

"What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?"

# The Gateway

"I don't know and I don't care."

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## Doors may close on Notre Dame University

NELSON (CUP) - Both students and faculty here at Notre Dame University fear its closure within the next year.

Students took to the streets of this small city in the interior of British Columbia, two weeks ago, in an attempt to find community support in protest against supposed government action to close NDU.

The march followed an announcement by acting administration president Val George that NDU may be forced to close at the end of the current academic year. George said the provincial government had failed to guarantee continued funding beyond that time.

The government has not yet issued a definitive statement on its intention, but the writing has been on the wall.

Last fall, student and faculty pressure managed to turn back two plans by the then NDP government: first to close the university and later to turn it into an extension of one of the coastal universities.

The NDP finally conceded further development of a full university in the interior, but failed to initiate any legislation to that effect before the Social Credit party took over the reins of power.

Two weeks ago, new Social Credit Education minister Pat McGeer announced he was discontinuing the government's annual grant to NDU, which last year amounted to \$1.8 million or about 90% of its operation budget.

At the same time he handed jurisdiction for NDU over to the Universities Council of BC.

But the council, which had been responsible for distributing funds only to the three public BC universities, had already submitted its budget. According to chairperson William Armstrong, it has failed to receive even that amount from the government.

Hardwick said the Council has no money for NDU and has not asked the government for more.

"It's strictly a matter of

efficiency," Armstrong said in an interview. "The costs per student are somewhat higher at a small university." (Notre Dame is a private university at present with about 500 students and 150 faculty.

While the faculty/student ratio is high, figures indicate the costs per student are lower than for the coastal universities. The Council last year gave the public universities (UBC, Simon Fraser and U Vic) \$150 million in operating costs for roughly 40,000 students, or about \$3950 per student. With \$1.8 million for 500 students, Notre Dame's ratio would be lower at \$3600 per student.

The Faculty Association of NDU (FANDU) immediately accused the Socred government of breaking faith and cutting off Notre Dame's funding to glorify the larger universities on the coast. In the campaign prior to December's election, Socred candidates and the president of the party promised NDU would be retained as a four-year university.



Photo Greg Neiman

## Get The Red Out

Are you sure you know how to brush your teeth? Linda Kerr, second-year dental hygiene student, along with her classmates, can give you expert advice on how to get the red indicator off your teeth when you visit the table clinics set up for this year's Dental Week. Keep your unwaxed floss handy and kick tooth plaque right in the mouth, or wherever else it strikes. Photo Greg Neiman

## Indian leaders arrested

by Tom Baker

"Three years ago tonight at Wounded Knee, the Indian people asserted the desire to control their own lives and began to fight back against the US government. The current victimization of brothers Frank Blackhorse and Leonard Peltier by the RCMP and FBI is the latest attack in a political battle that has seen more than 20 members of AIM (American Indian Movement) murdered."

So alleged Ed Burnstick, Canadian director of AIM, Friday night at a public meeting sponsored by Vanguard Forum. Burnstick and Any Simms of the Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association detailed the cases of the two members of AIM who were arrested near Edmonton February 6.

Blackhorse and Peltier are fighting extradition to the US where they are said to face charges linked to the occupation of Wounded Knee. They are sought for questioning in the deaths of two FBI agents.

Wounded Knee, a town on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, was occupied in February 1973 by members and supporters of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization. They were protesting US government treaty violations and corruption in the tribal government established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Andy Simms claimed that since the FBI has been unable to prove any charges against these two native leaders, there are no legal grounds for extradition. For this reason, he alleged, the RCMP is trying to have them

sent back to the States under a violation of the immigration act. Apparently they overstayed their 90 day welcome allowed visitors to Canada. Simms also pointed out the Jay Treaty of 1794 which allows free movement by Native People across the Canada-US border, making extradition illegal. He feels the Canadian government should offer political refugee status to the AIM members since the sovereignty of a people is involved.

"Blackhorse was subjected to the most severe police and guard measures ever used in Alberta," alleged Simms. "After being taken to Fort Saskatchewan jail in a caged truck with 8 policemen, he was denied the right to make a telephone call or seek legal counsel, and was thrown naked into the infamous 'hole,'" he elaborated. "It took a phone call from AIM lawyers in Minnesota to an Edmonton law firm 24 hours later to make this public in Canada. Only a few days ago was he taken out of solitary... all this for overextending a visit?"

Peltier is now being held without bail in Vancouver awaiting an extradition hearing. AIM members in Vancouver told the news media that extradition means certain death for Peltier at the hands of the police.

Blackhorse was emotional in describing the "200 years of oppression my people have suffered." He claimed that the current wave of RCMP and FBI harassment is a "direct result of a few Indian people standing up and fighting against injustices and for their sovereignty."

Simms went on to say, "the

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## Students' summer jobs canned

OTTAWA (CUP) - Federal Manpower Minister Robert Andras recently announced the federal government will create about 12,000 summer jobs this year at a total cost of \$24 million, a massive cutback from last year.

In announcing this program, he said that "in spite of difficult economic times both the government and private sector must do what they can to provide students with work," noting that, "without summer employment, many students will not be able to return to their studies in the fall."

Last year, the federal government spent \$80 million providing 50,000 jobs for students. That is about three times the amount planned for this year or a total decrease of 38,000 jobs.

This planned decrease will result in at least a 10% increase in the total number of unemployed students this summer

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## Top this one

NEW YORK (ENS-CUP) - A sixteen year old high school student in New York City earned his way into the "Guinness Book of World Records" this week - and a probable "A" in his math class, as well.

Charles Galio performed the astonishing feat of stacking 64 dimes on the back of his forearm, and then swinging his hand downward and catching 62 of them before they hit the ground.

## Another year of self-denial

by Greg Neiman

A motion which would have given SU councillors a \$250 honorarium for each term of office was defeated 13-4 Monday at first reading.

Med Lab Sci rep Betty Mellon proposed the motion saying she hoped it would make councillors more aware of their responsibilities, increase interest in running for council positions and make students more cognizant of council activities.

In her proposal to Council on the motion she said the Students' Union "requires more work than simple volunteer involvement can satisfy," and said this was acknowledged in

that some SU positions are already paid.

The sum was chosen, said Mellon, because "it would be of value to the representative but would not be of a sufficient amount to cause a person to run solely for monetary gain." Total cost to the Students' Union would have been \$5,500.

Terry Sharon, vp (services) called the proposal "half baked", saying students at large on various boards and committees often put in more time and effort than do some council members.

"I've seen a lot of active people in the Students' Union and this list doesn't even start to cover it."

"I think we'd be stopping

involvement rather than encouraging it with this policy.

Deena Mitchell, University Athletic Board chairperson, asked Mellon who she felt councillors would be accountable to.

Mellon said peer group pressures would likely provide accountability, and that she hoped the honorarium would provide incentives to an executive to get more council activity of various boards and committees.

SU president Graeme Leadbeater disagreed saying an effective executive should be able to get that involvement without the threat of withholding an honorarium.