

Love's library lost

When, in the course of events, a right is denied for reasons deemed necessary, this can be tolerated, condoned, and indeed, appreciated, for that right will only have been denied due to circumstances wherein the patrons have abused it. Conversely, when the same right is denied or curbed for no apparent reasons other than the comfort and desire of an administrative head, body or other agent in whose hands rests authority, such action cannot be tolerated or condoned or appreciated. Instead, it can only be condemned.

The life of any university centres, necessarily, around its libraries. There, the knowledge collected by centuries of human history is stored and is in continual use by the modern student. However, here there is a discrepancy. Library hours do not permit the full use of it or its associated services to the agony of the student. The library presently closes at midnight and this is announced at 11:30 interrupting any students who happen to be studying. Also, its hours on Sunday stretch only from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - not nearly enough time for any serious concentration. This poses a major problem to students who are earnestly studying or researching.

In a like vein, the services provided by the library prove to be almost inaccessible to the average student. Although a minority of students need the Microfilm Room or the Rare Book Room, when needed both are needed immediately as they are

storehouses for specific information - information that cannot be found in other sources. These students are restricted to their use between 8:00 am and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, and not at all on weekends. This can prove to be a problem of monumental proportions when specific information is needed desperately. It goes without saying that class time is a major obstacle to using these facilities, and the student is forced to give up until another day, or miss several classes. An unhappy situation either way.

Hence, I propose an extension of the hours all around. Surely it is not too much to ask to have the libraries remain open until 2:00 am Sundays and weekdays? Nor is it too much to ask that the hours of associated services be increased until at least 9:00 pm and open on the weekends. Also, a revision of other services, such as the Reserved Book Room, is in order. Certainly this would not involve more than a re-assignment of staff hours. After all, once the check-out desk closes at 9:45 pm, the only man left is the scrutineer at the doors.

It must here be said that the library and its staff are here to work for the student, and not vice versa. Students pay, and often quite dearly, to attend this university. Some are compelled to fall deep into debt. Like any other business, the university provides a service for which its patrons must pay a substantial fee. And, like any other business, when there is an exchange of money for goods or services, the university must provide that service to

the best of its abilities and to the satisfaction of the students at large. The library is an integral part of this corporation and is probably the most used service. Therefore, it is worthy of the greatest consideration and should try the hardest to please.

In sum, the university library has a certain obligation to provide its services satisfactorily to the student and in a way that will please and benefit him. "He who pays the piper calls the tune" - thus far the piper has called the tune leaving the patron to sit and stew in spite of payment. This must change. Too many students must rely on the library to study and to work in the peace and quiet they are unable to obtain at home or in residence. The student has provided his part of the contract, now it is time for the libraries to do the same.

Ron Love
Arts IV

Allis Chalmers runs like a Deere

Please dear sir, is this the place for writing to you about my little girl Alice? She don't write too well now (come to thinking of it, she never did), so she asks me to please write U of A and say she's okay and allright and coming back.

Reason she almost did not

make it is because of baler accident on farm (mine) in Grenfell, Saskatchewan. See, she got pearl necklace (actually imitation from Stedman's) caught in rotor and head almost got taken off. We thought she were dead until legs started to twitch.

Well you never guess but Oscar Goldstein from Saskatchewan Department of Medicine and Rapeseed Stabilization come down to farm and tell us that our Medicare (God bless CCP) covers baler accidents. So off Alice goes to Regina General, and pretty soon she feel pretty good.

Mind you she had no face or McGuffies, so Bionics Department gets right to work and in no time she gets vacuum tubes installed under skin and now she Bionic Aggie!

She says (they gave her new voice - sounds like Gordie Howe) she can hardly wait to get back to school, which will be soon as they install Instant-on in her, so she don't have to take half hour to warm up.

Thanking you from bottom of my heart.

Wilbur Chalmers
Grenfell, Saskatchewan

I began life as a student and at school acquired the ways of a student; I then used to feel undignified to do even a little manual labor....

But after I became a revolutionary...I fundamentally changed the bourgeois and petty-bourgeois feelings implanted in me in the bourgeois schools.

Chairman Mao Tse-Tung

Rigorous business

Remember all those great medical shows you used to watch? You know - the ones with all those white coats and ether and concern for humanity? What the hell happened to all that?

When I enrolled in Medicine this year I figured we'd get our introduction lecture from Dr. Gillespie or some wizened old coot who'd tell us what a boon to society we are.

