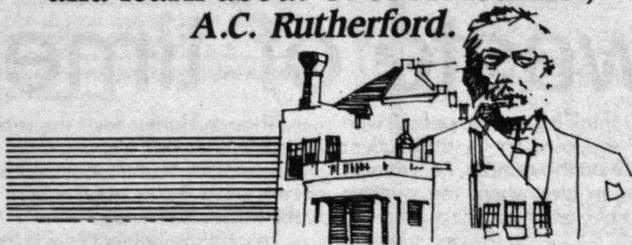


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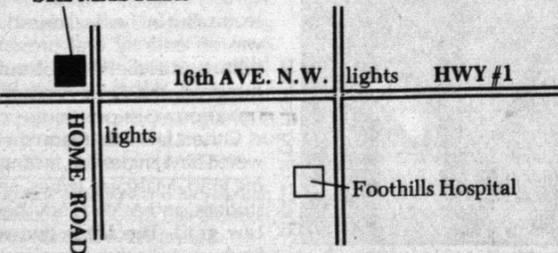
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John Paul II Scholarship for Native Studies

by Everett Lambert

Albertans now studying in the field of Native Studies are eligible for the "Pope John Paul II Commemorative Scholarships". The scholarship is also available to those in "international studies with respect to third world countries" as well as those in "ecumenical studies".

The scholarships were established "to commemorate the visit of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, to Alberta in the fall of 1984..." The scholarships were approved by the Alberta Cabinet and are administered by the Alberta Student Finance Board.

The intent of scholarships is "to facilitate and promote studies for the well-being of mankind through

the advancement of knowledge and its effective application to contemporary problems."

To be eligible, applicants must be Alberta residents in full-time enrollment at the undergraduate or graduate level. Both the contents of the courses and the performance will be gauged in the selection of recipients.

The awards will be effective in September 1987. The monies will be allotted in disbursements throughout the course of the year. Those selected cannot hold other concurrent Student Finance awards.

Those eligible for the undergraduate scholarship can receive \$5,000.00 while those eligible for the graduate one can receive \$10,000.00.

Although the deadline for Master's awards has already passed (February 1st) undergrads have until July 1st to submit their applications.

To inquire further, students should contact Scholarship Programs, at the Student Finance Board, 10th Floor Baker Center 10025 - 106 St., Edmonton, Alberta. The phone number is 427-8640, or dial "0" and ask for 20043.

Incidentally although the Pope has yet to confirm, there are strong rumors that he will visit Canadian Native people in Ft. Simpson, N.W.T. on September 9th, 1987. On his 1984 visit to Canada he was scheduled to visit Native people at Ft. Simpson but failed to do so.

Waterloo custodians claim maltreatment

WATERLOO (CUP) — Custodial staff at the University of Waterloo claim they are intimidated and punished by university management if they complain about unfair promotions and hiring practices.

Custodian Toncka Bestic filed a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission after supervisor Denis Mustin told her she should not apply for a higher paying "C1" custodian job. If she did, she was told, then "all the women would try to apply".

Mustin denies he discouraged anyone from applying.

Although afraid of retaliation if she complained, Bestic finally decided to take action after being passed up twice for the job.

"I have eight years seniority. How come they promote people who have been here for only a few months when I have an excellent work record?" she said. "It's because I'm a woman, and they don't want to give the women who work at the custodian jobs the C1 jobs. It's considered a man's job."

According to Director of Per-

sonnel Lloyd Brown, "It's just simple statistics. The men are bigger and stronger than the women so the women take the lighter jobs."

The C1 job entails polishing floors with a machine, lifting bags of garbage, and occasionally climbing ladders. Otherwise, the job is identical to any other. C1 custodians Gordon Klein and Hernan Crespo say they don't believe their job is harder than C2 jobs.

Although university custodians belong to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 793, many find the union is ineffective and "married to management". About 385 custodians, groundskeepers and food services employees belong to Local 793.

The average age of university custodians is 59. "It is a long six years to retirement. At their age, where would they get a job if they try to stand up for their rights, but get terminated instead?" said Klein, a former union president.

Many custodians claim that employees who speak out against management are likely to find

themselves moved to a "punishment floor", or a floor which is much harder to keep clean than others.

Management vehemently denied that assigning people to certain floors is used as a punitive measure. Mustin said workloads are supposed to be balanced, but "in practice we're aware that they're not. I've heard this expressed before, but these are no punishment floors."

But Elke Schummer, a C1 custodian who claims she was discouraged from applying by management, was moved to a harder floor after her promotion.

"They're trying to break me," she said. "They're hoping it will do me in and then they'll say to me, 'See? A woman can't handle this job', but I'm going to stick it out."

Klein said promotions are given not on the basis of competence, but by either seniority or "whether or not the employee is a friend of the foreman."

UBC gets dollars for AIDS

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia has received a federal grant of \$830,000 to continue study into the transmission of the AIDS virus.

The Vancouver Lymphadenopathy-AIDS Study began in 1982 to determine why people become infected, the mechanisms of transmission, and how AIDS transmission can be prevented.

The study, which is the largest and longest-running in Canada,

has received \$1,380,000 from the National Health and Research Development Program.

Martin Schecter, assistant professor of epidemiology at UBC, said AIDS prevention and education is now a focus of the project. He said there are three means of AIDS prevention: saying 'no' to sexual contact, avoiding sexual activities that have an exchange of bodily fluids, or using a condom.

"The chance of infection with

the AIDS virus is directly related to unprotected sexual activity," said Schecter. "It's not a question of morality, but mortality."

Bob Tivey, director of AIDS Vancouver, is supportive of the UBC study. "I wish all levels of government saw prevention as important as research, since the AIDS virus is preventable but not curable," said Tivey.

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