

CALGARY THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET

According to usually reliable sources, a great furor has arisen on the Calgary campus over the editorial reproduced below: a letter written by a Calgary student to Dr. Walter H. Johns; and a cartoon.

The editorial, titled "Betrayal," appeared in *The Gauntlet*, student newspaper at the University of Alberta, Calgary branch. The letter

UAC may again be betrayed. The first betrayal came when, in fulfilment of an election promise, the Government built two very functional but grotesque-looking buildings on our campus. They fulfilled the letter but not the spirit of their promise. A university should not look like a factory.

The second betrayal came when, bowing down to pressure from Edmonton businessmen who were unwilling to see any potential financial benefit going to Calgary regardless of the long-term educational needs of Alberta, it was decided not to move the Commerce and Law faculties to Calgary.

Now the Board of Governors is considering spending \$6 million to acquire the Garneau area of Edmonton for the use of UAE. L. H. Cragg, Vice-President of the University, explained to us: "Someone has estimated that if the Board of Governors were to acquire the whole of the Garneau area for its use, the cost would be approximately six million dollars, but the Board has neither made the decision to acquire the property in question, nor has it allocated any fixed sum for the purpose."

As The Albertan notes in their lead editorial of January 8th, spending \$6 million on the Edmonton campus does not mean, 'de facto', that that much less will be spent to develop the Calgary campus. But as yet we have been informed of only vague promises, rather than definite commitments, with regard to expansion at UAC. Despite this, Dr. Cragg declares: "... a decision has been made to provide funds for facilities in Calgary. The decision was made by the Government, on the recommendation of the Board of Governors and the President, and those facilities are being provided in Calgary at an unprecedented rate."

We have three buildings, on a 320-acre campus.

We are already fraught with serious space

was written by Corbet Locke, Gauntlet associate editor. The cartoon, also a Gauntlet creation, was captioned "Tell us, W.J., what the hell is UAC?" and depicted a group of Edmontonians standing around a figure labelled "W.J."

The usually reliable sources also suggested "pressure" is being applied on the Gauntlet by the university administration in Edmonton.

limitations. We estimate that UAC will have an enrolment of 2,200 next year, even though the official estimate is 1,900. The expansion here could hardly be called unprecedented, and in our opinion immediate plans for immediate expansion are called for. The Administration at UAC has only been able to tell us that a small bookstore-cafeteria will be built in the immediate future; that the residences in Calgary will be started about three months after the new Edmonton residences are started; and that a new Engineering building will be the next academic building constructed.

Dr. Cragg states that "in spite of very serious crowding at this University, higher priority has been given to buildings in Calgary than to buildings in Edmonton." If this is so, considering our own position, we strongly sympathize with UAE.

With regard to the proposed Garneau expansion—It seems only logical that money is more wisely spent when devoted to building than to demolishing and that in order to serve the best interests of the province as a whole UAC and UAE should be developed as independently but complementary campuses. Because the higher education needs of Southern Alberta are at least as great as those of Northern Alberta; because providing full facilities at both campuses would, at this stage of Alberta's development, result in costly duplication; and because UAC, as an embryonic institution for which almost all facilities have yet to be built, urgently requires the \$6 million the Board of Governors is contemplating expending to buy Garneau; it would seem that building up the Calgary campus is a more vital need than demolishing houses in Garneau.

In our opinion, every cent the Alberta Government spends on higher education should be spent with due concern for the long-range needs of all of Alberta's youth.

MANAGING EDITOR SPEAKS OUT ON REFERENDUM

Hind-sight department. Join us briefly while we weep in our tepid beer (our budget won't stand champagne—you didn't vote us that money.)

We should have campaigned for our referendum? Ought we have turned politician—let the publishing go while we made many speeches and promoted our cause? No. Because we are journalists, it's our job to put out a newspaper. And because it isn't our cause, it's yours. Why should we have to "promote" a service to you, our readers?

Ought we have printed a few terrifically scruffy-looking issues to shame you into voting enough for something decent? We didn't do either of these things; we didn't campaign and we didn't deliberately cut quality. We worked at putting out a high class newspaper, put the money question to you, and rather naively trusted.

Too few of you voted more money for Gateway. In fact, too few of you voted at all. Why?

Are you simply content with the quality you already have in your campus paper, and satis-

fied that it will continue if you just don't rock the boat? Sure, we'll keep on doing the best we can—with a compromise budget. But can't you appreciate the much more and better we could do with the money to do it?

Or are you merely oblivious; are you actively unhappy with your campus journal? So we cut publicity for your organization—as we must for all organizations, as long as our space is limited. So we don't print enough that's heavy, creative, challenging. How can we, without dollars? You hit us from both ends, and we're pinched in the middle.

