

the Ed. Assoc, visible and available.

While this year's committee is working with a very small base of interested and responding students, the philosophy is to help those who are making requests and be available to those who may respond at a later date. To build on what is, in order to work to where we might get, is the day to day policy of this group.

As of today we have three more working bodies than we had last week and that's a start! The three new GFC reps are Don Delaney, Tony MacDonald and Patty Richardson.

These three plus the five Ed reps already sitting on this council can be reached through the Education Students Assoc office, Rm. B 69 of the Education Centre (west end of the basement lunchroom.)

Names of all reps are posted for those interested in discussing issues relevant to furthering student representation with them. Come on down and talk to us! We're behind the door with the happy face.

Student representation on three committees is still open for Education students. These include the Joint Advisory Committee on Extended (Teaching) Practicum, the Staff, Student Relations Committee and the Education Faculty Committee.

Education students who are interested in acting on any of these committees should inquire at the Ed. Student's Assoc. office B.69 for information.

All three committees will be meeting in the near future. A meeting for the Extended Practicum has been called for Friday, Nov. 30th.

In order to qualify a student should be either a third or fourth year student who will be involved in practice teaching this year and who is interested in helping design more effective practice teaching experiences for student.

This is an opportunity to voice the concerns which are being felt by many in a setting where change can be encouraged to occur.

Patty Richardson  
Ed. 4

## NUS

In reply to Patrick Delaney's editorial on the National Union of Students in Nov. 20th edition of the *Gateway*, the Student Christian Movement at the University of Alberta would like to question some of the general statements that were made.

The SCM feels that the N.U.S. does represent the interests of students. At the N.U.S. meeting in Edmonton last October, the organization presented the following resolutions:

-That N.U.S. ask for a guaranteed annual income of \$3,000 and tuition fees for students in post secondary education

-That the federal government abolish regional disparities in the financing of post secondary education by giving equal percapita educational funds to each province

-That students be given representation on federal bodies making decisions about student financial assistance. That students be given equal representation on all provincial student assistance advisory and appeal boards.

-That adequate financial aid to part-time students be on a prorated basis with full-time students.

-That the age at which a student is considered independent for receiving government loan assistance be lowered to the age of majority.

The NUS also presented at the meeting an excellent paper on the financing of post secondary education. If the above mentioned issues are not of concern to U of A students, SCM would like to know which are.

The motion regarding the boycotting of Portuguese wines, Nescafe and Kraft was one of moral support and did not imply that National N.U.S. staff devote their energies on organizing boycotts.

As an organization, the NUS seems to be more "national" than so called other national organizations. According to our source of information, all regions are represented by some post-secondary institution. Constitutionally, the central committee of NUS is composed of one representative from every Canadian province and three selected at large at the annual meeting.

"The present structure has become the mouthpiece of a few individuals who seem more concerned with promoting their own interests..." says Pat Delaney. The staff of NUS is appointed by the Central Committee. If staff does not represent the NUS interests of the Central Committee has the responsibility to fire them.

Concerning working with AUCC, the AUCC is an administration controlled body which invites certain students to attend their conferences. Because administrators are charged with running the mechanics of university (finances, services, etc.) and must answer to the community of taxpayers at large, we cannot expect the AUCC to represent the total interests of students. We need a strong national, student run and controlled

organization to lobby for students needs and voice the opinions of U of A students. The SCM feels that U of A students could greatly benefit from being members of such a potentially strong national body to represent student interests. We also feel that there has been a lack of concrete facts and discussion of N.U.S. at U of A with regards to this referendum as to help the student make a clear decision at the ballot boxes on Friday.

Claudette Toupin  
Jim Sharpe  
The SCM - U of A.

On Friday a referendum will be held to decide whether the U of A will join the National Union of Students. We think that the NUS could be an organization which is a powerful response to all issues of concern to students. It could be in the forefront of the struggles against the oppression of women, and against the education spending cut-backs and tuition fee increases. Based on a program which meets the real, burning needs of students, the NUS could be an effective instrument in the struggle to transform the universities and this society to meet the needs of the majority. As well, the NUS must be based on the fully democratic discussions and decision-making of students. General meetings and teach-ins on major questions must be organized where the views of all students can be heard and voted on. A number of important resolutions were passed at the recent conference of NUS. Unfortunately no perspective of basing NUS on the democratic decisions and action of the majority of students was evident at the conference.

