

The trouble with good ideas is...

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they quickly degenerate into hard work.

Had your measles shot? Don't give any blood yet.

by Thomas Olsen

Officials at the Edmonton Red Cross are concerned that the recent rash of red measles could put a serious dent in their supply of blood.

Edi Skoropad, clinic consultant to the Edmonton Red Cross, said that the recent red measles outbreak has left at least 6500 potential campus donors ineligible to donate, and fears that the Red Cross may collect only half of the blood that it has collected in past campus clinics.

Any person who has had the red

measles or has been in contact with them, cannot donate blood for 3-4 weeks, and those who have been inoculated against the disease cannot donate blood for at least three months.

"We need a minimum of 80-100 people a day to donate blood," said Skoropad.

The Edmonton Red Cross supplies platelets (a component of the blood essential in the clotting process) to 99 hospitals throughout Alberta, northern B.C., northern Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories.

The Red Cross will be running donor clinics in CAB, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, April 6-9th, the last week of classes.

Roy Gouchey, clinic consultant to the Red Cross, said it is imperative people who haven't been affected by the recent measles outbreak come out and donate blood.

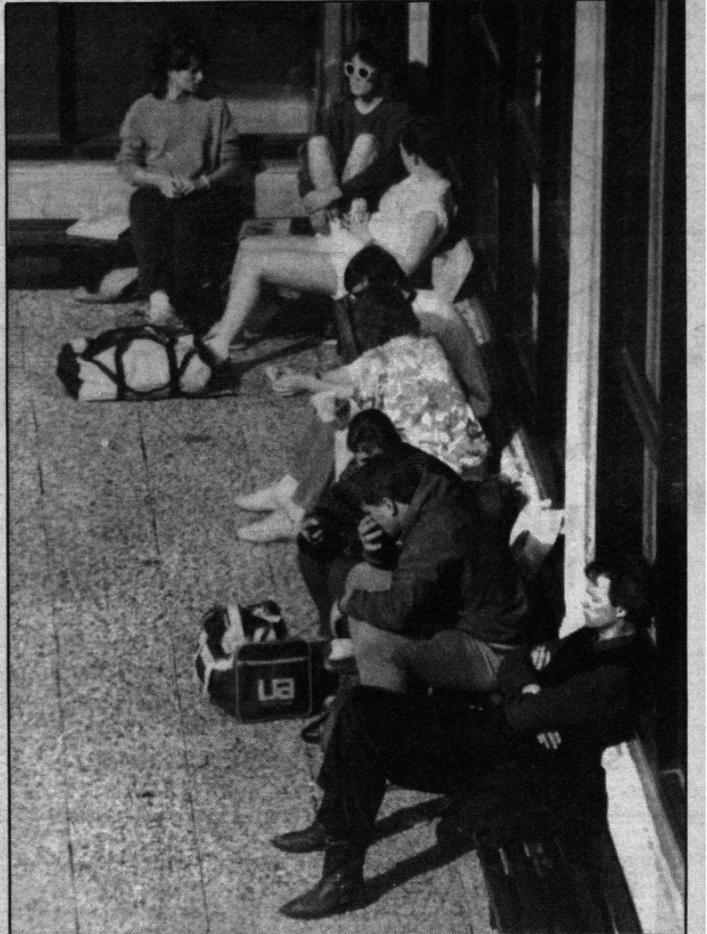
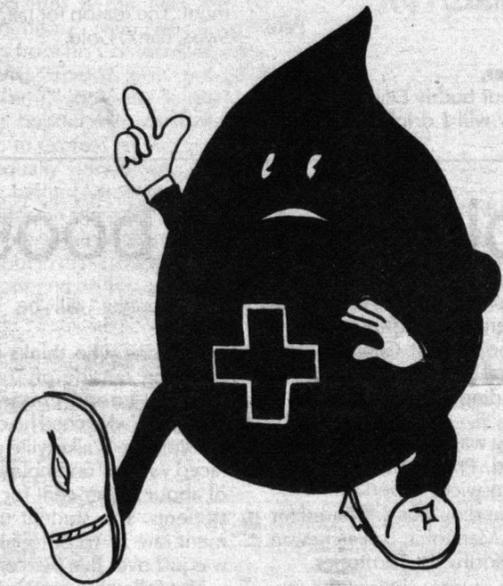
"We promise prospective donors that there will be no long lineups or major waits, like perhaps there was in past years," said Gouchey.

