

## Apartheid crimes

Tomorrow in SUB, a SU forum will be held dealing with current issues of concern in Southern Africa. Recent developments in anti-apartheid movements have largely been aimed at fighting the pseudo-liberal propaganda being released through official SA government sources, and fighting the repressive "reforms" which have recently been proposed or introduced.

North American complicity in the systematic exploitation of black South Africans is no secret. For example:

- The big three American auto manufacturers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, are all actively involved in supporting the racist government. 1978 figures released by the companies themselves show that black workers are paid less than white workers, and that black workers are not allowed into higher-paying salaried positions. In 1978 at the GM plant in South Africa, 4 of 375 black employees were in salaried positions. The rest were wage earners.

- Other Canadian companies with financial interests in South Africa include Bata Ltd., which runs Bata Shoes in South Africa, employing about 2200 workers; Maclean-Hunter Ltd., who are 70% owners of Westbourn-Maclean-Hunter Ltd. of SA; Alcan Aluminum Ltd., part-owners of Hulett's Aluminum, employing about 2,000 workers; and Reed Shaw Osler Ltd., who run an insurance and brokerage firm employing about 100 people.

Clearly, all private investments are tacitly supporting the undeniable oppression of 80% of the population by the white minority. It's slavery, and it's disgusting.

Concern for the Southern African issue increases with each additional piece of information. The Free Southern Africa Committee (FSAC), a non-profit group in Edmonton that attempts to provide information and direction for all people interested in the issue, are co-sponsors of tomorrow's forum. What they have to tell the public is shocking. They have collected much data and information over the years, and have conducted their own research. They are non-political, and their movement is not dominated by any political organization.

Most importantly, FSAC seeks to make people aware of the incredible violations of human rights in Southern Africa. Anyone who takes the time to attend the forum will be overwhelmed by the actual state of affairs in the country, and, in two hours, only the broadest of issues will be able to be examined.

There is no place in the world like South Africa. It is irrefutably an oppressive, archaic country that operates a systematically racist government. Anyone interested in human rights, including members of all political parties and those who support the refugee aid program should become informed about the Southern African problem.

Canadians are responsible; we support businesses that are active in the South African system, we permit them to continue their profiteering interests there, we turn our backs to facts that are painfully obvious. Yet, we consider ourselves a civilized and human nation, and we pat ourselves on the back for the little work we do for other nations. We are not doing enough.

Attend tomorrow's forum, and be prepared for a lesson that will make a permanent mark on your conscience.

Gordon Turtle

# the Gateway

If it happens on campus ... it's an illusion

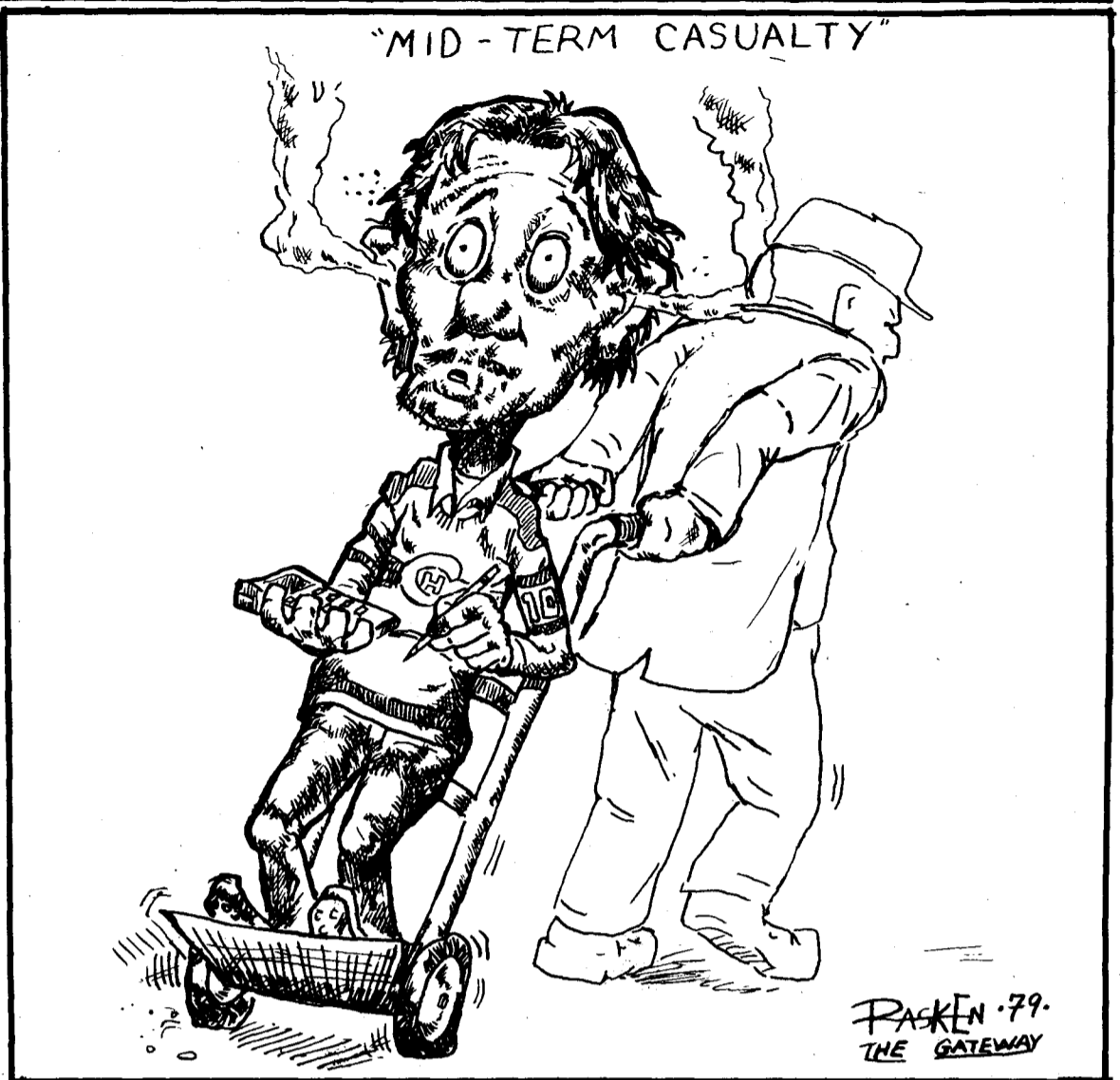
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## Gallinger responds to story

