



EDITORIAL

Tuition fee games

The link between the U of A administration and the Ministry of Advanced Education is a complex one. Complex enough to suggest that it is not meant to be understood by outsiders.

Senior university administrators are often required to operate using methods they may be personally opposed to in the interest of keeping that link vague. Students are kept ignorant of many issues simply to ensure that their reactions will not interfere with administrative efficiency.

The university prefers to leave as little time as possible for students to plan lobbying activities against increases. The university therefore opts to leave the announcement of the coming year's increase until the last possible moment.

The U of A is saying nothing at all about what tuition for '83/'84 will be. "We have not even discussed what the fees will be next year," claims vp finance and administration, Lorne Leitch.

Anyone who believes that the top university financial administrator has not yet considered what next year's tuition will be, must also wonder what his job has entailed these last few months.

Leitch explains that the increase cannot be budgeted for until the university learns what their grant increase from the provincial government will be.

In all probability, the university has already submitted a grant request to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Manpower. The grant request, after all, is the basis from which the province determines what their grant should be. If that is the case (and it is that time of year) the university must therefore also have the preliminary budget from which they extracted their grant request figure.

Traditionally, the province increases their grant by somewhat less than the amount of the university's request. Keeping that practice in mind, with increased enrollment and inflated operating costs, tuition will almost certainly have to go up the full amount allowable next year.

It just doesn't look too good. Not now. Not in September, after students have just finished paying fees that were twenty percent higher than last year's. It is a matter of timing more than anything else.

Yet the university is *not* the big bad wolf. Their tactics are slimy. But the province has merely utilized the U of A as a scapegoat.

Sure, the province relegated jurisdiction over tuition to the Board of Governors. They also stipulated that tuition must increase by between eight and twelve percent each year, without exceeding one and a half times the grant increase from the province. The government sets the grant, the government dictates fee increases. The province has merely relegated a minor amount of authority to the university, making them answerable to the students. But tuition itself is only a small part of a major funding problem. Insufficient grants mean fewer program-injected funds. The university is struggling just to keep up with operating costs. But education has never been particularly high on the Tory government's list of priorities.

I'm an outsider. I can only grasp the parts that make me angry. What about you?

Allison Annesley

Happily ever after

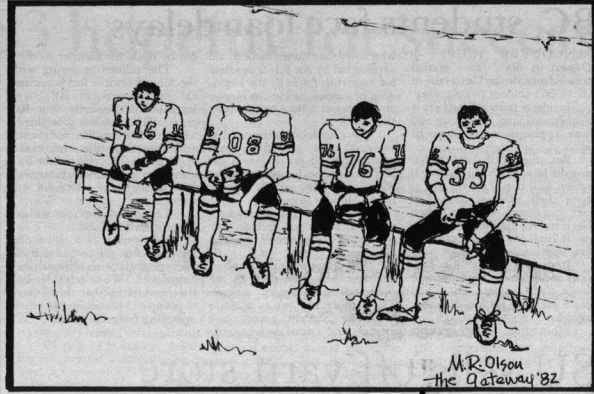
For a taxpayer, end-of-year divorces or separations are a waste of money if there is no alimony or maintenance involved. In this case, waiting an extra month could mean a tax saving of hundreds of dollars and remember: *that is after-tax money*, i.e. money on which tax has already been paid.

What do you do with all those savings? Split them down the middle with your 'ex' and take separate vacations!

David Ingram's 1982 Income Tax Guide

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The boredom and the revulsion

opinion by Mary Ruth Olson

Round-the-clock sports. The mandatory fringe-benefit of my summer job in a "sports lounge". A big screen complete with satellite dish spewed out ESPN sports 24 hours a day for the avid fans.

"What a cushy job", said my buddies who sweat their hearts out on the construction sites.

Quite the opposite in my opinion.

The proliferation of sports material that is floating through the airwaves leaves me nauseated. Football, soccer, golf, tennis, horse-races, boxing. The combinations are endless. And I find watching them an endless bore.

Sure, fitness is fun. But why should I pay or be subjected to watch someone else keep fit? Next we'll have the Calisthenics Open.

