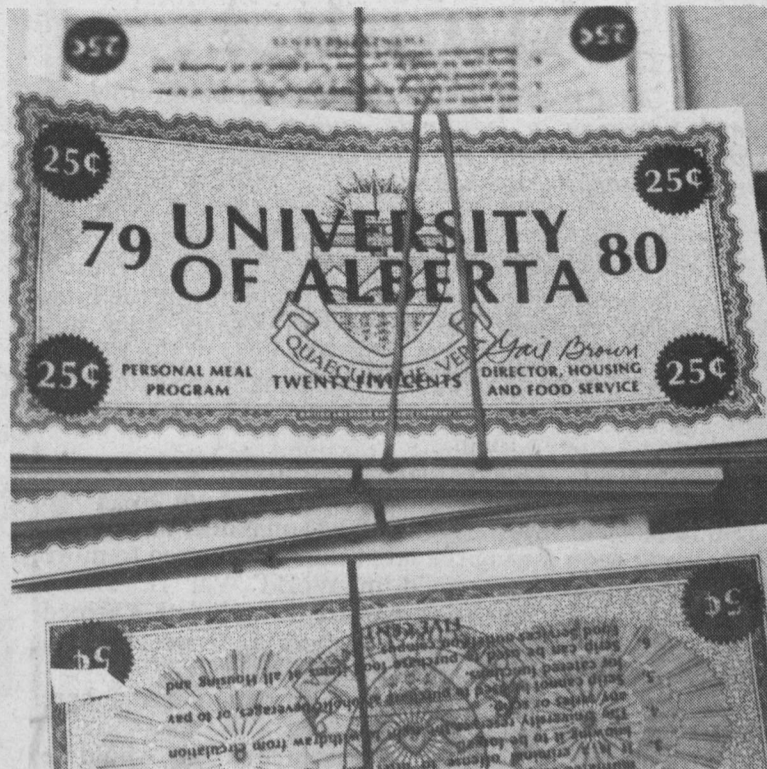
comodate students, including changing the scrip system.

Students can now buy extra scrip for 75¢ on the dollar. This was a result of complaints that students didn't have enough scrip to eat properly, and that they were being charged too much for what they were getting.

"We have explained to the students why the food service is the way it is," said Brown. "For the students who came back, I'm sure the changes are drastic."

The changes don't seem to have affected the lifestyle of most residents, though.

"The truly good things about residence life can't be changed," said Walter.



Fresh from the mint, this scrip is ready for some fast food action.

Student aid out of step

The student aid program in Alberta is "seriously lacking," according to a background paper on student aid compiled by the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) this fall.

The financial needs of many students wishing to pursue a post-secondary education are not being met and a new program is urgently required

says the paper, soon to be read at Students' Council.

It says that student aid programs should be based on grants rather than loans so

students need not go into debt to pay for their education. Such a grant system should be federally funded to eliminate regional disparities, to ensure more equitable assistance and to in-

crease the portability of aid from one part of the country to another.

FAS maintains the current program discriminates against people from low income families and particularly penalizes young economically-independent persons, mature and married students and single parents.

Young economically-independent students are penalized because their families are expected to contribute towards their education. In cases where this is not possible, the student faces a difficult time getting a loan. Students are considered independent if they are married or living with a commonlaw spouse, divorced or a single parent, or have been attending a post-secondary institution or working for a total of three years.

Students have been asking that students be considered independent when they are 18. However, says the paper, because the cost of aid would be increased, the government has been unwilling to do so.

For changes to be made to the student aid program, there clearly must be student representation on government bodies which deal with it. FAS and other students organizations across Canada have been lobbying actively for this representation.

And as education costs rise and governments try to reduce spending the amount of student aid is likely to decline, says FAS.

Vandalism sparks watchdog committee

A concerned group of university students and staff are rallying together in an effort to decrease the occurrence of vandalism on campus and to increase appreciation of university facilities and grounds.

Sparked by the current incidence of vandalism, the Committee on Campus Appreciation is emphasizing the positive aspects of an attack on vandalism: decreased vandalism might mean that money spent on repair could be used for a better purpose elsewhere on campus.

The campaign will be a continuing project as the committee believes such a movement will take time to gain momentum and support. Campus users, through the "you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone" campaign, will be encouraged to take pride in their surroundings

and help prevent acts of vandalism by reporting any suspicious activity.

Kick-off for the campaign is scheduled for October 30, to coincide with the university sponsored "Safety Expo '79". Posters will be placed at strategic locations around campus, specifically areas most frequently used and in other areas where it is felt that vandalism prospers. According to organizers, prime targets for abuse are glass windows and washrooms.

The poster, designed by a university art and design student, emphasizes the senselessness of vandalism, the expense involved in repair and encourages anyone witnessing such an act to immediately contact Campus Security.

Report clears air

A report criticizing government policies on post-secondary educational funding has had a limited response according to the report's author.

Steve Hunka of the U of A's Educational Research Services says he has received no formal reaction from the Grantham Task Force, of which he was a member, or the Minister of Advanced Education.

However, he says he received numerous requests for copies of the report from university administrations, the provincial government and student groups.

Hunka says a few people have said the report was quite interesting and provocative.

"I managed to dispel a few myths about education," he says.

According to Hunka the stress on the benefits of universities to society and the revelation that university education is free in many European countries are two of the most important points brought out in the report.

He also says he discovered that the commonly cited figure of cost sharing of \$1 to \$7 by government is actually closer to \$1 to \$1.50.

Hunka says he can see no reason for Horsman's recent announcement of tuition fee increases. "Tuition increases just can't be justified".

"The conservative philosophy is that misery produces greatness," he says.

Nuke station delay

BURNABY (CUP) — An earthquake fault has been discovered near the site of a proposed nuclear power plant to be located 160 kilometres from Vancouver.

The fault, expected to delay the licensing of the \$3.8 billion plant, was discovered by a University of Washington geology professor and extends from the west coast to within 14 kilometres of the Sedro Woolley, Washington site.

New Democratic Party MLA Gordon Hanson said the discovery of the fault is "wonderful news for BC" because of the certain delay in licensing the plant.

"Because 80 per cent of the year-round prevailing winds at Sedro Woolley blow towards the lower Mainland and lower Vancouver Island area, any rupture of the proposed nuclear facility by geological activity could create serious radiation fallout hazards for the population of British Columbia," Hanson said.

Hanson protested the plant's siting with two members of the NDP caucus and BC citizens' groups at U.S. Regulatory Commission hearings in Seattle in July.

A referendum will be held on the plant Nov. 6 in Skagit county.



photo Brad Keith

I went to bed with thoughts of grass; when I woke up I froze my ass. Ughh, take me to Hawaii.

Gateway photographers
meeting Friday, November 16,
at 7:00 p.m. in Room 236 SUB.

Loads of laughs, sex, drugs,
and rock and roll.
See ya there!