

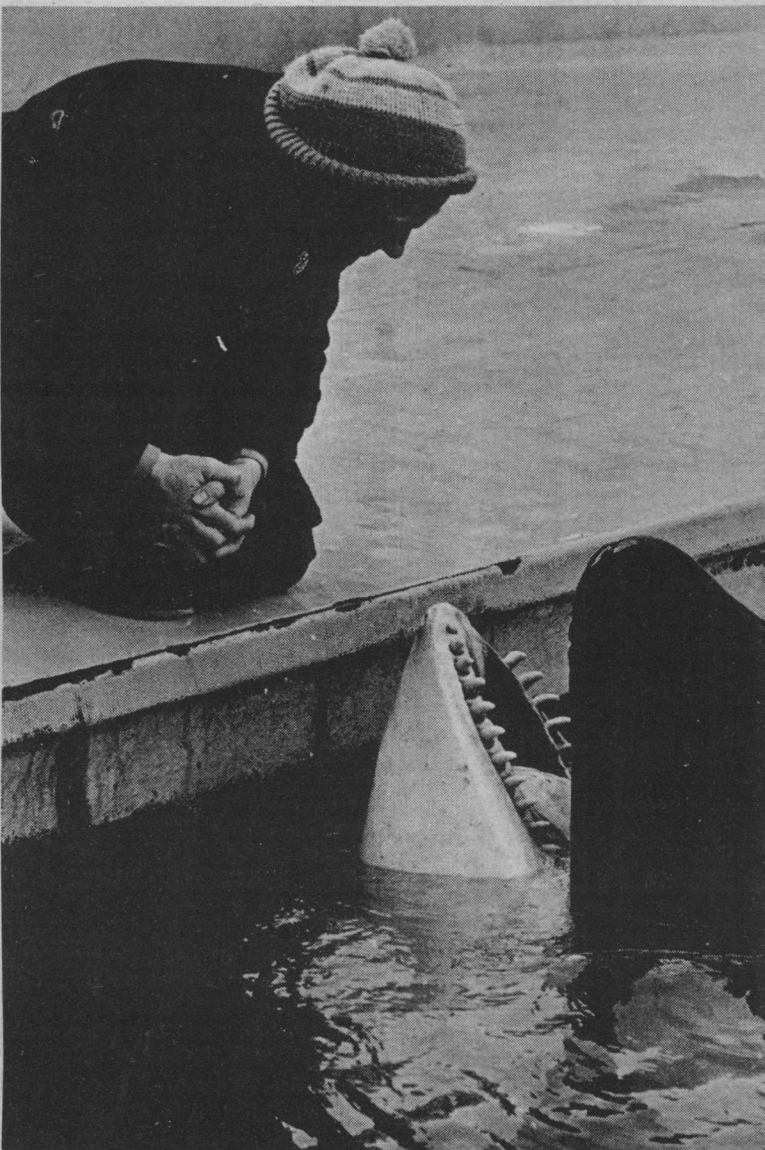
Nothing will improve  
the Lougheed government

# The Gateway

Like an  
articulate opposition.  
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Spong and Orca, a new awareness.

## A new presence

by Cam Beck

"We are beginning to discern the presence of another mind on the planet, a mind anatomically like ours, but different. It is not a question of intelligence. It is a question of awareness." — Joan McIntyre, author of *Mind in the Waters*.

U of A students will have a unique opportunity to learn about this other mind on Tuesday evening, Jan. 28.

An absorbing blend of superb visual art, audio recordings and eco-politics — a slide, film and sound sequence — will be delivered at 8 p.m. in SUB Theatre.

It's about beings with a brain at least as complicated as our own.

## US invasion feared

Ottawa (ENS) — Canadian defense authorities have begun taking steps to prevent a threatened U.S. intrusion on Canadian coastal waters.

At a meeting of Canada's Council of Defense Associations, a U.S. Navy memo was revealed that calls for shipping oil from the Alaska oil fields to the U.S. east coast. The only way this can be done — the Canadians say — is for the U.S. Coast Guard to escort supertankers through the Canadian-controlled Northwest Passage.

The Defense Council is studying a plan to create a fleet of icebreakers to patrol the Canadian Arctic, in order to prevent such intrusions.

It's about beings that are being massacred at the rate of one every fourteen minutes and whose bodies are being turned into shoe polish, cat food and cosmetics.

It's about whales.

"Just as we are beginning to glimpse the incredible nature of whales," says Paul Spong, "we are on the verge of exterminating them forever."

Spong has studied orca whales (often misnamed killer whales) for eight years now, keeping incredible photographic and audio tape records.

The best of these, and of other scientists' and artists' documentaries, will be presented during Tuesday evening's whale show. The beauty of cavorting free whales in the film, and of their voices in the recordings, makes almost as much of an argument for saving them as does the mounting scientific evidence of their profound mysterious intelligence.

A plan for developing communication with whales, through music, will also be described during the show ("our hearing is good; theirs is exquisite" says Spong; their ability to communicate is remarkable, and their speech is much like our music.).

And a daring plan for saving them will be described, a plan in which many of us can help.

Cost of the show is \$1.50 for students, \$2.50 for others.

The money will be used to cover the expenses of the show, which is travelling on to Calgary, Medicine Hat and Winnipeg.

Any surplus money will go to Project Ahab, the project to develop communication with whales, and to stop their slaughter.