And the contracts these athletes settle for! It horrifies me to think that the average Joe NHL player probably makes three times the salary of one professor. For what?

Though it epitomizes the height of physical ability, I have yet to see a medium that promotes such a conglomeration of fat and lethargic people. The biggest workout for the sports fans I encountered was a wrist curl to lift a beer to their slobbering lips or trudging the distance from the parking lot to the stands (packing a liquor-laden thermos of course).

Granted, sports does play a role in national unity (to the point of xenophobia) but I for one will not be found in the crowds at a World Cup soccer match so some clown can use my face for a dartboard.

I have come to the conclusion

that the main attraction of viewing sports are: a) The opportunity to loosen one's vocal cords in an atmosphere of drunken revelry (Did you see that pass? glug, glug, belch); b) the chance to win a few bucks on the game; be ye better or bookie; c) providing incentive to use your brain cells for the formidable task of memorizing sports trivia (What junior AA team did Phil Esposito play for?); d) seeing if your second cousin will get to play at least once during the season (or are you watching for a celebrity in a pan of the stands?)

I have absorbed and regurgitated my quota of sports propaganda; more than enough to last me the rest of my days, and I will forever resent having been subjected to its monotony. Unless of course, I have a son with the promising potential of a Wayne Gretzky.

« LETTERS TO THE EDITOR »

Varsity cowboys ready to ride

The Edmonton Inter-collegiate Rodeo Club is pleased to announce their annual college rodeo for the 1982/83 college year. The rodeo will be held on Oct. 2, 3, miles north of Spruce Grove at K & L Ranches.

There will be two afternoon performances starting at 1:00 p.m. sharp each day. Events include saddlebronc, bareback, bullriding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping; the girls events will include barrel racing, steer uncorcating, goat typing and cow riding. If enough interest is shown, a media and businessmen's cow race will also be included.

This rodeo also marks the beginning of the 1982/1983 season for the Western Canadian Intercollegiate Association (WCIRA). This Association was formed in the spring of 1981. The purpose of this organization is to improve the technical and organizational skills of collegiate competitors and to promote the great sport of rodeo at the college rodeo level.

Colleges and Universities affiliated with WCIRA are:
University of Lethbridge

University of Alberta
University of Saskatchewan
University of Calgary
Olds College
Southern Institute of Technology
Northern Institute of Technology
Grant MacEwan Community College

Mount Royal College
Lethbridge Community College
At present the association is trying to make contacts with Manitoba and B.C. colleges, in the

hopes of having these colleges join the association.

The purpose of this letter is twofold:

(1) To make you aware of our college rodeo activities.
(2) To gain your support in the promotion of college rodeo.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lee Eddy
Secretary Treasurer
EIRC, Box 128 SUB

Outside Sources

Ultimately it is the Christian attitude which is self-interested and hedonistic, since the aim is always to get away from the painful struggle of earthly life and find eternal peace in some kind of Heaven or Nirvana. The humanist attitude is that the struggle must continue and that death is the price of life. Men must endure their going hence, even as their coming hither: Ripeness is all - which is an un-Christian sentiment.

Often there is a seeming truce between the humanist and the religious believer, but in fact their attitudes cannot be reconciled: one must choose between this world and the next. And the enormous majority of human beings, if they understood the issue, would choose this world. They do make that choice when they continue working, breeding and dying instead of crippling their faculties in hope of obtaining a new lease of existence elsewhere.

George Orwell, 1947
'Lear, Tolstoy and the Fool'

Bruce Pollock, having been unsuccessful in his hunt for trolls, has organized a grand search. Martin Beales and Bill Hogbe have gone ahead to scout the terrain. Mary Ruth Olson is creating troll traps. Sandra Corbett and Candy Fertile are getting supplies, while Cameron Laux and Michael Leitch study the Treatise on Trolls, written by Heather-Anne Ladd. Geoffrey Jackson and Nate LaRoi are studying troll songs and dances. Christina Scott is consulting the oracle. Luis Pesa is observing the mysterious John Algard, whose identity seems to change daily. Is he secretly a troll?