

The test of Christian character should be ...

The Gateway

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... that a man is a joy-bearing agent to the world.

Henry Ward Beecher

Building policy referendum called

Council gives to library

by Peter Block

Council was in the Christmas spirit Tuesday night and donated \$100,000 to the university library for the acquisition of new books.

VP Internal Gord Stamp said the donation will demonstrate that "we truly care about the quality of education."

The Alberta government is expected to match the offer from the Advanced Education Endowment Fund, meaning the library will receive \$200,000.

There was, however, no guarantee that the government would in fact match the donation, although Advanced Education Minister Dick

Johnston has reportedly assured the continuation of the program until the end of 1984.

While debate lasted no more than ten minutes, some criticism of the plan was raised. Arts Councillor Todd Rutter felt it is the "government's responsibility to fund education, not ours."

Science Councillor Brinton McLaughlin stated that it is necessary to have "more awareness campaigns" so students are more aware of the crisis in post-secondary education. He said the idea was "really expedient" and "financially irresponsible."

Ironically, the university gave the Students' Union just over \$130,000

earlier this year to help offset the cost of the SU services. VP Finance Christine Ens raised this point, suggesting that perhaps the SU should simply give the university \$30,000 back "and call it even."

VP External Paul Alpern also raised some concerns with the gift. Alpern questioned whether the government might not interpret students' generosity as a willingness to pay higher tuition fees.

The short debate appeared to influence few councillors as only two of the 23 members present opposed the donation. Rutter and Arts proxy Sarah Wright voted against, while seven members, including Ens and Alpern, abstained.

In other matters, several councillors were part of a flip-flop that would rank with the best any government could manage. In October council approved a new building policy restricting racist and sexist events in SUB and ordered one of its committees to arrive at the legislation to enforce the policy.

The committee reported back to council Tuesday, only to have their proposal voted down and a referendum on the question approved.

As a result, students will have two referenda to vote on this February, as continued membership in CFS

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Gateway, City settle

by Neal Watson

The Gateway and the City of Edmonton have settled their two year legal wrangle over the police and fire department's seizure of a 1981 issue of the Gateway.

Under the terms of the final settlement, the city will pay the Gateway \$3,000 for lost advertising revenue. The city dropped an earlier condition to censor the paper's coverage of the settlement after the Gateway's staff refused to accept the stipulation.

Police and fire investigators seized 12,000 copies of the Nov. 19, 1981 issues of the Gateway because they felt a story on an arson in the SU Building might prejudice their investigation of the arson as well as incite copy-cat fires.

A woman was later charged and convicted with the Nov. 18 arson as well as a second arson in the building and one in HUB Mall.

The police and the fire officers seized the papers under the Fire Prevention Act which gives the

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Photo courtesy Ring House Gallery

Author Chris Brookes will discuss the people of Nicaragua on Saturday.

Nicaragua in pictures

Ring House Gallery is sponsoring a lecture and discussion accompanied by slides on Nicaragua Saturday.

Speaking at the forum will be Chris Brookes, a theatre director, broadcaster and writer, and Elizabeth Brown, curator of the Peter Whyte Gallery in Banff.

Brookes has visited Nicaragua several times, including a six-month stay sponsored by Canada's International Development Research Centre to work with Nicaraguan theatre groups. He will give a reading Saturday from his new book, *Now We Know the Difference:*

