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Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts....

...Let him drink and forget his poverty and remember his misery no more.

-Proverbs 31:6-7

U of A invests

by Ken Lenz

The University of Alberta has recently acquired five houses at an average cost of \$ 166,000.

The houses are all located on 116 and 117 streets north of 82 Avenue. They are intended to be rented to visiting professors.

Students' Union President Robert Greenhill feels the acquisition was a bad move on the University's part.

"I don't see the University having the right to enter into the area of a landlord," said Greenhill.

He added, "You (the University) are not being a good landlord when you invest in property while you are going bankrupt."

University President Myer Horowitz thinks differently, "We have some money to invest. It makes as good sense for Universities to invest in property as anyone else."

SU Vp. Academic Barb Donaldson responded to this statement, "It's just ridiculous. A university does not have the same definition as a private person."

Horowitz added another reason for the acquisitions, "Many times when we have been interested in doing something (with regard to construction) on the University perimeter we have been approached and even stopped by pressure from the residents in the surrounding area...this may help lessen the pressure."

A Windsor Park resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, commented on the issue, "They (the University) want to expand throughout this area...look at the houses the University owns in Garneau, they're in shambles. I have lived here for almost 17 years and it's nice to have a university close by, I just don't want them in my backyard."

Horowitz denies the University has any plans for expansion off the property they already own, "We can't say what our successors

30 or 40 years down the road will do but right now the houses will remain residences and we have no plans for construction of any sort in the area in which we just bought the houses."

Barb Donaldson is suspicious of this statement, "Since they are only buying houses on 116 and 117 Street, they are obviously thinking of expansion."

University Vp. Facilities and Services Ryan Phillips commented on the maintenance of the new houses, "People in that area are unduly concerned. I think the houses we bought are actually in better condition than when we first bought them."

Horowitz says the University does not presently have any plans to buy any more houses.

Career Day

The International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce (AIESEC) will sponsor a Career Day today from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Dinwoodie Lounge.

Students from all faculties are invited to attend this event in which over 30 companies and 5000 students participate.

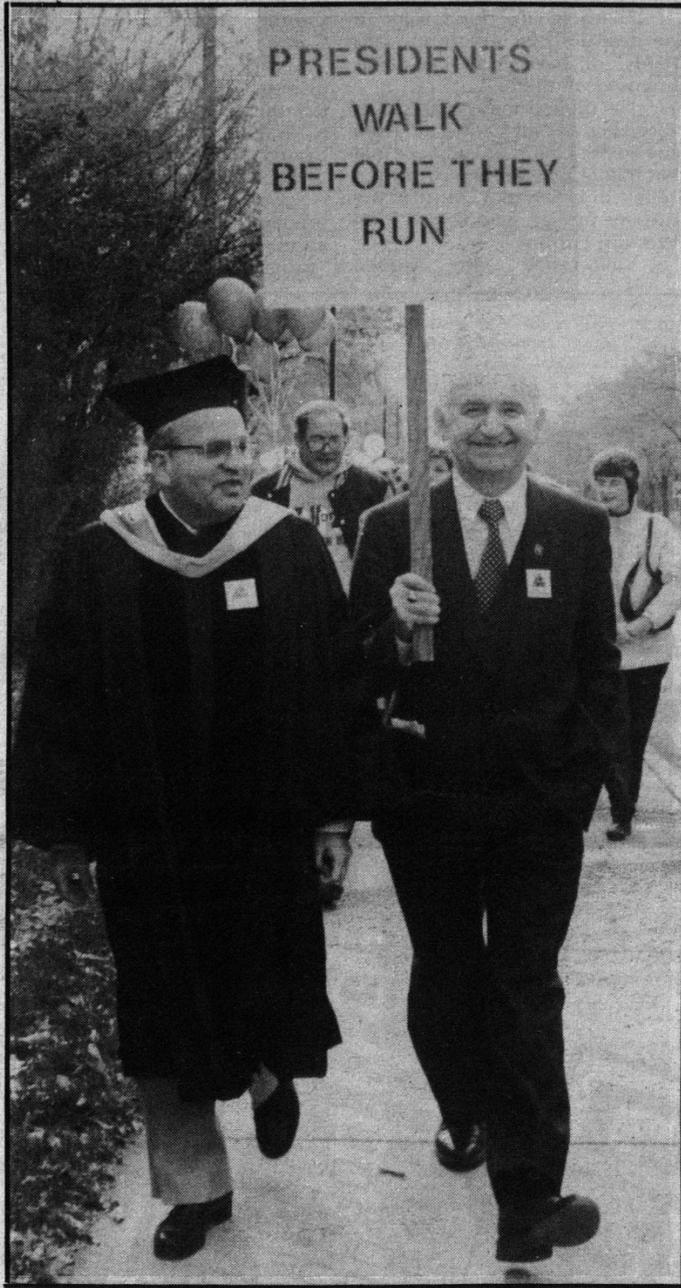
AIESEC public relations director Gail Jeffrey says the purpose of Career Day is threefold:

- "To provide an opportunity for students to meet business representatives in an informal and relaxed setting."

