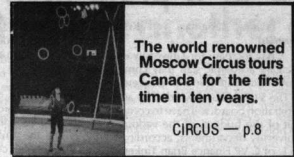


The Gateway



The world renowned Moscow Circus tours Canada for the first time in ten years.

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Liberal education

by Cam McCulloch

Future University of Alberta students may one day have to enroll in a year of general studies before continuing in their specialized field of study.

The *Next Decade and Beyond*, a discussion document published by U of A Public Affairs in October of 1987, outlines the benefits of adding a pre-professional year (or so-called liberal arts core) to existing degree programs.

The document states that "pre-professional study leads to a better success rate in professional programs and makes it possible for a greater number of students to begin their studies at a college with a transfer program."

The document also concedes that "some students will see it (a year of general study) as a delay into 'real' programs."

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Any Zelmer, Assoc. VP Academic, says "in any program we expect the students to have ability outside their narrow specialization."

According to Dale Nagel, SU VP Academic, a liberal arts core is defined "as a set of courses other than what one's degree is concerned with."

He gives the hypothetical example of an Arts student whose liberal arts course could be genetics.

Zelmer says there is no timetable for instituting such a plan. "There is not yet actually any concrete proposal put forth by anyone on this matter."

There are pre-professional years already in some faculties such as Medicine and Law; however, Zelmer admits there is "more room for options in faculties such as Arts and Science."

Nagel says the University administration cannot directly institute changes upon individual faculties but may encourage them to add liberal arts programs.

He adds "when faculties revamp their curriculum it goes through the General Faculty Council and eventually the Board of Governors. It is only at the latter stage that changes can be made from outside the faculty."

Zelmer points out the problem whereby if the U of A dictated a program be changed to require, for instance, three or four English courses, the department of English must ask "does it replace something else? or how does it fit in?"

Ultimately, says Nagel, the purpose of this program is to "make students aware of other things available to them."



Veil Blender enjoys skateboarding on campus because there are "neat obstacles"

Photo: Douglas Hall

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Editorial cartoon debated

by Roberta Franchuk

A motion to censure the Gateway for an editorial cartoon was narrowly defeated by Students' Council Tuesday.

The motion was to have Council "inform the Editor-in-Chief (of the Gateway) that the cartoon published October 22 was not in good taste," and request a printed apology.

The motion was defeated by three votes.

The Gateway also received a

letter from the Students' Council Executive Monday, requesting a printed apology for the cartoon. The letter, signed by VP External Paul LaGrange, noted that "the cartoon... should NOT (sic) have been published in a Students' Union publication... We trust that this type of material will not be published in future issues of the Gateway."

"I'm surprised at the way the SU executive have reacted," said Rod Campbell, Editor-in-Chief of the

Gateway. "We have not had any letters of complaint."

The cartoon in question depicts a beaver lying over a wooden barrel, tail in the air and held by a nude caricature of Uncle Sam. On the barrel are the words "Free Trade."

The sponsor of the motion, David Tupper, said that about six complaints had been made to him about the cartoon. Concerns were raised about the "portrayal of bestiality."

"I think people found it in poor taste," said Graham Bowers, Housing and Transport Commissioner and former Gateway writer. "The same message has been portrayed in cartoons in a less offensive manner."

"The beaver wasn't smiling," said Rick Siedman, VP Internal.

"The cartoon is provocative, but not explicit," noted Campbell. "This is a university newspaper, which is supposed to be a little more liberal minded than family-oriented major dailies."

"I thought the cartoon was funny, and it acted as a nice balance to the pro-free trade editorial we ran October 14."

Sherri Ritchie, Gateway managing editor, noted that the cartoon was purely symbolic and represented the artists' opinion. "Many people have said they didn't understand it," she said. Tupper, for example, admitted on introducing the motion that at first he did not understand the cartoon.

Kevin Klapstein, Science rep, said in debate. "The cartoon is offensive, but I find censorship even more offensive."

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You know very well that whether you are on page one or page thirty depends on whether they fear you.

Richard Nixon

Communists at odds with CSIS

by Lloyd De Vincenzi

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is "an amateur CIA," said Chris Frazer, General Secretary of the Young Communist League of Canada.

Frazer, touring university campuses across the country, spoke at a news conference at the U of A on October 26.

In a personal interview after the news conference, Frazer condemned the fledgling security ser-

vice for trying to "intimidate, confuse and divide" what he termed the "progressive movements" in Canada.

Frazer accused CSIS agents of intimidating young communist activists by questioning their neighbours, friends, employers and parents, as well as harassing the activists themselves. He also charged the CSIS has an ongoing and systematic campaign to undermine the "student movement" and attack working-class organizations in particular.

Robin Boodle, organizer of the Edmonton chapter of the YCL, specifically charged he had been threatened at his home by CSIS agents who told him that he would not be able to keep his civil service

job if his political links with the YCL were not severed.

Frazer and Boodle said the reasons behind what they regard as an unrelenting CSIS campaign against their organization are probably linked to the Free Trade deal. Frazer said that such a deal hinges on intimidated and exploited workers. "The CSIS is an extension of the politics of the Tories," he said.

Both men said the CSIS should be investigating groups such as the Aryan Nations, not the YCL, which they said has publicized all of its policies and is an open and democratic organization.

Asked why YCL members had not taken legal action against the security service, Frazer said it was probably because they feared losing their jobs.

According to Frazer, there have been at least twelve incidents of CSIS harassment of YCL activists in Edmonton since 1985. Frazer would not reveal the number of members currently in the YCL.

CSIS Deputy Director-General in Edmonton, Wally Lozinski, said that while he was not aware of the specific allegations made by Frazer and Boodle, it is not the practice of the CSIS to inform the public of its policies directly through the media.



Young Communist Robin Boodle

Conflict over tuition

by Ken Bosman

The U of A and the provincial government are headed in opposite directions over tuition.

Provincial government policy limits its tuition fees to no more than 12 percent of the total operating budget of the University, but this may change if the University has its way.

"This is a time of urgency," said U of A President Nyle Horowitz. Horowitz has publicly stated he may try to have fees raised from 12 percent to 14 or 15 percent of the University's operating budget.

This Year's 10 percent tuition increase pushed the U of A to very

near 12 percent, so an increase to 15 percent would cost a full term U of A student about \$300 per year.

Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell would resist the move, however. "Education is our number one priority. If it's to be accessible, we'd like our fees to be relatively low. Except for Quebec, Alberta's tuition fees are the lowest in the country. We'd like to maintain that position. I think you're going to see us staying approximately where we are."

The Students' Union disagrees with both positions. "We're closer

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