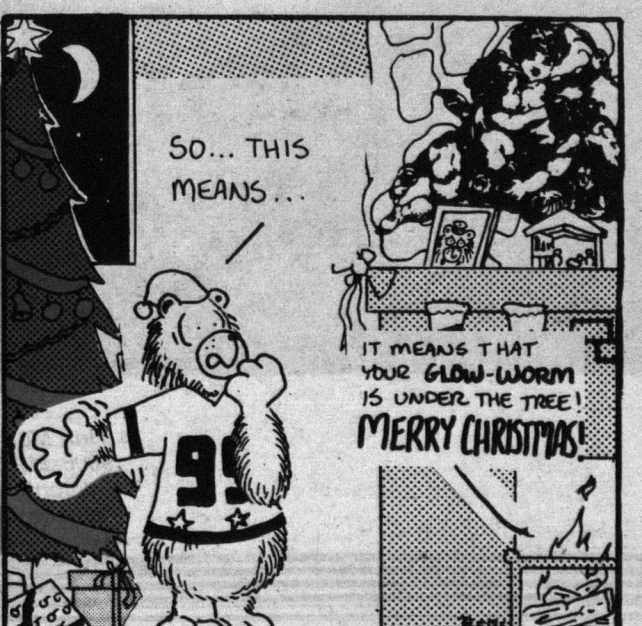
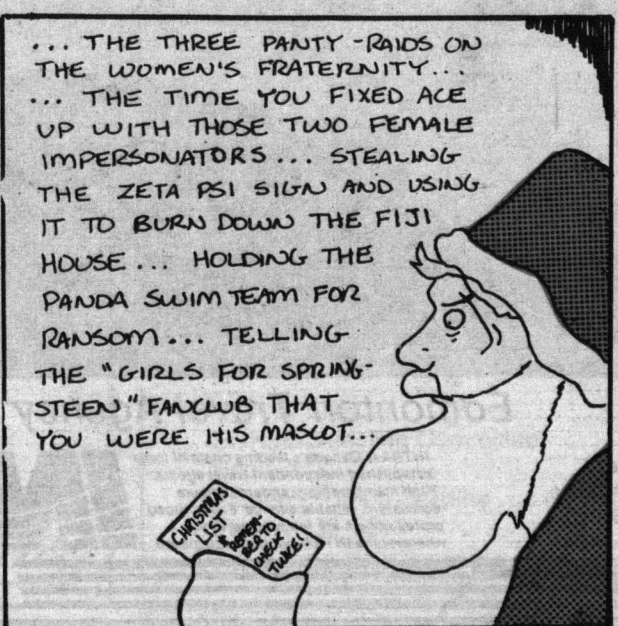
The People of Nicaragua, the first book on Nicaragua written by a Canadian.

Brown has also visited Nicaragua and collected posters from and about Nicaragua. Ninety of them are currently on display at the Peter Whyte Gallery. The posters testify the changes the country has experienced since the 1979 Sandinista overthrow of the Somoza regime.

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by Shane Beig



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Volunteers work for students

by Tom Lowe

The Student Volunteer Campus Community is approaching its fifth year of operation. Though becoming a Students' Union funded organization only in March 1984, the SVCC was founded in January 1980 by president Rita Chow.

"Our objectives are many," Chow said. "We wish to develop volunteer activity on campus. Also, we wished to develop relationships between Chinese and Canadian students. Most importantly, we wished to allow refugees and new immigrants educational services.

These educational services include the establishment of an English Language School for Indo-

Chinese Refugees. A later service was the founding of a Chinese Language School for children, providing Chinese children the opportunity to learn their mother language.

The Information Center for U of A students was established this year when the SVCC moved to 030B SUB.

"Right now, we are orienting new students to the university community. We want to expand to other fields as there are a lot of needs to be fulfilled," said Chow.

One of these expansions will occur in January when a new SVCC program is launched.

The program will allow Chinese

seniors over the age of fifty the opportunity to learn the English language.

But all these services require volunteers in order for them to run smoothly.

"We need volunteers," said Chow. "Presently we have over fifty volunteers." Volunteers are always welcome to the SVCC. The time commitment varies with the amount of involvement the volunteer wishes.

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investigating officer the authority to "remove or retain" items that "in his opinion" are material to the investigation.

But Peter Michalyszyn, at the time Gateway editor and currently an Edmonton Sun reporter, said, "It was an outrageous action taken by the police and fire department. I give the SU credit for doing it (launching the suit). The SU was quite magnanimous in carrying this forward."

Police Chief Robert Lunney apologized for the inconvenience shortly after the incident and issued a statement regarding the situation.

He wrote: "An internal police inquiry has determined that the original seizure was not justified on the grounds available although the officer responsible maintains he acted in good faith in exercising his judgement."

The Gateway's publisher, the U of A Students' Union, filed a \$100,000 suit against the city on April 14, 1982.

Council

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will also be on the ballot.

Science proxy Ken Bosman was one of those leading the call for the referendum. "This is about a 60-year-old controversy...let's let the students decide." Ironically Bosman supported the new building policy in October.

Opposition to the referendum was voiced by McLaughlin during the debate. "We cannot subject the rights of minority groups to the will of the majority." McLaughlin was one of four councillors opposing the referendum, and received no support from any executive members.

Ens's abstention was the only break in executive support for the referendum.

The magic amount \$100,000 resurfaced as council decided to put that amount away for a three-year term, likely in either Guaranteed Investment Certificates or in bonds.