- "To increase students' knowledge of career opportunities in a variety of fields."

- "To serve as a marketing and promotional activity for companies."

Jeffrey emphasizes this event is open to all students and there is no admission charge.



University President Myer Horowitz (the one in the silly hat) and Chancellor Peter Savaryn (the one with the silly smile) on the President's Walk yesterday. The Walk officially opened National Universities Week.

English do not enjoy sex

by Neal Watson

"There is nothing wrong with Canada, it's the people in it," says political cartoonist Ben Wicks who spoke in SUB Theatre on Saturday.

Wicks claimed the solution to Canada's "incredible number of problems" is his plan for interbreeding. Wicks proposed the interbreeding of the British aristocracy with "selected Canadian women."

"What this country needs is more Englishmen," declared Wicks. And because the English "do not enjoy sex," they are the ideal candidates.

According to Wicks, journalist Fiona Richmond had discovered the English were the best lovers after her celebrated "study" in which she had sex with representatives from 50 different nations — as Wicks says, "around the world in 50 lays."

Through this interbreeding program, Canadians could eliminate certain physical defects like the Canadian accent. As well, Wicks says the English aristocrat is the perfect gentleman. For, as Wicks relates Ms. Richmond's experiences, after sex the Englishmen "thanked me and helped me to make the bed."

Turning serious, Wicks went on to say that as a nation, we have more luxuries than anyone else can imagine and what we need is time to think about who we are. Our problems can be solved because we are Canadians and because people are "our very life-blood."

Citing Terry Fox as an example, Wicks said that Canada's "greatness lies in the fact that we produce remarkable people." Canada needs more people, more "UIPs" (unimportant people) to "stick the world together," he said.

In his emotional closing Wicks said that despite the fact that he is an immigrant no one can ever tell him to go home. As he says, "this is my home and I absolutely adore it."

Reagan not serious about peace

by Mark Roppel

"I don't think that Mr. Reagan is very serious in his efforts for peace in Central America," said Pastor Valle-Garay, the Consul General of Nicaragua in Canada.

Valle was speaking at a press conference Thursday morning. He was critical of President Reagan's appointments of Henry Kissinger to head a commission in Central America and Richard Stone as a special envoy to the area.

The two men were "appointed with a mandate to fail," said Valle. "Kissinger's credentials in Central America are horrendous." Valle pointed to Kissinger's involvement in the overthrow of Salvador Allende in Chile in 1973. Stone lobbied for increased arms shipments to Guatemala, "one of the most brutal military dic-

tatorships in Central America today."

"We are very concerned," said Valle.

Valle is also concerned about US military presence in Central America.

He says the 16,000 American troops on joint manoeuvres with the Honduran Army constitute "a serious threat to peace."

There are also several warships including the aircraft carriers USS Ranger and the battleship New Jersey off the coast of Nicaragua.

"There have been 512 violations of our air space and 56 violations of our sea space this year," said Valle.

Valle fears that the US will step up its funding and training of the 10,000 to 14,000 contras

(counter-revolutionaries) along the Honduran border.

"We are not the aggressors," said Valle. "We have been invaded by the US three times (in 1909, 1912, and 1926-1933) we have had marines in our country for 30 years at a crack for no particular reason... we want to be our own people."

Valle dismissed American fears of Nicaragua becoming a Soviet satellite. "The Americans have been playing that tune for a hell of a long time. The United Fruit Company overthrew the government of Guatemala in 1954 because it was supposed to be a communist beachhead... anytime you want help from the Americans - particularly weapons - all you have to do is cry communist. In European countries they are very aware that it is not an East-West

confrontation... it is essentially a matter of social reform in countries that have lived in tremendous poverty."

Valle says Washington's motives are much more straightforward. "We have challenged the dominance of the US, and the Americans do not like to be challenged - particularly by some dinky little country."

Valle also rejects any attempt to compare Nicaragua with Cuba: "Nicaragua will never be anything but a new Nicaragua."

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Remember, tonight is University Night. All students are welcome to the Lister Hall Map Room at 8 PM to eat, drink and talk with MLAs -and it's all free!