Instead all I got was a short, bald middle-aged executive who warned us never to practice in the States (he's on the lam from some million-dollar lawsuit).

My second class, Pulmonary Functions, was even worse - the prof was obviously suffering from a terminal case of cirrhosis and spent the whole time grumbling about running out of vanilla extract.

All this tends to dampen one's enthusiasm for the medical profession, and makes those ten years of anemic solitude look less than adventurous.

Even less appealing are my classmates - cleanly divided between religious fanaticism and serious alcoholism. Friday nights are pretty well standard - you

either pray to the Almighty or pray to the porcelain altar.

Is there still time to re-enroll in Science? Honours Psychology certainly looks appealing.

R. Mortis
Med. 1



"Dear Laura, your letter astounded me. How can you write such things as, 'You are a very pedantic person and I don't want to ever see you again?' Are you not aware that you have split an infinitive?"

Students organize Nov. 9 protest

In response to the continuing decline of education in Canada, students from across the country are organizing a National Student Day on November 9th. The Day will be an attempt to provide information to students regarding four aspects of their education:

Student financial aid, tuition fee increases, student unemployment, and educational cutbacks and related issues.

National Student Day (NSD) is a co-operative effort of the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), the British Columbia Student Federation (BCSF), the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS), the National Union of Students (NUS), and their member student unions.

The Students' Council at the University of Alberta has voted to support NSD and has appointed an NSD campus co-ordinator, an Arts faculty representative, Ken Reynolds. FAS welcomes U of A's participation and asks any students interested in working on National Student Day programmes to contact Ken through the Students' Union office, 2nd floor, SUB or 432-4236.

Brian Mason
Executive Secretary

Government won't stop land grab

RE: Foreign Purchase of Land

The provincial government recently released figures showing the amount of Alberta land purchased by foreign investors between June 1, 1975 to May 31, 1976.

The figures showed roughly 2.5 percent of rural land was sold to foreign interests, and government officials seem to feel this is no cause for concern. I cannot share their complacency.

For one thing, while the percentage may not be large now, it indicates a growing problem. A wise government would take action immediately to halt the takeover of farm land before the problem became really severe. But more important, it is almost certain that the land being purchased by non-

Canadians is prime agricultural land, and the amount of that good farm land which is falling into foreign hands is certainly greater than 2.5 percent. I see no excuse for Premier Lougheed's decision to delay legislation to control foreign purchase of land until next spring or later. We should have legislation presented this fall.

Even more serious, however, are the statistics on urban land sales. The report shows that foreign purchases accounted for more than 15 percent of the money spent for urban land transactions. This is surely an alarming statistic, and the government's complacency in the face of these figures is not reassuring. It may well be that much of this land is eventually sold back to Canadians for housing and other purposes. But, if that is so, it hardly justifies the situation. If wealthy foreign corporations and individuals are buying up our land and re-selling it at inflated prices, it is a very unhealthy situation which is contributing to the already high cost of housing in Alberta.

What is urgently needed in Alberta is an overall provincial land policy which would come to grips with the issue of foreign ownership of land, land speculation (by foreign as well as domestic interests), urban sprawl and the whole range of land use problems.

As far as I'm concerned, further delay by the government on this matter is unacceptable.

Grant Notley
NDP Spirit River-Fairview

GATEWAY NOTICES:

CUP EDITOR WANTED (needed?) - Duties are to file Gateway news copy with Canadian University Press national news office in Ottawa and receive/file national news copy received from CUPOTTawa. News stories are filed Mon. and Wed. nights usually by telex or special delivery post, so CUP editor would have to be available for two hours Gateway press nights. No experience needed, but it would be nice. Apply to Gateway editor Kevin Gillese in room 282, SUB.

SATURDAY SEMINARS BEGIN SEPT. 18 - Kevin Peterson, Calgary Herald city editor, ex-Gauntlet editor and ex-CUP president, will host a seminar dealing with objectivity in the media, role of the student press, remedies for student journalism problems, etc. The seminar will be held in the Gateway offices, Room 282 SUB and will begin 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

BOUND COPIES - The following Gateway staffers should pick up their bound copies in the office: Eve Rose, Cam Cole, Brian Bergman, Tom Baker, Doug Lieb, Robert Simpson, Peter Birnie, Keith Miller, Ben Verdam.

Gateway
Staff meeting,
Friday, Sept. 17
3 p.m.
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