Other motions debated included an attempt to recover the \$500 grant the SU made to the Unemployment Action Centre for a demonstration which was subsequently cancelled.

VP External Alpern felt that because the grant to the UAC was for a specific event that never materialized, the money should be returned.

Alpern said he opposes "groups that use deception to raise funds."

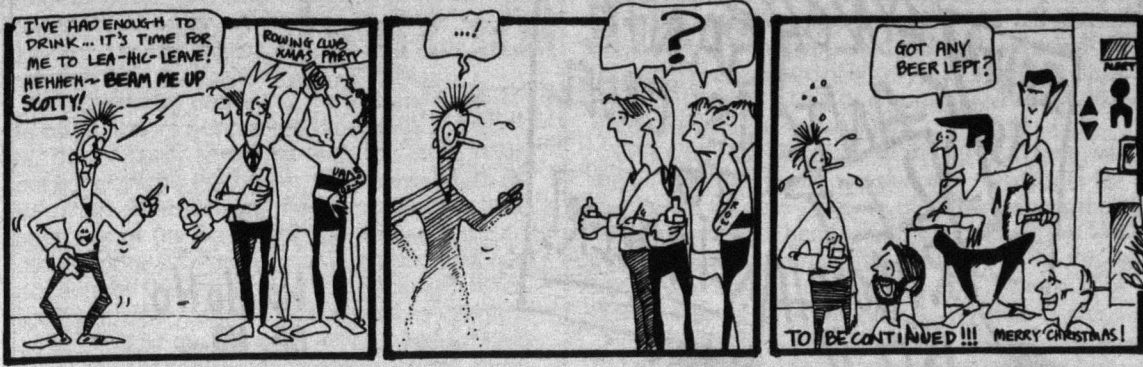
McLaughlin questioned the logic of asking a group that no longer has any funds to return a grant.

Also voicing opposition to Alpern's motion was Business Councillor Rob Lunney. He opposed "taking money away from a group that helps the unemployed."

The motion narrowly failed, with eight councillors wanting the money back and ten opposing such an idea.

Yard Apes

by Hans Beckers



Teachers back to workload

TORONTO (CUP) — Teachers at Ontario's 22 community colleges, back to work after a three week strike, are unhappy with what they call the provincial government's feeble attempts to solve the issue of workload.

"They legislated an end to the strike but they did not solve the problems which started the strike," says Katie FitzRandolph, spokesperson for the Ontario Public Services Employees Union, which represents 7,600 college teachers, librarians and counsellors.

"They are still unwilling to admit that workload is a problem."

After the Ontario government legislated the teachers back to work Nov. 12, it referred all the issues except workload to an arbitrator and made moves to establish and assignment review committee to examine the issue of workload. The committee will review all aspects of instructional assignments in the colleges.

During the strike, the teachers said heavy workloads affected their ability to teach well. After the legislation passed, teachers at Algonquin College in Ottawa publicly demonstrated their concern by driving to their campus in a funeral procession. They say they were mourning their loss of collective bargaining, and entered the school singing union songs.

Government spokespeople however, see the issue differently.

John Humber, college and universities ministry college affairs branch director, says the committee is the best way to solve the issue.

"I don't see how an arbitrator could have dealt with the issue. I

think the committee is a good concept. It gets the thing out of the arguing area and has it objectified," he said.

Education minister Bette Stephenson agrees. In the provincial legislature, she said the union's demand for a province-wide formula on the reduction of workload was unacceptable to the Council of Regents, which represents the college boards.

The Liberal party supported the back-to-work legislation in principle during the two day debate but failed to amend the bill to bring the

workload issue to the bargaining table for both groups to negotiate.

Meanwhile, students are dealing with the major scheduling changes in a variety of ways. Some colleges are shortening the Christmas break, while others plan to eliminate reading week in March or extend the term to include May.

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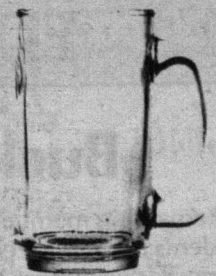
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EDITORIAL

Bucks for books?

Remaining members of CFS will no longer be the only issue students have a direct influence on this February. Students' Council decided on Tuesday to add a second question: should the SU have a policy restricting racist and sexist events? The second referendum is on the wrong issue.