We think that students should vote yes for membership in NUS. A national union could be very important in defending the interests of students across the country. However our actions cannot end with a simple 'yes' vote. We must continue to force NUS to base itself on, and be responsible to the majority of students.

Don Wiley, for the  
Young Socialists

Notwithstanding the letter by myself and Blyth Nuttall in Tuesday's issue of *Gateway* on the subject of the National Union of Students, a variety of information from at least three sources who I shall not name has necessitated a change of mind.

While I still believe and believe strongly that a strong national union can help students on a number of issues, it is also true that this union is incapable of such tasks.

In fighting, strong centralism, and boycotting the government in important discussions will not help students in any respect. I also see a certain amount of administrative bureaucracy which I believe to be partially administrative incompetence.

In conclusion, I would ask students to vote NO to NUS.

By the way, what became of the \$1500 the U of A Students' Union gave to NUS last spring? wayne madden  
ed rep to students' council

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IT'S IMPORTANT

## Smokers' rip-off

I am a cigarette smoker. Hardly an admirable confession I must admit. As a confirmed addict given to polluting the atmospheres of classrooms (whether or not there are NO SMOKING signs) and any other place I happen to be I have little hope of sympathy from those sensible members of the populace who have not succumbed to the enticements of the tobacco cartel. But I would like to bring attention to a rather insidious machination that is perpetrated wherever dispensing machines are to be found.

Normally when one entrusts his money to a machine he is rewarded with the object of his desire, or a quick flick of the wrist applied to the coin return lever returns the investment. However frequently these designs are thwarted one doesn't get ripped off very often. That is until one puts a penny in the slot of a cigarette machine and punches the indicated button in hopes of getting a book of matches. The investment is meagre and the returns are appropriately meagre. But, and this is where I find myself firmly in the grips of a devious conspiracy, the machine seldom spews forth matches. Fine, I figure, matches are in big demand. I am now a victim of the law of supply and demand. However when I press the coin return slot I never get my penny back. It has been months since I got my money or matches back.

Why is it, I would like to know, that I never get my money back? Do they ever put matches in the machines? Does anyone get matches from machines these days? Is the machine age making a monkey of me or are the vending companies bleeding me to death penny by penny in revenge for my cut-down on cigarette consumption?

Damn it, if I had all my pennies back I'd buy a carton of cigarettes and a lighter and we could all be happy. In the meantime I've got a sneaking suspicion that this is just a nice way to pile up a little extra curricular profit to which they are not legally entitled.

When was the last time you got matches out of a vending machine, or more important when was the last time you filed a complaint when the machine ripped off your penny?

Max Billingsley

## Letters



## The Gateway

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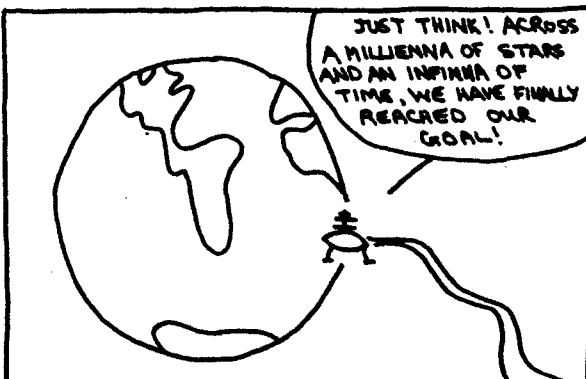
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LAR and DAR



AT LAST - EARTH!  
WE HAVE CONQUERED  
THE VOID OF SPACE  
BETWEEN HERE  
AND EARTH!



JUST THINK! ACROSS  
A MILLIENNA OF STARS  
AND AN INFINIA OF  
TIME, WE HAVE FINALLY  
REACHED OUR  
GOAL!



WELL DAR, WHAT HAVE  
YOU GOT TO SAY ABOUT THAT?  
GEE, I SURE HOPE  
THEY'VE GOT A  
WASHROOM!

reggie hooke