

# the Gateway

## EDITORIAL

### What's important

300,000 people protest nuclear arms in western Europe, Pierre Trudeau says Canada will help feed 100 million starving Africans, the Dodgers beat the Yankees to go ahead 3-2 in the World Series and the Students' Union released its final budget.

In Brussels 200,000 people (and another 100,000 in three other European cities) held the largest demonstration since World War II. They rallied to protest the U.S.-Soviet arms build-up they claim threatens world peace.

One in every five of 500 million people in Africa suffer from famine. Today the average African has ten per cent less food than s/he had ten years ago because population increase has outstripped food production increases, according to recent reports.

And in Los Angeles the Dodgers hit two home runs in the seventh — only the ninth time in history that two hitters batted back-to-back homers — to beat the favored Yankees 2-1.

Meanwhile, in Room 259 Students' Union Building there is speculation that the administration won't get copies of the final budget out in time for student representatives to scrutinize it carefully for tonight's Council meeting. "I don't care ..." is one response from an unnamed executive member.

If they don't care, why should we care? There are more important things happening than the SU budget, or the SU, or Students' Council.

In Edmonton 150 people turned out Sunday to kick off Disarmament Week at City Hall. A whole week's activities are planned to motivate people to think about nuclear annihilation.

Compare that with almost a million Europeans in total who last week protested NATO's planned rearmament of western Europe, as well as Ronald Reagan's planned production of neutron bombs. Protestors demanded also that the Soviet Union dismantle its SS-20 missiles aimed at European cities.

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Defying explanations such as crop failures and weather epidemics, recent admissions indicate that Africa's food shortages are a direct result of political ineptitude. As well, reports show that famine is not caused by over-population. In fact, some parts of Africa are under-populated for efficient agricultural production. Almost everyone, according to reports, agrees Africa could support more people, as it did before the depopulation caused by the slave trade and by 20th century epidemics.

And Yankee owner George Steinbrenner says he's not lambasting anyone but he still thinks his team will win the series over the Comeback Cardiac Old Codgers.

Back in the Students' Union, a move is afoot to table the final budget at this evening's Council meeting.

In the nature of SU final budgets, this year's version says the Students' Union will make about half a million dollars. Last year's version predicted a break even situation, but the final audit is expected to show \$150,000 losses for 1980/81. Bets are being taken that next year's final audit won't look much better.

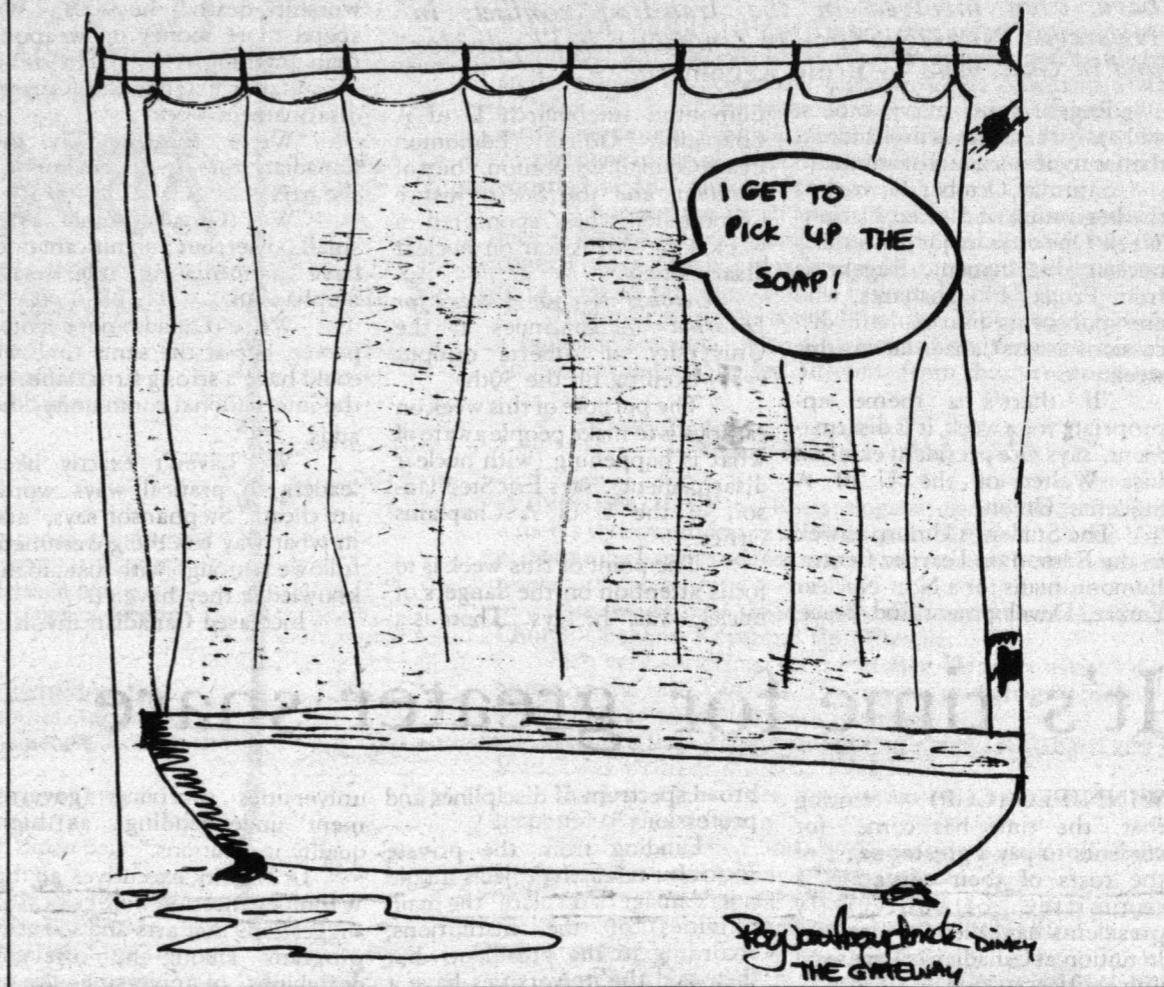
Meanwhile in Room 259 SUB, the offices of the SU executive and management, cynicism is the watchword. In spite of the fact management has been, for the most part, very cooperative, the SU had to fire administrative assistant Carole Wentworth and suspend SUB Theatre secretary Lauren McKibbin for two weeks.