Gouchey said it would be hard to reschedule the clinics because of the time period involved.

"We're looking at four days here, as opposed to the one day that we usually run campus clinics," said Gouchey. "While it may be possible to shift a day for a day, it is very difficult to reschedule four days for four other suitable days."

Students or faculty who are unsure about their suitability to give blood are invited to contact the Red Cross nursing department at 431-0202.

"Please, please come and donate blood. The well-being of many people may depend on your 450 ml's of donated life-giving substance," said Skoropad.



Students soaking up SUB sunshine

photo Greg Halinda

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Alberta Liberals bury hatchet

by Juanita Spears

The Alberta federal Liberals say the conflict between the pro-review and pro-Turner factions has been resolved.

John Turner, leader of the federal Liberal Party, was shown to hold convincing support of the party by receiving assent from 76% of the delegates at the National Liberal Convention held last November in Ottawa.

However, it has taken the last four months for the opposing sides in the Alberta federal Liberals to sort out their differences.

The last major function of the convention held Sunday was the election of the party executive. The only incumbent executive member seeking re-election was Barbara Nault who had been in support of leadership review. Party members view the re-election of Nault as vice-president as an indication that the issue has been resolved.

Another strong advocate of the pro-review movement was outgoing president Ken Munro. During his farewell speech, the attending 300 delegates gave him a standing ovation, giving the impression that the hatchet had been buried.

Grit membership drive

by Juanita Spears

The feelings of the delegates attending the Alberta federal Liberal Convention held at the Terrace Inn this past weekend was positive and full of hope for the future.

But there is concern among party members that there is a lack of funds and manpower to keep up with their growing popularity, particularly in the west.

Therefore, the federal Liberals are in the midst of a massive membership drive that party officials claim will democratize the party.

Each riding is now required to

recruit an average of three members per poll (four in Ontario and Quebec) before a candidacy nomination meeting can be called. This would equal approximately 600 members per riding.

According to Jean Lapierre (Shefford, Quebec M.P.), the National Campaign Chairman, this new amendment to the Liberal constitution is a change from the past when "backroom boys" often controlled such situations.

Lapierre told delegates attending a workshop on membership and fundraising that he would

sooner put his trust into 700 people at a town hall meeting to choose the best candidate than he would in three "backroom boys" from Ottawa.

Liberals are aiming to double approximately their current membership to 282,000 by the end of the year. This amounts to an average of 1000 members per constituency.

The membership drive is of particular interest for the Alberta Liberals who have in the past tried to run campaigns with little funding and few volunteers.

U a big economic force

by Greg Halinda

Last year the University of Alberta, its staff, and students contributed over \$440 million to the Edmonton economy.

The U of A's Management Advisory Institute recently completed a study giving a breakdown of expenditures by the university community.

According to MAI, the university itself had expenditures of \$52.7 million. University staff spent \$163.5 million, students spent \$76.8 million, and visitors, \$2.4 million.

Though these figures total only \$295.4 million, MAI applied a 1.49 multiplier to the figure to make the total \$440.1 million. The multiplier projects the spin-off effects of the \$295.4 million. In other words, the "impact" that university dollars have on the community.

Allan Warrack, vice president of administration at U of A, says the university acts as a stabilizer as well as a contributor to the economic activity of Edmonton.

"The fact that the university has the economic impact it has helps to

cushion the bust part of the (economic) cycle we're in," said Warrack.

According to the office of Public Affairs, the U of A employed about

10 thousand people last year, making it the third largest employer in Edmonton. The top two employers are the Alberta government and the city of Edmonton.

Science elections will be redone

by John Watson

Students in the faculty of Science can look forward to more posters and election material around campus for the next three days — students' council representative elections are on again.

The elections were first held March 18, but five of the six candidates in the election (the Science Students for Action slate) were disqualified for election by-law infractions.

The slate appealed to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board and won.

DIE Board decided the infractions that Students for Action committed were not severe enough to prejudice the election.

"We got what we wanted," said Nora Deisman, one of the five reinstated candidates. "The former decision of the CRO (Chief Returning Officer) was wrong."

New elections are scheduled for this Friday, April 3. Campaigning will be limited to the three days previous, and only the original six candidates will be permitted to run again.