

The Gateway

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editorial

Old beefs for new students

Here's a short guide for 5,000 freshmen to the perennial campus problems we've become accustomed to:

Line-ups - Registration lineups, bookstore lineups, beer garden lineups - life on campus is one big queue. You go from your registration lineup into your lineup for a locker into your lineup for a library card into your lineup for books into your lineup to get inside **overcrowded classes**. It's bad enough having large classes. But when a class overflows the seemingly-endless reaches of P 126, it's enough to make people run to the cans to be sick. Only there they discover the **graffiti** and become even sicker. This is supposed to be the community of enlightenment (or so people with ivory towers sticking up their bums tell us). They why do you read the most racist, fascist, vicious graffiti in the world in university cans? There must be people out there who have had their stomachs, and subsequently their minds, turned and tortured by **cafeteria food**. The food in the cafeterias wouldn't be all that bad - if they hadn't raised the prices on everything and still dish up boiled cardboard between two pieces of styrofoam ... The only worse food on campus is provided by **The Gateway**, ostensibly for the brain. Only it's always student council this, a student committee that, a student protest against this and reaction against that - wouldn't it be nice to read about something you're interested in once in a while? But then that would mean many of us would stop reading our **course textbooks**.

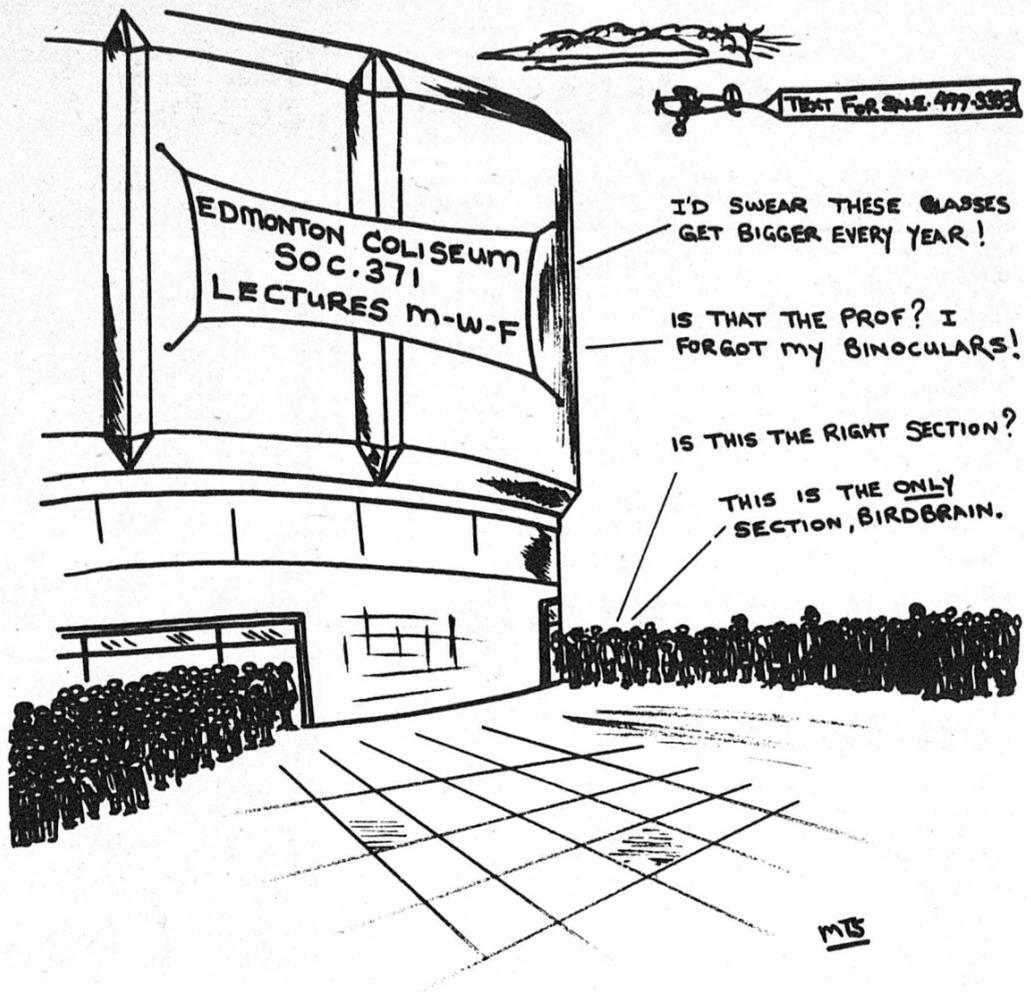
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And while the freshmen are catching up on old problems, it might be nice to introduce new ones to the old-timers. Like **tuition fee** notices in the registration packages up 25 per cent. Despite student protests last year, the Board of Governors recommended in February the fees be raised. They needed approval from the provincial government before they could reassess fees. Guess what? The government said yes.