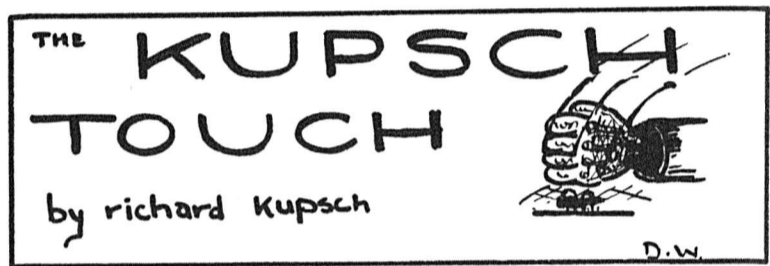
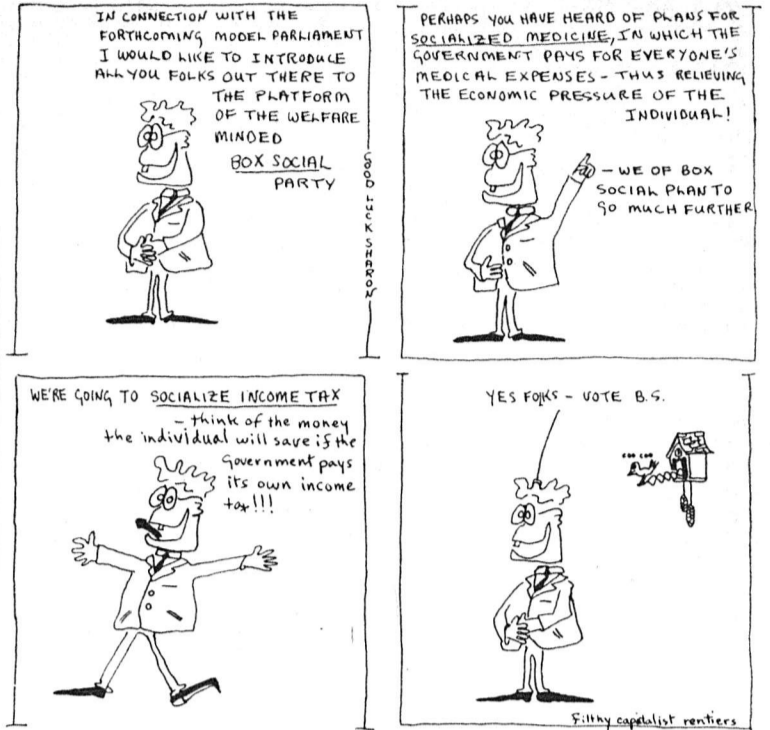
So we don't print very often; we agree; we'd be only too happy to serve you regularly.

So there are, no doubt, many faults you could mention. But will they be cured or ameliorated by insisting on a stand-still journal for a move-ahead campus? We don't suggest that money is a cure-all. We do suggest that it is a basic necessity for printing.

You have made your decision, which limits our next year's scope. Somewhere there was a disheartening lack of vision. Was it with you or with us?—B.L.



OH SAY can you see anybody? Hope you went to the Mixed Chorus Concerts this week and looked for yourself. Vertical black shadow in center is conductor, Professor Richard S. Eaton.
—Photo by Wm. C. Stenton



Now is the time for all campus wheels-to-be to do something to solidify their future positions. Now is the time for empire-building for next year. Now is the time.

Students' council elections are in the offing. Appointments are being made to certain high positions in students' union enterprises that are not open to public election.

Now is the time for the campaigns of the "go-getters," the "up-and-coming" young men (and women), whether these campaigns are public or private.

Of course, some of the glory-seekers have looked ahead, and have not left their campaigns to the period immediately preceding the elections and what-not, but have conducted their campaigns all year.

Some people have been attempting to have their names spread and their reputations enhanced by being "chronic joiners," chairmen of committees (no matter how unimportant the committee might be), backslappers, phony "personalities," and other such nonsense.

Though pedestrian chairmanships and club memberships are satisfactory to some, to others they are merely the stepping stones to things higher. The ultimate goal seems to

be a seat on students' council, or some other influential position such as Gateway editor.

SUCCESS! GLORY!! EMPIRE!!! But I question the status that the status-seekers are seeking. Is it worth it? Just what has been obtained once these vague ephemeral ideas called "status" and "success" have been achieved?

What really is the reward for the effort expended to gain the public eye? Are the climbers trying to prove something to other people, or are they trying to prove something to themselves? That the individual is truly the "organization man", success oriented, that our society values so highly? Or what?

Who will remember today's "names" tomorrow?

Well, whatever the situation, NOW IS THE TIME!



To The Editor:
Your editorial of Jan. 25 on the McEachran Essay Contest ignores several important points (which indicates that you have not taken the trouble to acquaint yourself thoroughly with the situation).

A three-hour extempore essay will certainly "not break anyone's back." It will also not inspire them, except by chance, to produce much that is worth reading—let alone receiving a prize. Further, this year's selection of essay topics was so uninspiring that I for one, almost walked straight out of the competition without writing. They were an insult to the students' intelligence and an insult to the original idea of the contest.

If the McEachran Philosophy Essay Award is to be made for scholarship or creative writing (as your editorial suggests) or for imaginative philosophizing (which would be preferable) the competitors should be

allowed to select their own topics as they wish and not be restricted to a short list of Reader's Digest interest items. The essay has been made extempore to stimulate entries—but if this year's result is representative, future competitions should either be left wholly to individual enterprise or discontinued temporarily.

Yours,
Donald Phillipson

To The Editor:
Your Jan. 26 issue of the Gateway was a big disappointment. When I first glanced at it, I had thought that some cunning reader had stabbed the Editor. However, a closer look revealed that the issue had been printed in red ink as an advertisement device. If you let me down like that again, I will stop reading your paper.

Yours truly,
Paul Legall, Ed. 1
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