The impugned decision of the administration board to approve only \$245 of the \$545 request made by the Civil Engineers was a policy based decision. They had budgeted \$300 to be carried forward into '80-81 and past policy dictated that this be cut off the top of any award granted.

Gateway quoted me saying "That a budget must be accepted..." A budget must be accepted only for what it is worth. Credibility and other overriding considerations must be weighed. In the case of the Civil Engineers I argued against cutting them down on what seemed a budget technicality.

Before criticism from the Civil Engineers, which I encouraged, I heard few, if any complaints regarding the chairmanship of the admin board. The admin board has made each of its recommendations only after each member was aware of what was considered to be all the relevant criteria (including past grants) and only after a half hour of vigorous discussion.

It seems probable to me all of the criticisms of the chairmanship solicited by the Gateway with reference to the Civil Engineering decision were largely an attempt of board members to explain an ap-

parently inconsistent decision.

With regard to the quotation about a 50-50 response to requests for action I was told by the quoted person it was taken out of context. At most it is applicable only to the weeks during which I was campaigning, during which my office hours were drastically curtailed. I might also point out that this statement was made by one of the executives who sponsored my candidacy in the election.

I have congratulated Willie Gruber on his victory. He has a demanding job ahead of him. The vp finance's effectiveness is

largely proportional to his knowledge of the Students Union's methods and businesses and how able he is to persuade others on the merits of his proposals.

In the relatively brief period I was in the position I averaged better than 40 hour weeks but I must confess I fell far short of learning much of what was available to be learned. I spent this large amount of time because I found the environment enjoyable and stimulating. I am sure Willie will have an equally enjoyable experience.

G.F. Gallinger

## Language their own

Recently a survey has been conducted by the Chinese Library Association of the University of Alberta. The Survey was designed to find out the responses to the issue: "Speaking Chinese in Public." I wish to discuss how justified it is for Chinese to speak their own language on campus.

The Chinese language should be treated in the same way as Ukrainian, German, Italian, as well as English. However, some students on this campus are hostile to the Chinese language, but less hostile to other foreign languages. I agree, however, that in lecture and seminar circumstances, Chinese should not be used, and hostility towards the use of it might be justified, unless their objectives are Chinese centered. Other than class situations it ought to be acceptable for any individual to speak in any language he chooses. In most circumstances, if not all, Chinese is spoken without infringing on another's right.

Other than in a class situation, sometimes it is hard to justify in what language one should converse, like in a social situation where one or more person cannot understand Chinese. I think in situations like this, one could still judge the situation subjectively. It is justified for a person to speak

Chinese to his friends in the presence of one or more non-Chinese, unless the conversation pertains to the non-Chinese or the non-Chinese request them to speak in a language which they can understand. We must not forget that one has his rights to conceal certain information from being known to certain individuals, and speaking in another language is a means which is justified by the aim. Social situations include public places, restaurants, bookstore line-ups, etc.

Some studies showed that Chinese speak their own language in most circumstances because they find it is one of the best ways to treat or "suppress" nostalgia, and a method of cultural conservation, etc. But isn't it good enough reason for one to speak in Chinese because he is Chinese?

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## OOOOPS!

In Tuesday's feature on the Heritage Savings Trust Fund conference, we incorrectly identified a photo of one of the participants as Dr. Peter Meekison. The participant should have been identified as Dr. B. Wilkinson.

Our apologies to Dr. Wilkinson.

## We stand corrected

In the article by Julie Green concerning the Student Bill of Rights (Tuesday, October 23, 1979 issue, Page Three) *The Gateway* implies that a committee was formed consisting of, "...the Dean of Students, the director of food and housing as well as the student advocate..." to study the Bill. This is wrong. That membership description refers to the Council on Student Services which dealt with the report.

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