

Don't worry about marriage until you start to consider it.
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When you start to consider it, worry about it.
John Watson



Behind the counter at Lister cafeteria

photo Rob Schmidt

U of A students buying Gainers

by Rod Campbell and Suzanne Lundrigan

Students who want to boycott Gainers products may be inadvertently compromising their principles by purchasing food at Subway, CAB or Lister Hall.

Housing and Food Services purchases approximately 42% of its meat and cheese products from the strike-bound Gainers plant.

Food Services Officer Larry Llewellyn is responsible for meat purchases. Commenting on the decision to purchase from Gainers, Llewellyn stated: "The only thing we take into account is the price and the quality."

U of A New Democrat club spokesperson, Rita Kolpak, takes issue with this reasoning: "I can't believe that the university wouldn't even let us know... Cafeterias take students that live in res. I mean, they're forced to eat this stuff without even knowing."

Llewellyn, in response to this complaint, stipulated, "We never made a conscious effort one way or the other to inform them or not to inform them (student body). We've continued our normal purchasing practices all along."

Kolpak confirmed that the New

Democrat club would be organizing a boycott of those facilities which served Gainers products. "We're working on it actually. Our first step is organizing a petition which will be at our table in HUB."

When asked how he would respond to a boycott, Housing and Food Services director David Bruch stated, "That's their choice and they have every right to do that. If that were to happen, we'd take a look at the situation at that time. That's a bridge we'll cross if we come to it."

S.U. vice president Michael Hunter specified his concerns were about the quality of the Gainers' products. "Let's find a source where the quality can be guaranteed... we don't want our students to be guinea pigs."

Hunter's sentiments were echoed by Housing Commissioner Andrew Fredericks, "I have health concerns. I think that plant isn't running at optimum standards and students shouldn't be forced to eat that meat."

Llewellyn stated that he had not encountered any problems with the quality and freshness of Gainers products since the labour dispute began in June.

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Davey denies Trudeau is to return

by Juanita Spears

The recent report that Senator Keith Davey is orchestrating Pierre Trudeau's 'third coming' to politics is "pure fabrication," according to the Senator.

Senator Davey was in the city last Thursday to promote his controversial auto-biography, *The Rainmaker — A Passion for Politics*.

"Trudeau doesn't want to return to politics... the whole thing has been fabricated out of cheesecloth," Davey said.

It was claimed that Davey was trying to lure Trudeau back to run for Liberal leader to take the party into the next federal election. The

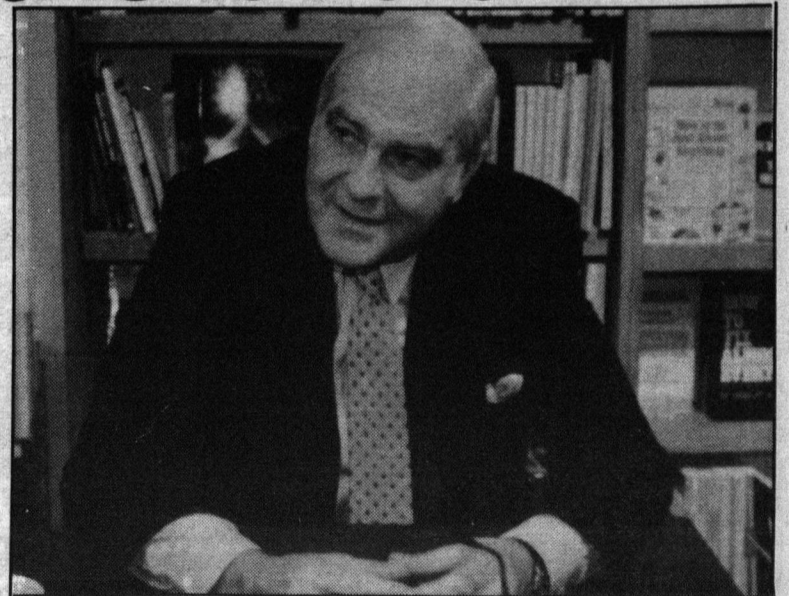
deal being that, after two years as leader, Trudeau would then step aside.

These reports surfaced after an excerpt from *The Rainmaker* appeared in the October issue of *Saturday Night* magazine. In the excerpt, Davey describes how John Turner 'lost the 1984 federal election'. The article aroused much comment and criticism from Liberal Party loyalists, pro- and anti-Turner camps alike.

"In the past, I have been criticized for being a 'backroom boy'. Now that I've come forward, I'm still being criticized," Davey commented.

When asked if he had planned for the release of his book to coincide with the upcoming Federal Liberal Convention, November 30th (party leadership being one of the issues), the Senator replied, "No... however, around June or July, when I realized that it would be released in mid-October, I felt that it would have an influence."

Despite all the controversy surrounding the book, the book-signing session held last Thursday evening at the Greenwood Bookstore on Whyte Avenue, was a quiet affair attracting only a small number of interested persons.



Senator Davey promoting his book

photo Juanita Spears

Electrical power surge crashes university computer system

by Alex Shetsen and Roberta Franchuk

At 11:00 Monday morning, the U of A mainframe computer system, MTS, crashed because of an unexpected surge in electrical power that was felt throughout the university.

The power surge also affected the VM and Plato, two other university computer systems. However, these systems were back on-line by 3:00.

MTS was not fixed until 5:00 and there were concerns files might be lost.

Alan Christie, a technician working on repairing the hardware, said, "Frankly, we don't know what is happening, and we have no idea how long it will continue."

Most of the software, which is the programs and data stored in the computer, was saved. Information from the last 24 hours, which had

not been copied for backup, was thought to have been lost.

While working on repairs, technicians were unsure if there had been any damage to the hardware.

But after the system was fixed, Computing Services discounted any major damage.

"This isn't serious, don't worry," a staff member said. Damage to

software was also denied.

Technicians working on MTS said that various mainframe computers throughout the city were affected.

Christie said that he could not recall anything similar happening to the system.

In 1983, the system was down for two days, but it was due to equipment failure, not to a power surge.

Wilson gets postcards

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Federal finance minister Michael Wilson is currently receiving plenty of mail from Newfoundland, and probably doesn't want to read any of it.

Students and faculty at Memorial University have sent 7,500 postcards condemning financial restraint of post-secondary education to Wilson's Parliament Hill office. The campaign was organized by the

student union, in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of Students' "Funding the Future" project.

"Post-secondary education is on the line," said Memorial council vice-president Anne Marie Vaughn. "The aim of the campaign is to get students involved and aware of the problem of cuts."

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