## CSA controversy clarified

by Greg Neiman

Ads which have been appearing on behalf of the Civil Servants Association of Alberta (CSA) in *Gateway* as well as two recent articles depicting some of the issues at stake in the dispute have stirred up a great deal of controversy between members of the non academic staff employed here, the CSA and *Gateway*.

However, when the facts are known, the controversy becomes somewhat one-sided.

First, a history.

A few years back, non

academic staff members here, opted to withdraw from the CSA by a CSA convention to form NASA.

NASA, therefore, became the sole bargaining agent for the workers in labour disputes, and is recognized as such by the Board of Governors.

The CSA can not, despite any threats of strikes, or any amount of lobbying to the government, get any kind of better deal for the workers here at all.

Why?

Because under the

Universities Act, it is the Board of Governors which deals with the government in any matter that deals in any way with money.

It is NASA alone which deals with and through the Board to get money for the workers.

There.

Workers are not required to join NASA if they work at the University, says an open letter printed in the *Nugget* at NAIT, where workers are being represented by the CSA, and are, by the way unsatisfied with it.

Workers here pay a \$2.00 per month service fee, which is the same amount as a membership fee, but they are not members unless they voluntarily sign a membership application.

The CSA has the power, says the letter, to force a worker's resignation by withdrawing his or her membership, as was shown recently when a member in the Provincial Treasury Branch circulated a petition to find out why the membership fees were raised.

U of A employees have chosen their representative by a voluntary action, and have done so to the tune of upwards of

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## Student GFC positions open

On April 30, the terms of office for student members on the standing committees of GFC will expire. Replacements for these student members are now being accepted by the Nominating Committee of GFC. Take a look through the list and see if anything interests you.

All students both graduate and undergraduate are eligible for election in these committees and need not be members of GFC. Vacancies on the committees will be as follows:

COMMITTEE	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE
Academic Development	2	1
Academic Appeal	2	1
Articulation	2 students (one of whom must have transferred from an Alberta college)	
Admission Requirements	2	1
Works of Art	1	1
Calendars	1	1
Campus Development	2	1
Computing Facilities and Policy	1	1
Copyrights	1	1
Course Registration Procedures	2	1
Disciplinary Impanelling Boards	6	2
Environmental Studies Program	1	1
Housing and Food Services	4	2
Library	1	1
Parking Appeals	1 member 1 alternate	1 member 1 alternate
Pollution	2	1
General Promotions and Salaries	1	
Radio and Television	2	
Research		1
Committee to Investigate Teaching	2	2
Timetabling Policy	1	1
Undergraduate Scholarship	2	
University Planning	2	1

The terms of office are from May 1, 1975 to April 30, 1976. Members are eligible for re-election if they expect to register in the university for the following year.

The Nominating Committee will be pleased to hear from students who have suggestions for nominations or who would be interested in serving on the committees of General Faculties Council. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary of the Nominating Committee, Patricia Campbell, 2-1 University Hall, phone 432-4965.

## Sports Spectacular

The HUB commercial tenants, along with a publicity crew put a lot of thought and effort into the HUB Super Sports Spectacular.

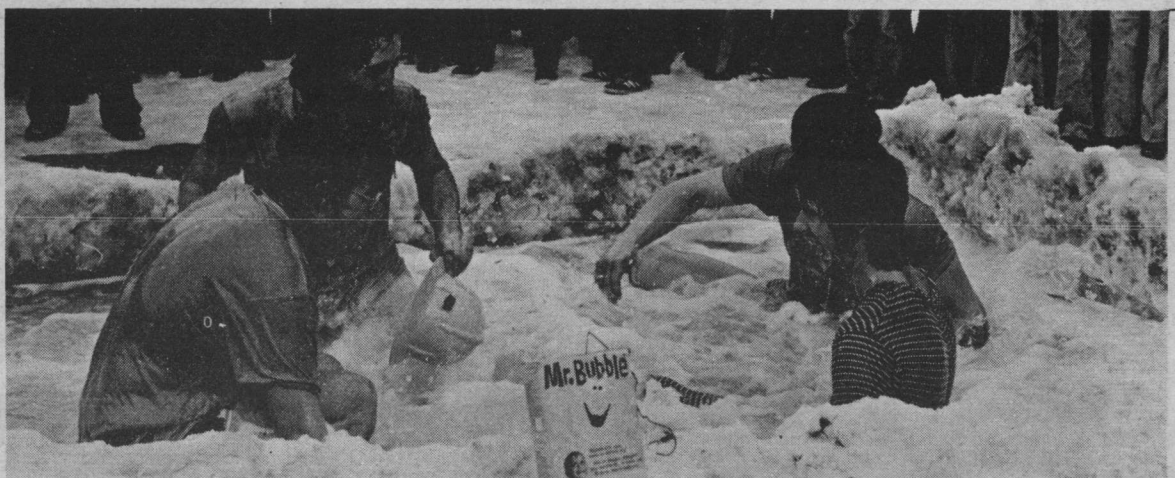
But it wasn't quite enough. The Spectacular, slated for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, was a super bust on opening day.

Of the three retailers and numerous campus athletic organizations and clubs, with commitments to appear, only the Mountain Shop and the U of A skydiving and subaquatic clubs seemed to remember the occasion.

Unfortunately, George's Cycle, another retailer involved in the affair had to withdraw its commitment due to an illness on the part of one of the executives.

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## Engineers bubble with enthusiasm



Why are these people laughing? The answer to this and other pertinent questions are on pages 8-9.