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Now and then...

an innocent man is sent
to the legislature.
Abe Martin

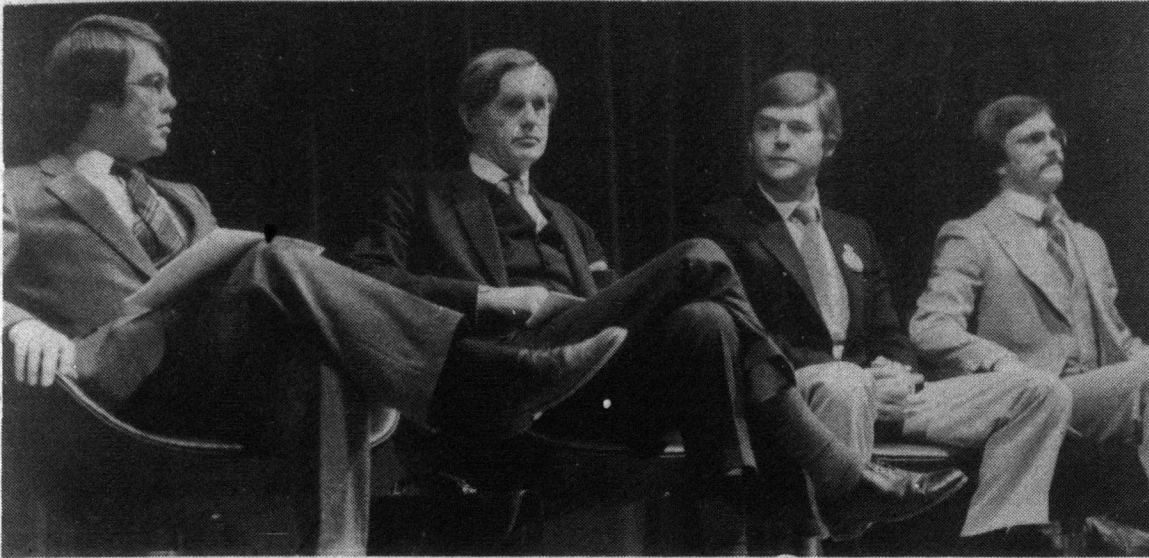


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Strathcona candidates from left to right: Randy Coombs (WCC), Gordon Wright (NDP), Julian Koziak (PC incumbent), Murray Scambler (ARM).

They're in debt too!

Arts assoc. joins SU

by John Roggeveen

Arts students will likely soon be without an association.

The Arts Students Association (ASA) could declare bankruptcy because of a large debt it owes to IBM.

The ASA cannot pay its debt for rental of an IBM photocopier. The debt was more than \$2300 at the end of September, but ASA President Mark Fletcher says they will probably also be charged for two more months rental at \$397.75 a month.

The ASA presently has about \$250 in its bank account.

According to Fletcher, IBM says that the ASA "could make the payment over two or three months," but "That would make the payments about \$1000 a month."

"At a nickel a copy, that's about 20,000 copies."

"Based on our previous financial statements, our budget isn't much more than \$2000 in an entire year," says Ninette Gironella, ASA Services Coordinator.

The ASA ran into financial difficulties due to a mix-up on the part of last year's ASA executive.

"The contract (for the copier rental) was to expire at the end of April '82). Around February or March, last year's executive phoned IBM to confirm that the machine would be leaving at the end of April. At that time, no one at IBM informed the executive that written notice had

to be given. Therefore, we (the present executive) were under the impression that the phone call had been sufficient," says Gironella.

According to Gironella, the contract had a self-renewal clause. This meant the copier was automatically rented to ASA for another year when IBM didn't receive written notice for removal.

"Our contention is that IBM should have said . . . they would require written notification," says Gironella.

When contacted by the *Gateway*, Bill Bergen, an IBM representative said, "I don't think you'll get any response from IBM on that issue at all."

Students' Union President Robert Greenhill says "as a good corporate citizen" IBM should not force the ASA into bankruptcy.

"I see absolutely no justification for the ASA having to fold because of IBM's rather insupportable accounting practices," maintains Greenhill.

Associate Arts Dean R.G. Moyles apparently also spoke to IBM about the ASA's difficulties, however he could not be reached for comment.

According to Gironella, IBM is going to sell the debt to a collection agency. The collection agency will not likely collect on the debt, since neither the Students' Union, nor the Arts Faculty, nor the ASA executive; members are legally responsible for any of the Association's debts.