The government also wanted the fees of foreign students raised. Over the summer, Bert Hohol, advanced education minister, told the Legislature he would like to see tuition fees for foreign students and landed immigrants raised. That night Hohol's advisors told him he would contravene Human Rights legislation if he tried to victimize landed immigrants, soon to be Canadian citizens. Flustered Bert! He told the Legislature the next day that he didn't mean the landed immigrants, he only meant the foreign students. Imagine his surprise when leading university figures condemned him for blocking efforts by Alberta universities to become "international". Or when he was labelled "racist" and "foolish." Poor Bert - he only wanted to sneak a quickie over during summer break. But, of course, Hohol has also announced continuation of the **building capital freeze**. So students and profs won't have their sorely-needed buildings for another year, at least. Despite the fact registration has climbed by three thousand this year. Plus, the **Students' Union is still poor**. Overspending, overadministration and oversight have left us in a precarious financial state which will take years to recover from. And over the summer we got rid of HUB (which cost us a cool million dollars in losses) to improve our financial situation!

Then, to top it all off, we are welcomed back to campus by (yawn) a **Freshman introduction week** which could hardly excite the widest-eyed frosh. So it goes

Kevin Gillese



And now...

Let us prey...

I want my money back. That's right I want my \$15 UAB fee back. I cannot live with myself knowing that the money I pay towards athletics is used to worship dead pigs.

This strange worship cult selects 20 to 30 savage pre-neanderthal types who learn the art of maiming their fellow worshippers. One of the most important things they learn is to gather in a huddle so they can plan the next part of the worship.

The whole service is started by one man who savagely kicks the sacred dead pig. Then, a group of holy neanderthals from another place of learning attempt to squeeze the sacred pig as "our" holy ones attempt to do likewise. It appears that the squeezing of the sacred dead pig causes such ecstasy that the

lucky one runs around the grass trying to hold onto his little bit of heaven. While he is in this state our holy ones try to take the dead pig from him, which they so foolishly kicked away.

While all of this is going on a number of young girls in rather skimpy costumes sing sacred chants to the congregation. They don't look like the sisters of other religious orders, though. Nonetheless, the worshippers sitting or sometimes laying in the stands don't seem to mind. These young girls are lucky ladies indeed for they sometimes get to touch the holy ones. They gather around one of the holy ones after he or it has had a great religious experience, and shower the holy member with kisses.

While the holy ones squeeze the sacred object the congregation sings sacred chants handed

down through the ages and drink one of the several types of sacred beverages. The service is about 2 hours long during which the dead pig is often resanctified by a group of holy beings called referees, who appear to be saints as the congregation shouts to the referee often in the 2 hours.

All of this I find acceptable as a form of worship even the taking of the offering before the service. But I cannot stand the violence that takes place on the holy field in the name of my place of learning and so I must ask for my \$15 back. I cannot in good conscious give my UAB money to this brutal worship of dead pigs. I hope that there are a few of you who feel as I do and will stand with me in my sacred Quest.

Warren Harding
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Pres. logic: Both Sides Now

Should the students of the University be members of the Federation of Alberta Students at a cost of \$.50 per student per year? On October 6th, 1976 a referendum will be held to determine student concerns on this question.

FAS is a relatively new organization and has only been in existence for one year. On a one-time basis, last year's

Students' Council paid \$.25 per student to join the organization. However, if we are to be members in the future it will cost us an additional \$.50 beyond our present \$34.00 Students' Union fees.

The primary role of FAS is to act as a provincial lobby group on behalf of all the post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Provincial co-ordination of information

campaigns and research development can add continuity throughout Alberta when students decide to take a position on a given issue. On the other hand, each institution's political autonomy may suffer slightly as the government and people of Alberta may look to the body which reflects the broadest base of students.

It is hoped that this referendum will reflect objective opinions so that the final decision of students at the University of Alberta will be based upon a sense of logic rather than emotion. Because the decision from this referendum will be binding for a number of years, please examine the various arguments closely. If you have any questions, please contact your Students' Council representative or any member of the Executive.

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 President