The protection of minority rights from the whims of the majority need not be reduced to the simplistic "my rights are being taken away if I can't exploit a few people" argument that prevails every time the issue comes up. Rather, the second referendum should have been on council's misguided \$100,000 gift to the library. The grant is not necessarily wrong, but should only have been made after the issue has been explained so students can decide if they are going to cover government shortfalls. Perhaps if this year's executive could muster the energy to direct an information campaign on some of the issues affecting this university vis-a-vis underfunding, it would be clear the SU should do what it can to help the situation. Perhaps if the executive would have taken the effort to do just a little planning, they would have realized the enormous potential they had with this idea. Instead, at executive behest, council threw money at inaction.

And they threw with haste. The issue was resolved after only 10 minutes of debate. There was no documentation presented to councillors (i.e. the executive did no homework), yet council acted. There was no provision made for the SU to receive any type of account from the library as to how the money will be spent, yet council acted. There was no guarantee the government will match the \$100,000, yet council acted. On what basis did council reach this important decision? That is unknown. What is known, however, is that it was not based on hard facts, it was not based on informed debate, and it will not result in heightened awareness. Rather than generating discussion about the serious problems of underfunding, students will be treated to discussions equating freedom with the right to degrade others.

What could have been done with this idea? A referendum campaign would have given the executive the opportunity to explain to those they purport to represent why it was necessary to make the donation. It would have allowed for more publicity to be generated on the matter of underfunding; it would have allowed representatives of the government to answer for the serious shortfalls; and maybe it would have generated more interest in the SU election. Granted, a chance to further exploit women or minority groups may generate a record turnout, but is this what council should be working for?

More discussion would have allowed some of the points raised at council to be studied further. For example, as VP Finance Christine Ens pointed out, the SU just received \$130,000 from the Board of Governors. Does it make sense to give the money back? Will the SU ever be eligible for another grant? These questions will go unanswered and unnoticed. Perhaps the government will interpret the SU's generosity as an indication students are prepared to pay more for their education through higher tuition. This was the point VP External Paul Alpern raised but which will also go unnoticed.

Should the money go for books only or should periodicals also be bought? SU President Floyd Hodgins thought just books, although there was no explanation from him as to why no periodicals should be purchased.

In a very short debate, some issues were touched upon. So did council table for further consideration, for examining other options, for considering a referendum? No. Except for two thoughtful councillors, Arts rep Todd Rutter and Arts proxy Sarah Wright, council supported the idea wholeheartedly. Oh, there were some abstentions (suggesting indifference to giving away \$100,000?), including the two vice-presidents who raised legitimate points, but big deal. Council should have spent a little more than 10 minutes on this and they should table or defeat motions they are uncomfortable with. Abstaining is rather useless.

Council's opportunity to demonstrate the essential and urgent necessity of its generosity towards the library gave way to the sport of watching minority groups explain why they too deserve to be treated fairly. Goodbye \$100,000, goodbye informed debate, hello racism, hello sexism.

Peter Block

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Preppy coture

Upon reading the Gateway, it gets really tedious having to put up with a bunch of bleeding heart artsies whining back and forth about the evils of nuclear war.

So much ink is being wasted on this that a much more serious problem right here on campus is being ignored.

If the student body wasn't so clued out with apathy maybe they'd open their eyes and realize a menace far worse than nuclear war is threatening our society.

Of course I'm referring to schleps, some female though largely of the male persuasion: The junior accountant types with calculator watches and brown wallbees (and white socks). Even worse than the stereotypical "nerds" that have become so trendy, schleps are worse in that their sheer numbers are overwhelming. Not a minute goes by on campus when one doesn't run into someone who forgot to change clothes after high school and still thinks sideburns and flares are real cool.

We should be proud of what's left of our image as young moderns and strive to maintain it.

You may not always care how you look but we do because we're the ones who have to look at you.

Do try harder.

Skip Lauren
Commerce III

YCL irks

I was quite interested by the Young Communist League's platform of fighting for my various rights. The last time that I looked, my fellow Canadians and I all had the right to any job which we were qualified to do, if there was a position to be had. I have never had any problem getting access to education, and no one in Canada is forced to do without at least a high school education. If they wish to further their education, those Canadians who have demonstrated their abilities to learn in high school, generally have no trouble gaining access to a post-secondary institution in Canada, and even if they haven't the money to pay

for it themselves, there are enough scholarships (some offered by capitalistic big businesses) and government loans available, that most people can somehow pay for their educations.

At least, this was the case the last time I checked. As well as I can remember, no one was ever denied access to any of our country's various cultural or sports facilities on the basis of just not having the right to attend, and in addition to the expensive events (dinner theatre, professional sports) there are plenty of free events (most amateur performances and contests).

