

EDITORIAL

Where's the money, Myer?

I'm tired of hearing Alberta students whine about government cutbacks in educational spending! When will we realize the very fortunate position we are in? Alberta has the second lowest tuition fees in the country, next to Quebec. Tuition fee revenues represent only between 8 and 12 per cent of the University's net budget expenditures. This means students here pay only about one tenth of what it costs to put them through university. What a deal!

Granted, there are problems at this University, such as the overcrowding, the lack of professors, and the inadequate library facilities. Changes are definitely required.

But I never hear students clamouring for more effective use of the funds presently allocated to this University. Instead they simply cry for more! This approach is simplistic and will meet with as much success in the future as it has in the past... none.

Let's face it. The Alberta government will provide no more funds for post-secondary education. It is exercising restraint in all areas (except golf courses, air fares, and hotel accommodations). Why should Alberta taxpayers further subsidize post-secondary education for a select few, while being forced to accept cutbacks in their own health care?

It's time we looked to our own house for solutions to the major problems currently attributed to underfunding. The fact is, this University is loaded with money. But how is it spent?

Here are some figures for 1982-83:

Within Faculties:

Academic Salaries - \$100,848,884
Non Academic Salaries - \$67,135,506

Separate Administration - \$16, 148,000

Land and Buildings - \$43,249,000

Total Capital Expenditures - \$96,670,000

Library - \$13,189,000

Why is this University spending so much on administration and buildings, while cutting back on books and professors? Just what contributes to an education anyway? The VP Academic George Baldwin has five secretaries. Does George really need one secretary to answer the phone and another to see if he's in? The University spends \$860,000 buying houses last year in Windsor Park. What for?

Large amounts of money are also being wasted at the department levels. Many TA's some of whom earn high wages for merely handing out multiple choice exams twice a term, are unnecessary. There are research assistants, with no research, and all-expense paid educational trips for students and professors. And we criticize the government? Come on, this university has ample money for professors and books.

Funds are also available for a quality student finance program. I am often amazed when students complain about the accessibility or level of financing available. Students living away from home can receive up to \$610 per month with 50 per cent remission in the first year.

This amount may not be enough to finance three piece suits but it will certainly put an Alberta student through University.

Unfortunately, too much of the money falls into the hands of those who don't need it. The abuses are incredible.

Have you heard the stories about the students who have lied about living at home, or about their parent's earnings? What about the students who transfer their savings into an account under another name? How about the guy who claimed his mother was a divorcee and his sister a paraplegic in order to get funds to bolster his \$8000 summer education? Another student running a cabaret bragged that he bought all his equipment with his student loan.

It is perhaps the high level of education at the U of A that provides our students with the intelligence to come up with these ingenious methods to swindle the system.

Students who genuinely need financial assistance to receive an education should definitely receive adequate aid.

If applicants for assistance were screened more carefully perhaps by a committee composed of students and finance board personnel, greater funds would be available for those in need.

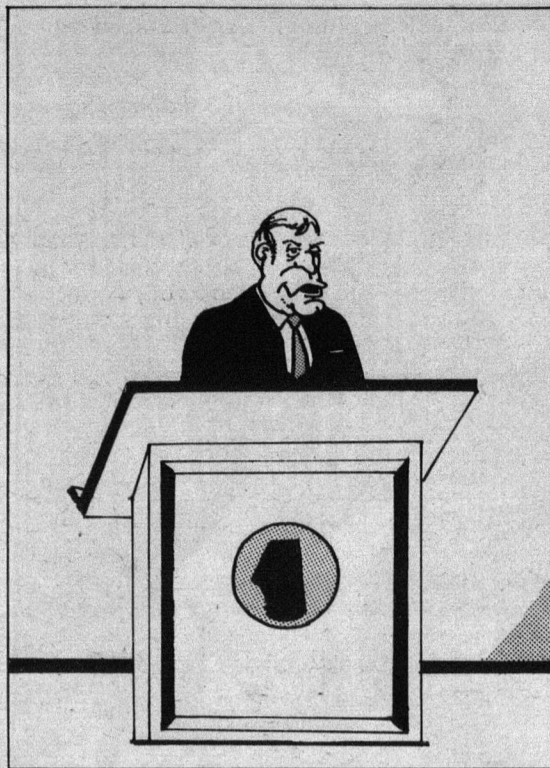
We'll have to abandon the simplistic anti-cutback slogans that have dominated our thought and student politics (two mutually exclusive concepts) if we want to solve the problems at this University. It's time we got a grip on reality.

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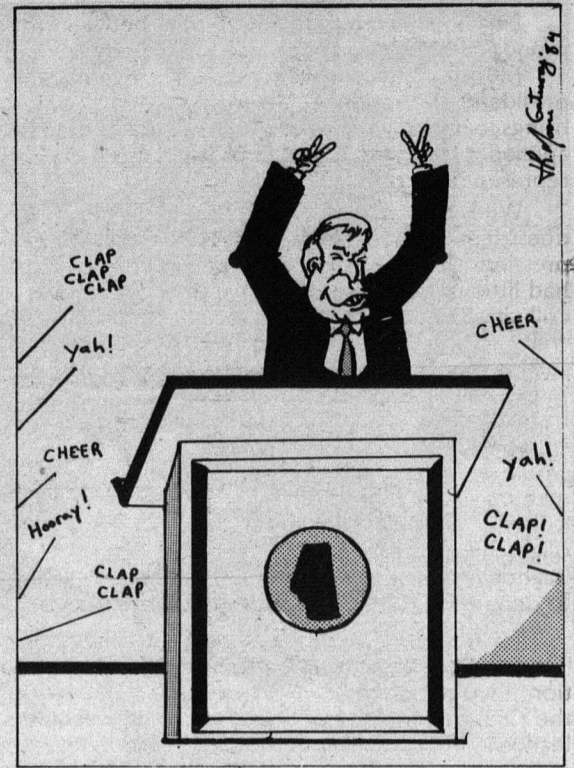
GFC cutbacks resolution

"That in order to prevent a further deterioration in the quality of education at the University of Alberta, there be a limit on new admissions to the first year in session 1984-85 and that this limit be equal for the first year intake in session 1982-83, provided that admission to the first year of the non-quota Faculties be on the basis of academic merit.