A new Arts Student's association will likely be started if the present one folds.

"The ASA could serve a useful function and I would hope that another organization like it would arise," says Gironella.

fuzzy financing

University future cloudy

by Allison Annesley

Established Programs Financing (EPF) faces an uncertain future financing post secondary institutions.

Recent proposals for EPF would mean conditional grants for specific vocational programs, while severe cuts are also feared.

SU President Robert Greenhill, who attended the Councils of Ministers of Education Conference (MEC) last week in Ottawa admits, "Certain EPF changes might be good but we're very concerned about how the intent of EPF might be changed."

"Changes making federal contributions to education more apparent though, would provide necessary clarity in funding."

Sixty percent of Alberta post-secondary education is presently funded by the Federal Government, though the province often claims it to be less, discounting certain ambiguous forms of funding.

Federal EPF funding consists of:

- direct cash transfers
- "tax room"
- equalization payments
- compensation for Revenue Guarantee

Many also speculate that EPF may soon be replaced by Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy's National Training Act. Axworthy's final reading of the Act proposes the pumping of \$108 million worth of federal funds into industry related jobs designated by the Act as "high skill professions." The Act awaits only the completion of provincial negotiations with two provinces including Alberta yet to sign agreements.

The shift in attitude about the precise value of university education to Canada has recently been demonstrated by critics of education for its own sake.

Strathcona MLA candidate for the WCC, Randy Coombs, has ex-

MLA forum marked by hecklers

by Richard Watts

Students heckled and jeered in a political forum featuring four candidates from Edmonton Strathcona in SUB last Thursday.

The forum jointly sponsored by the Students' Union, the Political Science Undergraduate Association, and the Canadian Interest Club.

The four candidates who appeared were Randy Coombs for the WCC, Julian Koziak for the PC's, Gordon Wright for the NDP, and Murray Scambler for the Alberta Reform Movement (ARM). Joe Hill, the Communist Party Candidate for Edmonton Strathcona, was unable to attend.

Candidates were allowed to speak a total of five minutes each before being allowed three minutes for a rebuttal. Questions from the audience were then answered by the candidate specified by the question asker.

The audience which was not large (about 150 people) quickly divided itself into two camps; those who would cheer Koziak and jeer at Wright and those who would cheer Wright and jeer Koziak.

Although the audience did not spare any of the candidates from abuse Koziak and Wright plainly took the largest share of the heckling.

Since the audience largely ignored Coombs and Scambler both of these candidates were able to maintain their composure.

Koziak and Wright however had no such luxury. Suffering jeers and even set-up by questioners both men had to vigorously defend their parties and themselves and both appeared openly relieved when the forum was over.

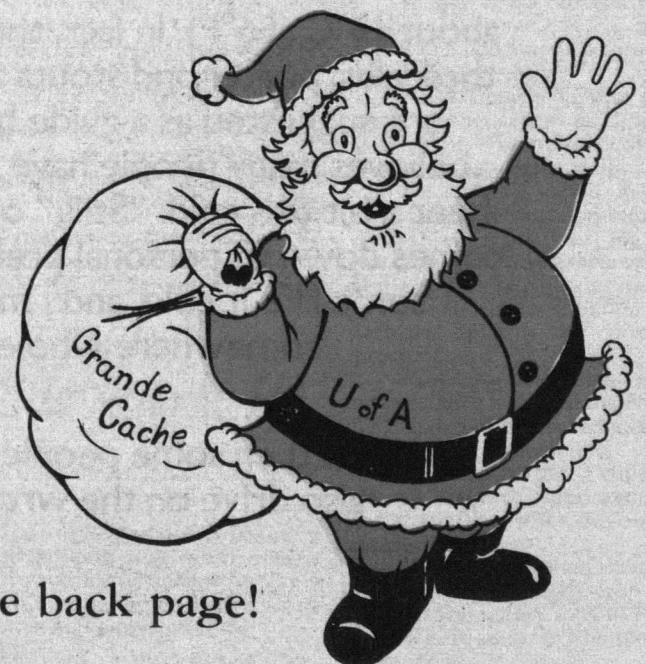
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This arts assoc. office may be turned into a broom closet as bankruptcy looms.

Save Christmas for Grand Cache.



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Gateway recruitment night! Thurs. Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. in Rm 282 SUB.