Supremely ironic however, is the pledge to fight for my right to live in a world free from the threat of nuclear war, coming from a political group whose roots are in a nation which possesses one of the two largest nuclear weapons arsenals in the world.

Before condemning capitalism as "the unjust and wasteful system" perhaps the YCL should explain the communist-governed USSR's intentional starvation of millions of Ukrainians just in this century. After that, maybe they would care to explain why communist Ethiopia has no trouble getting military goods from her 'good buddy' and ally Russia, yet in a time of horrifying famine, Ethiopia is forced to turn to the "unjust and wasteful" capitalist countries for aid, while the USSR's contribution consists of sending MiGs to try to blast the supply trucks off the roads before they are able to reach the areas in need.

In case Anne and Danica haven't already guessed, no I am not planning on joining, or in any way supporting, their group until they demonstrate anything even remotely "workable" about their alternative.

Kevin Erker
Science II

Thank God

I think a caveat is in order concerning your editorial in the November 29 Gateway. The title of the editorial ("Nukes for Jesus") would suggest that you identify the material you quote with the teachings of orthodox Christianity. In fact *The Plain Truth* magazine is published by the Worldwide Church of God, founded by Herbert W. Armstrong and promulgated more recently by his son, Garner Ted Armstrong. In

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orthodox circles this organization is generally acknowledged as a cult, albeit not as "far out" as the Moonies or the Scientologists. Thus one must approach their propaganda with caution.

The reader may notice that the material quoted in the editorial does not cite specific scriptural references. This is hardly surprising since the Bible in fact does not explicitly teach most of the things which the *Plain Truth* excerpt claims. Far from being teachings drawn out of the Scriptures, the quoted ideas are nothing more substantial than interpretations read into them by the Armstrongites. In that such teachings of a nuclear rapture could be used as a justification for nuclear proliferation, they are indeed slimy — but they are not Christian, so don't blame Jesus!

Concerning the Second Coming of the Messiah, the Bible teaches many things (see, for example, Matt 24:36-44, Luke 17:26-30, I Thess 5:2-3) which indicate that life will be going on pretty much as usual when He returns. In the context of the nuclear issue this admits two possible interpretations: either His return will be imminent, before we have had time to actually "push the button;" or else mankind will somehow learn to live in peace. Either interpretation is certainly more upbeat than the spectres of a nuclear rapture or a nuclear holocaust promoted by contemporary prophets of gloom and doom. We need to be concerned, yes, but mortified by fear, no.

Gordon Weir
Chemistry

P.S. There is no "A" in "Brethren" and only two "E's".

Capitalist biology

The budget cuts of our new government have been especially hard on Environment Canada. Although there is less than a 1% reduction of public service positions, Environment Canada has lost 27% of its staff.

This has very serious implications for the future of our wildlife and human health. Most of the studies of the effects of existing and new toxic chemicals on the environment and water supply will be terminated as of March 31, 1985. The "Surveillance of Toxic Chemicals in Wildlife in the Great Lakes" has been eliminated. This program which is part of Canada's contribution to the knowledge of drinking water quality in the polluted Great Lakes has already been effective in discovering some highly toxic compounds in the eggs of herring gulls. It serves as an early warning system of dangerous chemicals in our human environment. Terminating this program will signal to the Americans that Canada is not serious about cleaning of the great lakes.

Our country is large and well provided with resources, but at the same time is composed of many complex and fragile ecosystems that are very easily upset. It is only through long term studies that we can hope to learn enough about these ecosystems to provide them with adequate protection.

Is Prime Minister Mulroney following President Reagan's unfortunate example of severely cutting back expenditures which protect our environment?

I encourage you, the reader, to write to our Prime Minister and Members of Parliament regarding these cutbacks in the environmental sector. Public outcry has been effective in the United States to stop President Reagan from relaxing many of the environmental laws so, hopefully, the Canadian public will also be responsive enough to have an impact on our government.

Heidi Schaefer
Rehab Med II

Reagan's morality play

Lady, give me a break! What makes you think you have a premium on morality? If you really were the peace-loving, God-fearing folk you claim to be, why weren't you out in droves protesting Soviet deployment of SS-20's in the late '70's? (Or is that irrelevant?) Let's try, just for a moment, to emerge from the idealistic haze in which you seem to be so lost.