General Faculties Council underlines that this restraint is due to the present lack of sufficient Government funding, necessary to educate to a university standard the expected increased enrolment during 1984-85."



"My fellow PCs, this year I pledge FREE MEDICARE to all..."



April Fools! Ha ha ha!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lowdown on Liddy

When posters announcing the April 3 lecture by G. Gordon Liddy appeared on bulletin boards on campus, my initial reaction was that this speaker must have been sponsored by some lunatic fringe group of the extreme right. To my dismay, I discovered that this event is being brought to the university by our own Students' Council! Liddy apparently is being touted as a representative of political conservatism, traditionally referred to as the "right" in the political spectrum. In fact, he is nothing of the kind and most authentic conservatives must cringe at any suggestion of his association with them or in fact with the legitimate political process.

Liddy's reputation is connected not with his political participation but by his criminal acts as a spoiler, contemptuous and destructive of the liberal-democratic election process. As a member of the "Plumber's Unit" of the aptly-named C.R.E.E.P., he was a "fixer" of events and men. Through a series of illegal acts and ingenious schemes, Liddy played an essential role in attempting to subvert/a legitimate and time-honoured political organization, the U.S. Democratic Party. If Liddy really believed that the Democratic Party is a dangerous group, he is obviously ignorant as well as venal.

In my opinion, our Students' Council should sponsor neither venality nor ignorance. For a really accurate idea of the work of Liddy, there are reports in many excellent books in our Library on the Watergate era and in back copies of newspapers.

Linda Olsen
Arts III

No psychos in Army

Things must be pretty slow at the Gateway when you decide to print such outrageous garbage as "They Look For People To Shoot." The standard of journalism which this article displays wouldn't make copy with the *National Enquirer*.

To begin with, your CUP "newshound" has taken a discharged recruit and elevated him to the status of military expert, asking his informed opinion on such matters as chemical and biological warfare, strategic bombing, military ethics and military medicine. Unfortunately, a trained recruit knows no

more about these matters than does a first year physics student about the thermodynamics of a black hole. He is qualified to march, salute, recognize the business end of a service rifle and obey simple orders. It seems apparent from the interview that this "ex-serviceman" did not complete any trades training and certainly never served in the Combat Arms (the infantry, armoured corps or artillery) about which he speaks so authoritatively.

The article is plastered with blatant untruths and preposterous allegations from the bombing of churches as a matter of policy through Canadian employment of biological warfare to the commencement of all out war in 1985. The intent of this article seems quite clear. The author has sought to discredit both the Armed Forces and those who serve in them through the inept manipulation of a dupe.

I served six years in the Armed Forces, in the Infantry, both in Canada and abroad. Although soldiers have their well publicized faults, the vast majority are excellent men and women who do a fine job under often very trying and sometimes dangerous conditions. There is no room for sadists or psychos in the Armed Forces because they refuse to cooperate with their comrades, cannot stand the pressure and will not obey orders. As in anything else, it takes good men to do a difficult job.

Mike Power
Geology II

Federation history

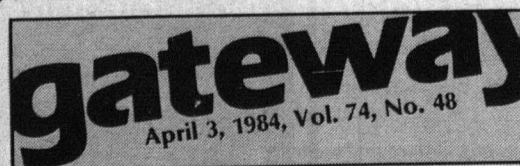
RE: "Is CFS History" letter by Christine Baghdaday 3/24/84 Gateway.

This letter presents an especially poor attempt at defending the cause and necessity of support for the CFS.

I am especially intrigued by the writer's attitude and references to which she bases her argument. Three of her references should be reviewed here.

First, she quite curiously and undiplomatically states for an organization based on diplomacy and negotiation, that those students who insist on killing the CFS are "idiots."

Furthermore, she argues that these "idiots" do "not have any understanding of what can be done by working as a collective under one body."



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A conversation overheard in Bonnie Zimmerman's House of Psychic Prophecy: "Yes, the crystal ball's clearing now... I see Bill St. John riding Hungarian rhino while Jim Moore and Denise Workun sing sea shanties in the rain.

Yes! Yes! I see Jan Ferguson dancing in a chicken coop! It's getting clearer... No! Oh, no... Lord Algard (may the Gilbert above rest his soul) Tim Kubash and Bpscoe Chang, they're... immolating snails. Oh, God... it's horrible to watch. Wait! What's this? Keith Burant and Dan Watson are boycotting lettuce while Marie Clifford and Christina Starr tap dance at the White House. I see Molly Smith giving birth to one hundred guppies while Shane Berg eats four tons of apples and explodes, covering Suzette Chan with a bunch of Blech. And Jordan Peterson was candle lighter at the Gilbertologist high mass and missed the whole contorted mess. Can I stop now? I can! Gee thanks.

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