

# The Gateway



Phoenix Theatre season opener, *A Lie of the Mind*, is enjoyable but flawed.

## El Salvador U seeks help

by Jeff Cowley

The University of El Salvador is looking to North American schools for "sisterly support" for rebuilding its campus which was destroyed by a military coup and an earthquake.

A delegation from El Salvador, consisting of Professor Luis Roberto Reyes and Elena Maribel Rosales, met with students and university officials at the U of A October 15.

"If you step back and look at the situation, you can see how serious it is," said Rosales, through the aid of an interpreter.

Located in the capital city of San Salvador, the University is a modern institution with a student

body of about 32,000.

In 1980, military forces stormed the school during a coup, looting buildings, burning books, and destroying university property. The institution was closed and a large portion of the professional staff was forced to flee from the country.

The school was eventually returned to the hands of the faculty four years later. They were left to cover the estimated 15 million dollars in damages suffered during the occupation.

"We received assistance from the governments of Europe (approximately 5 million dollars)," said Reyes, "most of which went for building chemistry and physics labs."

In 1986, disaster struck the school again when an earthquake shook the campus, toppling up to 70 percent of the institution. Cost damage equalled that suffered during the coup, said Reyes.

"After the earthquake," said Reyes, "we called it the university that wouldn't die."

During the meetings the representatives passed around photographs of the campus taken after the earthquake: pictures showing modern school buildings reduced to rubble, and students forced to hold classes outdoors in tents and temporary shelters.

In a land where the government is neither capable nor willing to meet the needs required to rebuild the school, "We are in a situation where we are forced to seek outside funding," said Reyes.

The contingent received strong support from the U of A, said Fred Judson, assistant professor of Political Science and the interpreter.

"However, the U of A has not committed itself to any long term or large scale funding projects," he said.

Despite economics, finding money to rebuild may not be the University's only trouble.

Although stories of Sandanista rebels and government death squads have long since faded from the T.V. evening news, mysterious



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Bruce Gardave

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### Government clears private funding backlog

## Donations matched

by Ken Bosman

An oversubscribed provincial government program which matches private donations to the universities and colleges is getting an extra \$25 million to clear up a two year backlog of applications.

Many donors who have given to the universities have not yet had their donations matched because the fund was out of money. This prompted Advanced Education minister Dave Russell to act.

"I've got a special [\$25 million request] before the Treasury Board," said Russell. "The last thing we want to do is turn donors off and

make them mad because we can't fulfill our part of the agreement."

The extra \$25 million is the second time the provincial government has added money to the private sector matching fund.

The original fund, established in 1980, was for \$80 million and was supposed to last 10 years. It was exhausted by 1985. A second \$80 million program, begun in 1986, is being supplemented with the new \$25 million.

"We're overwhelmed at the speed with which private donors are coming forward," said Russell.

Margaret Clark, Associate Director of U of A Fund Development estimates that between 12 and 15 million dollars of donations received by the U of A may now be eligible to be matched.

"We're delighted, we appreciate the Minister's support," said Clark. "It's an indication of how successful the program has been."

The Students' Union was also enthusiastic. "Fantastic," said Paul Lagrange, Students' Union VP External. "It's an incredibly good program."

Dean of Student Services Peter Miller, whose department relies heavily on private funding, was more cautious. "It's a tremendous relief, if it's true. We've had wonderful things said before. It would be of enormous benefit to Student Services."

A politician should have three hats. One for throwing in the ring, one for talking through, and one for pulling rabbits out of it elected.

Carl Sandburg

and often violent incidents continue to occur.

"In the past months we have had some incidents of government 'repression,'" said Reyes, describing examples such as students and University employees 'disappearing' on route to school.

Although, he added, "we have been much more successful in getting direct contact with the government, and in most cases, people were released."

According to Judson, the U of A has expressed "strong support" for an international conference to be held at the University of El Salvador next February. The conference will include representatives from the European Economic Community, OXFAM, and the World Bank, who will discuss the problems of the University and possible solutions.

## CJSR seeks private funding on air



by Jeff Cowley

CJSR is in a "bind" to come up with enough money to keep the campus radio station operating, said station manager Lois Knight.

CJSR, which is holding its annual fund drive, is attempting to raise money to replace worn-out broadcasting equipment and to cover its operating costs.

Telephones, for the most part, have remained silent, said Knight. "Fundraising has been going very slow...we may not make it."

The University and Students' Union give CJSR about one third of its operating budget, leaving the station on its own to come up with the rest, said Knight.

"We are community radio, so we rely on the community," she said.

Relying on selling advertising spots and fund drives, CJSR needs

to come up with 15 thousand dollars to keep the station running, as well as an additional 10 thousand to purchase the broadcasting equipment.

According to Knight, a net total of just under two thousand dollars was raised as of Friday evening.

Other campus radio stations, faced with the same budget problems, have abandoned their "alternative" formats and picked a more conventional "top forty" style. When asked if CJSR would ever consider doing the same, Knight replied that her station would not "jeopardize its format just because of the budget," adding it would be "suicidal" and they would "lose listeners."

If the needed money is not found, "it's a possibility we could go off the air, but the most serious of the consequences is the quality of the equipment (sound) on the air," said Knight.

The fund drive will continue through Friday.

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