In the land of reality (that's where WE all are), it is generally a good idea to check out the old history books to see what happened in similar situations in the past. (You've heard of history, haven't you Louise? It's all that boring !CKY stuff none of you people like to concern yourselves with.)

Let's take Nazi Germany of the 1930's. There was the ultimate doomsday weapon that the people felt threatened the very existence of humanity back then too: mustard gas. Then a whole lot of people just like you decided "Hmmm, this is bad. Yes, golly, this is bad." As a result of these people, the Western allies took the route of appeasement and disarmament. "Hey, Adolf! Look, we're a bunch of decent people. Just forget all our past differences and let's be buddies! We won't fight - see?! We haven't got any weapons!" Consequently, Hitler looked at the Western allies as a bunch of weak saps and exploited the situation. (In case you don't know, I'm talking about World War II.)

So now all you people propose that Ronald Reagan play Neville Chamberlain all over again. "Come on, Constantin, we won't if you won't, and just to show you we've just been kidding all this time, we'll throw our weapons away." WELL GOOD GOLLY, Louise! Doesn't that just sound peachy?!?

Detente was a failure because of attitudes like yours. "Oh hey, sorry Leonid, have that too, 'cause, hell, we just want peace; so do what you like." Louise, I hate to be the first one to break it to you, that that just ain't gonna work.

Specifically, there are a number of things with your argument. Rushing to your nearest seat of government shouting "inspiring" things like "Hell no! We won't glow!" is not an intelligent way to carry on. Louise, this is *not* the Vietnam war you're protesting - if that's the parallel you want to draw (and I'm sure it is). You don't have the overwhelming public support the anti-war demonstrators had in the 60's - you are only a vocal minority (and annoying at that). Western security is at stake here - not something as abstract as national pride, as it was with Vietnam. No western power is going to compromise its security (and that's what it amounts to, no matter what noise you want to make to the contrary) because Louise and her band of mindless marching morons can't differentiate between hopeless idealism and reality.

Instead of frothing at the mouth with your "I've got a cause, and it's bigger than the both of us" hysteria, it would be far more productive to press for slow, tedious, fair negotiations. No one wants to see nuclear war, and it's (well-intentioned) morons like you who are making it ever more possible.

SOPHISTICATION, Louise - that is what we need from "activists" like you. Simplistic idealism serves no one.

Charles LeRongetel
B.C. III

Issues? What issues?

In his letter distancing himself from the need to actively address student issues, Ken Bosman makes a number of obvious misrepresentations of the work I do on Students' Council.

When I was elected along with all other members of council with all other members from Arts, we campaigned saying that the Students' Union had an obligation to inform students about the problems facing the U of A. Since our election we have worked consistently to bring this about. Unfortunately, Mr. Bosman and his supporters on the executive don't see the priority of this action.

What issues are we talking about? Underfunding of the university which causes overcrowding, course section cancellations, declining libraries and quotas and the Student Aid cutbacks that affected hundreds of students this year. If the government knows 20,000 students (and voters) are concerned about these issues they are likely to act. Mr. Bosman calls this "radical" — I call it responsible representation.

I hope this clarifies the confusion left in Mr. Bosman's letter.

Don Millar
Arts Rep to Students' Council

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Alberta's forest industry: Its present

by Bill Doskoch

One of the nice things about forests is the fact they can produce multiple benefits for a society in perpetuity.

Forest products, fish and wildlife, recreation, grazing and water are some of the benefits we draw from our forests.

However, in the rush to financially enrich ourselves by utilizing our resources, we have ignored the need to protect and re-invest in our forest resources to insure our source of perpetual benefits remains as such.

As a nation, we have lacked the political will, at both the provincial and federal levels, to insist our forests be properly managed or to provide sufficient funding to allow the job to be done.

Resource mismanagement and the failure of the mill owners to re-invest their profits has resulted in the spectre of chronic wood shortages and the possible collapse of our nation's number-one industry.

However, in the midst of this gloomy picture, there is a relatively bright spot. That spot is Alberta.

The remainder of this article will describe how Alberta has managed to avoid some of the woes currently besetting the forest industry, its advantages, its short and long term problems (particularly those of the sawmilling sector) and its future prospects.

Resource Management

So why isn't Alberta facing chronic wood shortages?

The Deputy Minister for Renewable Resources, Fred McDougall, feels it's because "We've made some excellent resource management decisions."

One of those decisions was to use the promise of long term security of land base and wood supply in exchange for large scale capital investment in processing facilities.

