

## SECOND WIND

by Mary Ruth Olson

As we recoil in horror and world leaders voice their disgust over the massacre of the Palestinian refugees, I am still uncertain about the role of Israel in the bloody event.

News sources seem to be sparsely informed about Israel's involvement, if any. One headline asks, "Did the Israelis know?"

If media sources are in doubt I can only criticize the premature statements they print condemning the Israeli state for *perhaps* standing idle while the Phalangists carried out their butchery.

After reading of their powers screaming for an immediate pullout of Israeli troops we now see them accusing the same state for non-action in this

latest event.

I can't condone any group that would not intervene when such a heinous act occurred under their noses, but neither will I condemn a group, such as Israel, when all of the facts are unknown.

Incorrect media coverage is possible, as happened with the misconstrued reports over Princess Grace's accident and death (An incongruous comparison but true nonetheless).

World powers are sending out statements expressing their horror and shock over the event and hastily accusing the most convenient scapegoat available: Israel.

Until such time as the undeniably true facts are revealed I think everyone should hold their tongues.

### Notice!

Re: Administration Building Robbery

I wish to add to the information contained in the September 14th *Gateway* article by Richard Watts on the recent robbery.

This Office will write students shortly who had given us cheques in payment of fees last week which subsequently were stolen in the robbery. We will advise the affected students by letter as to the action they should take in settling their fee accounts with replacement cheques. I sincerely regret any inconvenience which this procedure will cause our students. I earnestly solicit their cooperation in helping us through this difficult period.

A. S. Knowler  
Comptroller

### Notice!

We have received a call from the Grande Prairie Regional College requesting the following students to phone collect to Ms Dale Adamson (539-2921) with regard to the Louise McKinney Heritage Award:

Meryl Whittaker  
Darron Clark  
George Fedechuk  
Steve Mumert  
Marie Beaulieu  
Cal Warkentin

It would be very much appreciated if this list together with the message could be printed in the next issue of *Gateway* as a public service to the student body.

Paul C. Sartoris  
Acting Dean of Students

## English Dept. does its damndest

May 1, through your pages, spring to the defense of the English Department for an unwarranted remark in the latest student *Handbook*:

Therein, in an article "Registration: beating the system" the anonymous writer speaks of departments that spread "students evenly among all available sections of a course without regard for their scheduling preferences" and goes on to say "The English department, for example, is particularly bad for this."

No department wants to frustrate students. I think it should be allowed that departments must seek to spread students evenly in sectioned courses. Surely, students, as well as instructors, would object if they

found themselves in a section of 90 where others were in a section of 10.

In the special case of the English department — its 1st year courses service the whole university and have enrolments in the 1000's. Because they are composition courses, as well as literary ones, there is a further cogent reason for even distribution. The instructors of these courses have heavy marking loads for essays. These courses are supposed to be limited to 30 students per course, so that there is some chance for individual attention, and so that it is possible for the instructor to give full criticism to each individual essay. A distribution as even as possible is necessary, then, for good teaching.

I acknowledge, with regret,

that last year and even more so this year, very high English enrolments have made sections of 30 impossible to attain. But that is not because the English department has failed to argue for manageable class numbers, but because the University is unable to fund for all needed extra instructors. It is one more example of the cutbacks forced on us by the counter-productive parsimony of the present government.

The University expects the English department to serve its students usefully, particularly in the matter of composition skills. It strives to do so. A fair division of student numbers in its section is part of that purpose.

N. Parker-Jervis  
Dept. of English

## FAS needs tough volunteers

The Federation of Alberta Students has been asked to nominate two of the three student representatives to the government's study group for their "Patterns of Participation" study.

The study is expected to last two years and the work involved will be quite intensive. Students will be part of a 12 member study group which will also consist of bureaucrats at university and college administrators appointed by the government.

The study was announced in April along with the governments new tuition policy (which resulted in 20 per cent tuition hikes throughout the province). This pattern of participation study came in response to student demands for an accessibility study.

The government announced the study following their plans to index tuition, but students had demanded that the fees be frozen until the results of the study are in. This fact in itself brings the government's commitment into question.

FAS has several problems with the current study. However, it is important that student representation on the study group be good so that student concerns are heard within the group and

outside that forum.

If you are interested in being a student representative on the study group, or know someone who is, contact the Federation's office at room 606 SUB or give us a call at 432-5288.

Please do it soon, we will be appointing the reps before too long.

Don Millar  
President, FAS

## LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should be no more than 250 words long. They must be signed and include faculty, year of program, and phone number. No anonymous letters will be published. All

letters should be typed, or very, very neatly written. We reserve the right to edit for label and length. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the *Gateway*.

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