Cynicism surrounds the budget too. After saying repeatedly that \$100,000 profits were expected this year, vice president finance Elise Gaudet says half a million profits is more like it. Of course, the final budget doesn't mean anything. Former finance manager Glyden Headley showed that a couple of years ago when he 'fixed' a break-even budget to show "conservative expenditures and greatest possible revenues." Only the final audit showed a \$300,000 deficit.

In fact, the difference between Gaudet's earlier \$100,000 profit and her current half million figure is the sale value of Students' Union Records in HUB — about \$400,000. Now there is something students would like to talk about.

Peter Michalshyn

NEWS ITEM: TRUDEAU AGREES TO LAST MINUTE MEETING WITH PREMIERS OVER CONSTITUTION.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CUSO fundamentals explained

As a CUSO volunteer who spent two years teaching in West Africa, I would like to commend Allison Annesley for bringing the activities of CUSO to the attention of Gateway readers. However, I feel that people should also be made aware of the fundamental principles on which CUSO operates.

Many of us who have returned from our service overseas are distressed by the failure of Canadians to appreciate some of the basic problems faced by developing nations. These relate not only to the alleviation of poverty, hunger and disease, but also to the achievement of self-

determination, dignity and social equality — things with which we also concern ourselves.

Members of CUSO are committed to educating themselves about the root causes of inequitable development in order to design effective programs for the elimination of these inequities.

We hope that through our experiences we can become sensitive to the needs of the people we are trying to assist so that we do not attempt to impose 'solutions' on them.

We may find that our own attitudes or the policies of our own country hinder the progress that we are striving to achieve. Then it

is up to us to work for positive changes. In that respect, "the great international adventure" was only the beginning of my involvement with CUSO.

Ted Milner  
Grad Studies

### Sincere apologies

Dear Editor,

I am writing this on behalf of the University of Alberta Agriculture Club, concerning Round-up '81 held last Friday night at the Red Barn. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the band hired to play, failed to appear.

Pending legal clarification, we intend to make a donation of the \$2500 the band was to be paid to a charitable organization on behalf of the U of A students' in attendance. We feel this is the most equitable way of ensuring that everyone received their money's worth.

We sincerely hope that despite the inconvenience everyone had an enjoyable evening, and look forward to seeing you at future events sponsored by the Aggies.

Sincerely,  
Keith L. Jones  
Roundup '81  
Director  
Agriculture IV

### At expense of logic

Sir,

I am appalled at the Gateway's decision to insert Howard Cooper's piece entitled, "Middle East Misconceptions," in the October 20, 1981 issue.

The Gateway in theory should establish a *modus operandi* for responsible students to articulate their opinions on issues of practical bearing on their lives. The Gateway accordingly plays a crucial role within our University.

To print Mr. Cooper's letter, which is in its entirety a pack of vicious personal attacks on Oscar Ammar is an insult to the integrity and credibility of our newspaper.

I would respectfully suggest

that Mr. Cooper avail himself of Philosophy 221 where he would learn to address himself objectively to the question under review instead of indulging in *ad hominem* histrionics. It is quite unfortunate that the said writer has manifested his likes and dislikes at the expense of logic and propriety. If Howard Cooper displays some artifice with words he badly lacks the necessary coherence to qualify him for any approach to the burning issues of the Middle East (sic) I urge the Gateway to set a wholesome example for responsible University Journalism.

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