The kicker was the individual companies had to assume the responsibility of managing the land and forest resource on a sustaina-

ble basis within ground rules negotiated with the government.

Such contracts are called "forest management agreements" (FMAs) and are issued for a period of 20 years. Their renewal is conditional upon the company's fulfillment of the terms of the agreement.

The first one was signed with St. Regis (Alberta) Ltd. in 1954. Ever since then, FMAs have provided a cornerstone for large scale forest development in the province.

Although FMAs were fine for controlling large scale development, the province required a method to control the activities of the hundreds of smaller operators.

Their solution was the timber quota agreement.

Quotas provide a volume of timber over a twenty year period, but it does not guarantee a land base. The quota holder must pay for reforestation; however, if his mill is below a certain size (8 million board feet) he can opt to pay the government to do it. In the case where the operator chooses to do it, the seedlings are provided at no charge, providing the operator supplies the seed.

These two policies, along with stringent reforestation standards, which McDougall claims "Work because they are enforced," have given Alberta one of the best reforestation records in the country.

This record has also been possible because we are blessed with the Pine Ridge Tree Nursery, which McDougall boasts "is the finest on the continent."

He is not far wrong. The facility was constructed in 1980 at a cost of \$12 million.

It contains state-of-the-art equipment for seed extraction, grading, and storage. It is currently capable of producing 20 million container (greenhouse)-grown seedlings and 16 million bare root seedlings.

It also resulted in the town of Smoky Lake, which is near its location, being selected as the "forestry capital of Canada" in 1982.

One important advantage that Alberta has enjoyed was the wind-

fall of petroleum revenues the government received in the late seventies which made capital available for such projects.

But, enough of positive things, it is now time to speak of the various ills that presently handicap the industry.

Short term concerns

According to all sources, the industry's most serious short term problem is the state of overcapacity and the resulting lower prices in relation to world-wide demand.

Thus, despite record levels of production in the province, almost no one is generating a profit.

The inability of saw mills to sell their chips (a key by-product) to pulp companies, again because of oversupply, has reduced cash flows for some mills.

Although our currency is weak in comparison to the U.S. dollar, it is high in comparison to European and Japanese currencies, thus rendering our products uncompetitive in those markets.

What can be done in the short term for lumber producers?

Not much, according to both McDougall and Arden Rytz, director of the Alberta Forest Products Association.

"The only real cure is a general world economic recovery coupled with a strong U.S. recovery," says McDougall, adding "the key is becoming extremely efficient so you can survive these low prices."

Rytz said the smallest mills usually shut down when the going gets tough; however, most medium and large sawmills are able to keep operating.

Why this is a disadvantage will be discussed later.

Both McDougall and Rytz seemed to feel the most inefficient mills would be weeded out and this would eventually help bring supply back in sync with demand.

Long term concerns

There are several structural problems affecting the sawmilling industry. The most serious are ones relat-

ing to management, production and marketing.

According to Richard Anderson, Director of the Forest Industries Section of the Department of Economic Development, some of our smaller mills are operating on technology that is up to 50 years old.

He compared this with Quebec where a government sponsored sawmill modernization program has been underway for the past 12 years. "No mill there is operating with technology more than ten years old," declares Anderson.

The business management skills of some smaller owners, concerned Anderson.

He related the story of one hapless mill owner who spent over \$78,000 rebuilding a logging truck only to wind up scrapping it because his modifications did not allow him to carry a sufficient load. "He would've been better off to take that money and throw a big party for his employees," said Anderson.

Anderson felt mill owners must either develop better business management and planning skills or start hiring people who have them; otherwise, they will have to suffer the consequences.

The first of those consequences is no profits. This is the "Catch 22" of the current situation: profits allow you the capital to modernize; however, if you don't modernize it becomes more and more difficult to remain profitable.

Almost all mills currently operating are doing so in a break even situation or are only covering their variable costs.

"This is known as dying a slow death," said Anderson.

