

editorial

The old order passeth today; on Monday the Students' Union will be in new hands. It remains to be seen if the whole Olmstead-plus-one-slate will act as a cohesive unit throughout 1979-80. I hope so but we shouldn't lean too much on unity as a criterion for successful leadership.

Hume, Kushner, Fisher, Ekelund and Eastlick were never a unit because they had real political differences. However they managed to lead the SU out of a state of confusion into stability and maybe even growth. Certainly they could have done more, but they fulfilled their duties well. It's really enough.

In her summary speech at Tuesday's changeover meeting, Hume listed not only this year's accomplishments but a long list of unfinished business. This list she passed on to Olmstead who, fresh-faced and eager, accepted the challenge. It will be, despite the conflicts, frustration and pettiness that sometimes marred the performance of Hume's executive, a tough act to follow.

Tuesday night as the year's final roll-call vote was taken the outgoing exec, true to form, was split 3-2. To them I'll say good-bye, congratulations and good luck. *Take your pick.*

Higher tuition fees may be out of sight for this year, but they are definitely *not* out of mind. Look at what's happening.

As a direct result of the provincial government's post-secondary education funding policy (ie. you'll get this year what you got last year) 32 academic staff positions are frozen and will probably be cut in 1979-80.

These positions were frozen temporarily last year. In his report to the Board Finance Committee, VP Lorne Leitch admitted,

Although they are described as frozen it is likely that a number of positions will in fact be deleted after discussion with the deans.

In addition to the cut in staff, a 1% tax is proposed for all budget departments. The 1979-80 operating budget appears to be tighter than the skin of a grape.

When nothing else can possibly be cut who will be asked to cover the increasing costs of running a quality university? The students.

And tuition increases are coming, I'll wager before adequate government funding. Leitch has also said that the university's decision regarding tuition fees has always been influenced directly by the provincial government.

Three years ago, for example, after years of refusing to do so, the provincial government let it be known it would "entertain a substantial increase in tuition fees." In 1977-78 fees went up 25%. Last year the government told the Board of Governors it would "entertain a moderate tuition fee increase." And you paid 10% more to attend the U of A this year.

After the Grantham report was released in January the outgoing minister Bert Hohol said he "would not entertain a tuition fee hike at the universities this year" but without additional funding — which isn't likely either — the universities will be in worse financial trouble next year. At the U of A there will be very few places left to save money, if any.

So what will be the government's response to a plea next year for more money to maintain the quality of Alberta's universities? "We will entertain another increase in the tuition fees." Wait and see.

Loreen Lennon

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If it happens on campus...it's news to us.

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A NICE STORY WITH NO SMOKING

The student newspaper Aggie found was printed on cigar butts. She turned to her horoscope:

It wasn't pleasantly vague like a horoscope in the real world. It read: There will be an excess of punctuation in your life this week...

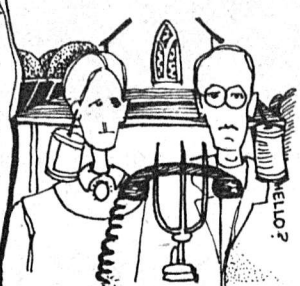
The old girl in front of you in the 9-items-or-less-line will have 5075 discount coupons to cash...



There was a tall, dark, stranger in your past. Try to guess who he was.



Your new boyfriend assumes he's the Easter Bunny and hides all your eggs, and your rubber bath chicken, and two spanish omlets...



Your parents call to quiz you on the four nutritional groups and to ask them what the hell ARE you learning...

"Thank-you" to all the practical people who suggested that this cartoon be double spaced so they could make their corrections easier.

Aggies aggravated by Gateway

I would like to express my dismay at the content and style of reporting exhibited in the article, "Aggies disrupt ESA elections", run in the Friday, March 23 issue. There were several factual errors contained in the piece, and it would seem that your reporter did not trouble himself to find out what really happened in the Education Students' Association office.

