

The Gateway

member of the canadian university press

editor-in-chief - - - - bill miller

managing editor—ralph melnychuk

news editor lorraine minich

sports editor richard vivone

makeup editor joe will

associate editor—helene chomiak

casserole editor brian campbell

photo editor neil driscoll

production manager jim rennie

EDITORIAL—Desk—Lawrie Hignell, Doug Bell, Frank Horvath, Gordon Auck; Cup Editor—Darla Campbell; Cartoonists—Dale Drever, Peter Bassek; Librarians—Sandy Lewko, Ann Bergstrom; Editorial Board—Bill Miller, Ralph Melnychuk, Helene Chomiak, Brian Campbell.

STAFF THIS ISSUE—Santa Claus (looking a lot like George—pardon, Al—Yackulic) visited us, while our den mother, who doubles as a features editor, washed the news desk. The following loyal souls looked on: John Green, Bernie Goedhart, Butch Treleaven, Elaine Verbicky, Marion Conybeare, Bob Jacobson, Ron Yakimchuk, John Thompson (inside the news), Don Moren, Laurie Hignell, Al Yackulic, Derek Nash, Popsicle Pete, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

The Gateway is published semi-weekly by the students' union of the University of Alberta. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for all material published herein. Final copy deadline: for Wednesday edition—7 p.m. Sunday, advertising—noon Thursday prior, short shorts—5 p.m. Friday; for Friday edition—7 p.m. Tuesday, advertising—noon Monday prior; short shorts—5 p.m. Tuesday. Casserole advertising—noon Thursday previous week. Advertising Manager: Peter Amerongen. Office Phone—433-1155. Circulation—9,300. Authorized as second-class mail by the Post Office Department, Ottawa, and for payment of postage in cash. Postage paid at Edmonton.

PAGE FOUR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1966

compulsory athletic fees a must

The committee on student affairs, at its annual fall meeting Thursday, recommended to the board of governors that all full-time students at this university be required to pay a seven dollar fee to the university athletic board.

The effect of this recommendation would force graduate students into a compulsory payment, which until now was voluntary, and at a lower rate.

Until now, graduate students had the choice of paying nothing, paying five dollars to the administration for a physical education building privilege card, for use of the building's recreational facilities, or paying seven dollars to the university athletic board to participate in the intramural program.

There is nothing to stop grad students from paying nothing and enjoying the same privileges of someone who pays the five or seven dollar fee. The dean of the physical education faculty, Dr. Maury Van Vliet, admitted to COSA that there is no effort to police the use of the building or to stop non-fee-paying stu-

dents from participating in intramurals, or any other activity of the athletic board.

Grad students opposed to the idea will argue that not enough grad students make use of the facilities to warrant the compulsory fee, and only those using the facilities should pay the seven dollars.

If we accept this argument, then what about the multitude of undergraduates who do not participate in the athletic board's activities? Should they not be allowed the same choice? Is the situation not parallel?

We submit the situation is parallel, and offering a choice to undergraduates will not solve the current financial headache suffered by the athletic board.

There cannot be a difference between graduates and undergraduates in this situation. Both groups have equal access to the building, its facilities and the athletic board's offerings. And both groups must compulsorily pay the seven dollar fee.

Anything else is unfair.

that honorable cause

No matter how unathletic, how lazy, or how unco-ordinated you are, there is still one team you can all make.

Don't start making excuses now. It doesn't take too much of your time and all your friends should be there. Besides you have a pretty nurse to look after you, and you get a bottle of pop and cookies for a reward.

It doesn't hurt much and it's fun to watch the others. The petite girls can breeze through the requirements while the six-foot-six athlete pales.

The only prerequisites are that you're between 18 and 65 years old, not suffering from a cold, weigh more than 100 pounds and do not have a history of malaria, jaundice, syphilis or diabetes.

If you are healthy, giving blood in the annual campus blood drive in Wauneita Lounge November 28 to December 1 and December 5 to December 8 will not lower your resistance to infection. You may briefly feel lightheaded and weak, but your

body quickly compensates by increasing your heart beat and redistributing the blood flow.

We will not guarantee that bleeding will purge your soul, but it will boost your ego when you say "I gave blood."

Students are theoretically supposed to be concerned with society, and this is one way of showing your concern.

Give blood!

an apology

In The Gateway of Nov. 18, an editorial on the bookstore entitled, "high prices, poor service," contained remarks on a coding system used by the bookstore to record the wholesale price of a book. The system outlined in The Gateway is incorrect, and as a result, we wish to withdraw any remarks made about the system or the implications we made about it. We apologize to the bookstore for any embarrassment caused by this error.



"charge"

ralph melnychuk

a choice for alberta

**When he was good, he was very, very good,
But when he was bad, he was horrid.**

Premier E. C. Manning last week all but recited the above lines to Alberta's freshman MLA, Garth Turcott.

Idealistic NDP campaign slogans still ringing in his ears, Mr. Turcott attempted to apply an Eric Neilson style hatchet to Municipal Affairs Minister A. J. Hooke and former Provincial Treasurer E. W. Hinman.

Unfortunately, Mr. Turcott's sources of information were not as productive as Mr. Neilson's, and thus he could only answer government and opposition cries of "Produce evidence or resign" with stunned silence.

Premier Manning, Opposition Leader Mike Maccagno, and The Edmonton Journal all joined forces and blasted Mr. Turcott for conduct unbecoming a member of Alberta's august legislative assembly.

Credit for the misadventure should really go to Alberta's NDP leader, Neil Reimer, who does not hold a seat in the legislature. Speculation is rife concerning the size of string between the visitors gallery and Mr. Turcott's legislative seat.

Actually, Messrs. Reimer and Turcott should have had the good sense not to push an obviously weak case in the legislature of a province which is Canada's only example of the one-party state. For the futile efforts of Alberta's "other political parties" notwithstanding, Alberta in effect remains, and will probably continue to remain, a one-party state.

The Liberals have traditionally shown the most promise as a likely opposition (if you can consider three seats as having promise), but the resignation of Liberal leader Adrian

Berry, along with local dissatisfaction with the federal Liberals, will probably relegate the liberals to an "also ran" position in the next provincial election.

The Conservatives have never been strong in Alberta provincial politics. But election two years ago of Peter Lougheed as provincial Conservative leader, coupled with a number of spectacular organizational moves, threatened to catapult the Tories into a prominent political position. However, the movement seems to have fizzled out, for the cry is now, "Where have all the Tories gone?"

Hindered by the lack of a legislative seat, the Tories nonetheless seem to be building strong constituency organizations in a few areas, but lacking a publicly dynamic leader, the most they can reasonably expect is two or three seats in the next election. Their only hope is a Social Credit backlash. If enough people should suddenly decide they want a change of government, they may pick "the next best thing" and vote Conservative. But this is unlikely.

That leaves us back with the NDP. Unfortunately, they represent the only organized and vigorous alternative to Mr. Manning. However, the NDP has always had trouble appealing to the rural electorate. And 75 per cent of Alberta's constituencies are rural.

Which leads us to wonder what Mr. Reimer is doing with his mouth-piece in the legislature. If Mr. Reimer can indeed uncover scandal in the Social Credit ranks, he would no doubt sweep to power on an indignation vote.

But he needs real scandal—not "mere half-truths." Continued performances like the recent abortive attack will only alienate the modicum of sympathy his party gained after Mr. Turcott's election.