

Federation needs \$10,000 FAS short of cash

by Peter Michalyszyn
In spite of the fact U of A students voted two more dollars into Federation of Alberta Students' pockets in last Friday's referendum, FAS is looking for a \$10,000 loan to carry it through next summer.

The cash shortage is a result of a low budget surplus carried over from last summer, and a few member institutions like University of Lethbridge and SAIT not paying their fees on time.

"The surplus was not as large as anticipated and a lot of members fees came in late, some not at all. That's the essence of it," says Melanie Hofer, FAS executive officer.

The surplus, previously between four and eight thousand dollars, was meant to keep FAS operating through July, August,

and September, until fees start coming in for the next school year.

But it gets tough when some member institutions don't pay their fees, like Mount Royal College in Calgary didn't last year, according to Hofer. "Strangely enough they've already paid this year's fees," she says.

A \$10,000 loan would cover FAS cash flow problems over the summer, with deferred payment until October 1981, when first fee installments come in.

In the meantime, "things are getting tight," Hofer says.

"We've stayed within budget so far this year, but we're budgeted for a deficit anyway," she said.

An extra two dollars from U of A students will help FAS, Hofer says. They rely exclusively on student levies for their operating

budget and haven't had an increase over the present \$1.50 per 40,500 member students in Alberta for three years.

But will U of A students get more for their money next year, especially now that they're paying more than most other institutions across Alberta?

"I find it hard to envision a situation where we would spend a lot more time promoting the interests of U of A students rather than, say, Medicine Hat College students," Hofer says.

On the other hand, part of the FAS expansion plan is another FAS fieldworker in Edmonton to serve the northern region, she says.

By spring 1982, all FAS members should be paying the \$3.50 that the U of A voted to pay next year.

Taylor promises to industrialize education

by Stephen Lamoreux
"I'm nuts about education," said Nick Taylor, leader of the Alberta Liberal Party.



photo Bill Ingles

Nick Taylor on campus

Taylor, who spoke at a forum sponsored by the U of A Student Liberal Association, answered questions Thursday on topics ranging from education to gas prices.

"I look at education as an industry," Taylor said, calling Peter Lougheed's conception of schooling a "tool for the elite".

As an example of the industry idea, Taylor suggested more foreign students come to Alberta. In the short term this would create more teaching positions, he said. In the longer term, it would create more foreign sources for Alberta exports.

A Taylor government would also double funding to secondary and post-secondary schools, expand small universities, and increase research, he said.

"I don't think university is a thing to be put in terms of dollars and cents," Taylor replied to a query about the cost of relocating Athabasca University. He emphasized that the quality of both education and social services is a matter of priority, not money.

To limit the cost of attending university, Taylor would not index tuition fees, but would implement "education mortgages"; student loans would be paid back through a surcharge levied on income once students graduate and start working.

On his party's relations to the federal Liberals, Taylor said, "We

are not a branch of the federal party. We are our own party." He added that an Alberta form of liberalism does exist, though he supports, for example, the principle of the federal energy proposal.

But asked if Alberta Liberals would use oil as a weapon, Taylor replied it could be "used as a negotiating tool."

Taylor also had views on a number of other topics.

On municipal annexation: "The provincial government plays the tune," Taylor said, calling the municipalities puppets because of their lack of independent revenue.

On West-Fed: "They are a bunch of idiots."

On Pierre Trudeau: "Before we are too harsh with the man, we should consider how difficult a country Canada is to govern."

And Trudeau's arrogance: "This can be attributed to the 'monolithic press' that prevails in Alberta," Taylor said.

"Self-confidence is seen as arrogance by one's enemies."

On constitutional reform: "It is a necessary step in redesigning Canada."

On Petro-Canada: It is unnecessary because "the taxation bonus system already adequately ensures that oil money stays in the country."

And finally, on Alberta's 75th Anniversary extravaganza: "The Conservative government would have done best if it gave one million dollars to the Alberta Liberal Party."