There were two female and one male poll attendants present, as well as assorted Education students of both sexes. A few blows and shoves were given and received on both sides, and there was a general scuffle, but the scene was nothing like the 'violent kidnapping' mentioned in the article.

However, my main source of dissatisfaction with the piece lies in the difference in tone between your paper's coverage of the Education Week activities and this particular action of the Aggies. When a group of independent ESA members kidnapped (translate: stole) a valuable antique chuckwagon, your paper reported it as a harmless prank and publicity stunt for Education Week. When the Aggies retaliated in kind, every attempt was made by your reporter to imply that this was a truly criminal and undesirable act. Why your paper should be biased against a group that has done so much toward making university functions a success, both on and off campus (Var city Guest Weekend, blood donor drives, Bar None Week entertainment), is a mystery to me. We would appreciate your con-

sideration of your policy in this matter; even if the negative attitude of the above mentioned article were to become the Gateway's standard for extracurricular events reporting, least treatment of different groups on campus would be consistent.

Furthermore, a campus group that attracts fewer than 10% of the students it purportedly represents to an election has no cause to criticize Agriculture whose Club executive was elected by 60% of the student eligible to vote, and 75% of Club members. If the entire campus were as enthusiastic, involved and well-organized as the Agricultural Club, the apathy student government and activities so often lamented in your paper would disappear.

Helen Newsham
Agriculture

Poetic justice

ON FINDING OBITUARIES ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN FINE ARTS

A rash of lather murders lately and rather telling too that obituaries in fine Arts, cruel Science might make more mystery than murder is or That is seems just to be as murder is seems just too spendid for handguns or Candy women who, like genocide sabbatical sharp suicide.

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Lotto Lambda

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of their spring fund-raising raffle. The proceeds from this go towards a scholarship fund to be presented to one of the members of the fraternity, based primarily on participation and involvement but also on academic standing.

It's no Loto Canada but this year's draw did see \$500 worth of prize money distributed between 6 lucky winners in the denominations of one \$250 first prize and five \$50 second prizes. The grand prize winner was Miss

Doris Pretzlaff of 6107 - 143rd and the 2nd prize winners alphabetical order were Maureen Brown, 3803 - 1125 Edmonton; Don Calder, 1361 137 St., Edmonton; Al Hodgins, 7439 - 182 St., Edmonton; Allison Minogoe, 10950 - Ave., Edmonton; Frank Swain, Box 1172, Drayton Valley Alberta.

Cheques have been sent to all the prize winners. Aggie thank you for your support.
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Directors of Fundraising
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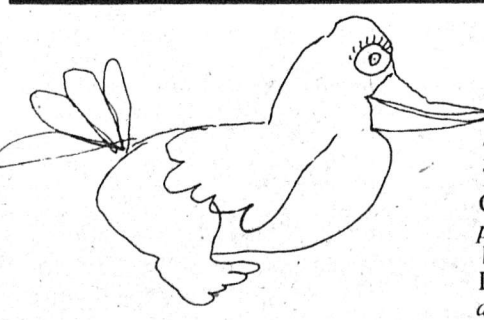
Quality you could taste

In an institution where overpriced, boring and prepackaged fare is standard (in classes as well as food), the opening of the Power Plant Cafeteria was a novelty to be appreciated. The variety of food and the pricing system attracted a clientele who felt the mix and match idea added spice to life. Some patrons may have abused the restaurant's generosity and loaded up weekly like camels, but most seemed to be satisfied with their fair share.

Now is the time to mourn the passing of the Power Plant as an alternative to other campus cateries. The variety and great pricing structure are gone. Novel

dishes have been replaced by solid mayonnaise dressing, blah entrees, mashed potatoes, and instant gravy. There is now a charge for mixing main courses, as well as for each slice of bread. How long will it be until they

install a scale to charge us by weight? I guess it's time to repatronize RATT, where common food has a special view.
Peter Yack
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The winner of the Tuesday's Draw Your Own Cartoon Contest page 4, was Adam Whorhol for his Mad Duck. No prizes were awarded.