Baz by Skeet

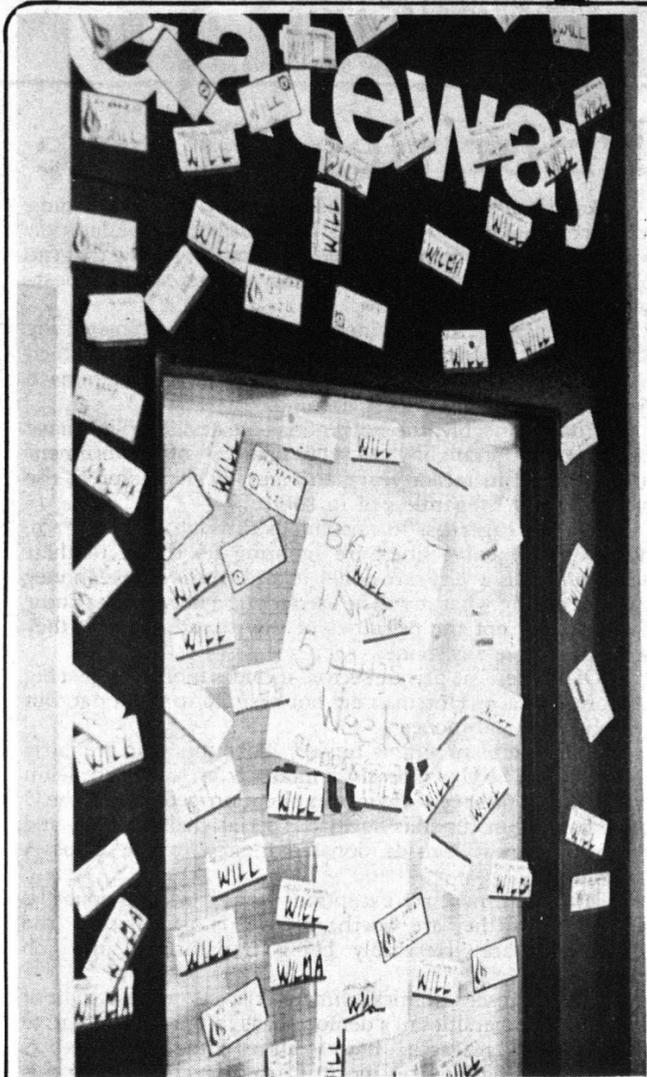


photo Jens Andersen

The Gateway office door after a Friday afternoon visit by some 100 engineers.

Gateway scene of Willful outbursts

by Erwin Rommel
(Editor's note: Gateway realizes that covering the raid on our offices by ourselves would inevitably bring cries of bias from the engineers. Therefore we have commissioned the job to a disinterested third party. Should any engineers take offence anyway, we invite them to reply - in writing.)
In a carefully orchestrated show of willbawerpower, about 100 shock troops adopting the assumed name of Will or Willma swooped down on the Gateway Friday. Most were apparently engineering students.
The ostensible object of the maneuver was the capture of strategic financial reserves, namely 67¢ from the paper's petty cash fund. This amount had been promised to engineer Will Bauer in a treaty signed, sealed and delivered in the letters section of the February 5 Gateway. The amount was calculated on the

theoretical portion of his student fees allocated to funding the paper.
The Gateway's military intelligence received news of the planned thrust in advance, and promptly retreated its outnumbered forces to secondary defence positions in RATT. The 67¢ was left behind, taped to the door.
The invaders reached the Gateway office at 2 p.m.. On discovering the office deserted and locked, they milled about in the adjoining hall.
There they sang the engineering song, pounded on the walls, chanted "Gateway Sucks!" and "We want our money," stomped on the floor, and tore up and scattered huge numbers of Gateways along the hallway.
As a final gesture they pasted their Will tags on the door along with a notice that they would be
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Squibs

by Spike Milligram

From a poster hung in the V-Wing last summer:
Royal Canadian Mounted Police is (sic) testing a kind of telepathic amplifier that works with microwaves. The test objects are not always voluntary (sic) and they dont (sic) get paid for it. Some of the victims of the test become paralytic, lose their intelligence e.t.c. (sic) everybody's (sic) lifetime is shorter... I am a victim of the test.

From an Art of Living Club poster:
The 1980's promise to be a decade of tremendous change, compelling our shrinking world towards a new experience of unification (despite much apparent disintegration). This transformative process finds us discovering our own individual uniqueness, while at the same time experiencing our intimate

relatedness to all of humanity. Including the gentleman above??

From Will Bauer's letter to the Gateway Feb. 5:
We (engineers) wouldn't dream of responding with "violence and aggression" as you claimed we would in Jan. 29th's "Second Wind" column.

From Baltasar Gracian's *The Art of Worldly Wisdom*, 1647:
Promises are the pitfalls of fools.

The engineers get the last word in a poster hung in the Physics building last week, ascribing a noble attribute to them:
...the individualistic attitudes of the engineers....