One problem is that most mills attempt to adapt to the situation by producing more at the same cost so they can minimize costs and increase cash flow. The problem is when everyone does it, an over-supply situation occurs, driving prices down even further. To complete this bizarre scenario, no one wants to be the first to shut down

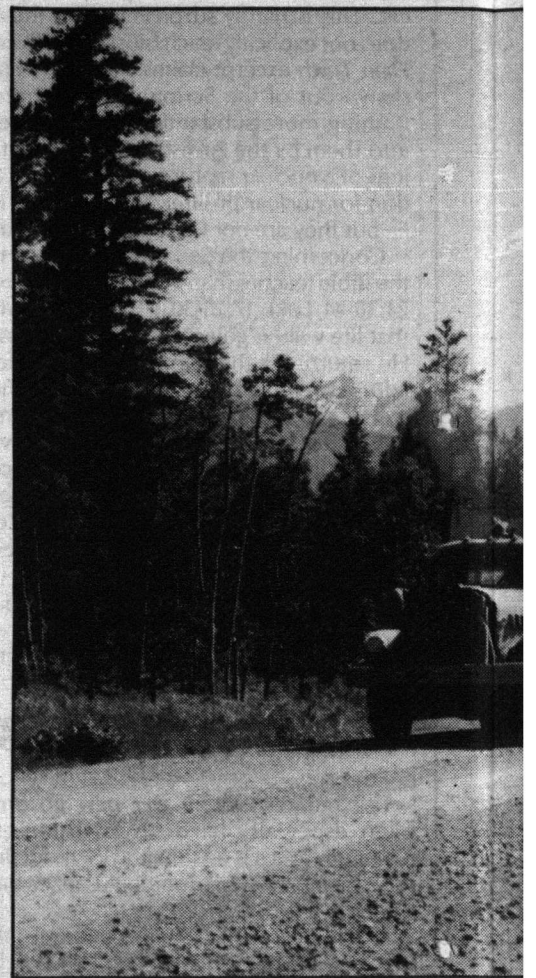


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because a shutdown means an easing of the over-supply problem and an increase in price as a result.

Think of it as mill owner's roulette.

This ties in to the next problem, which is marketing.

Alberta currently exports over 70 per cent of its lumber production to the United States. Canada currently supplies 35 per cent of the lumber needs of the U.S. market, which is up from our historical market share of 19-24 per cent.

"The attitude in this industry is that if they can't sell in the U.S. or western Canada, they can't sell



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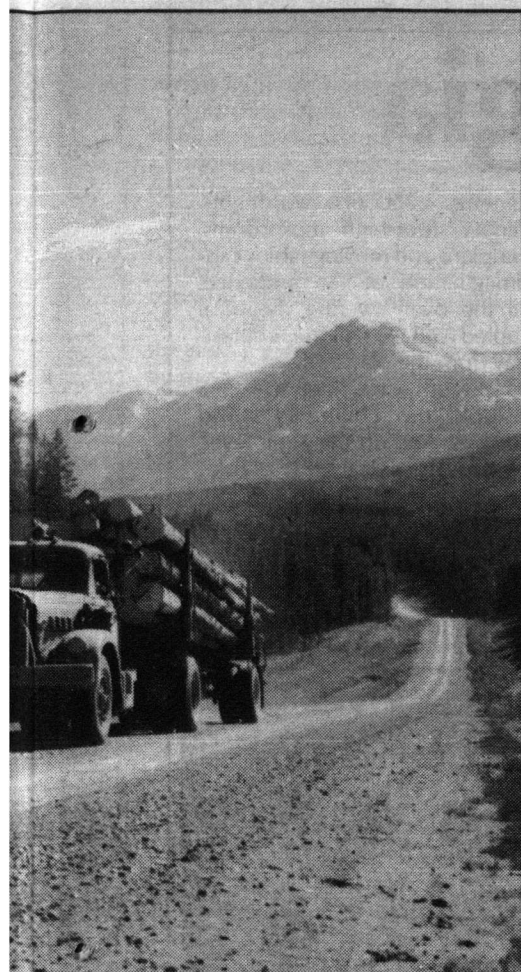
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t problems and potential prospects



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said McDougall. However, they must import almost half their raw materials and as that material becomes more costly, our products should become more competitive.

There are lots of problems involved.

Dr. James Beck, chairman of the department of forest science here at the U of A recently returned from a trip to Japan and Korea. He said the problem is they don't really want our products, just our logs.

"We don't want to compete just in their log market, we must convince them to take manufactured products too," said Beck.

Beck added that China is a potentially huge market, but it was a question of how much they could afford to buy, given the constraints of their planned economy. He also said they must develop export products themselves to generate the foreign currency needed to buy imports.

Another problem is the Japanese and Koreans are not sure if Canadians will be reliable trading partners. They are afraid we merely want to dump our excess production on them and we will abandon them when the U.S. market recovers.

Still another problem is the reluctance of Alberta producers to tackle that market.

According to Anderson, there are valid reasons for that.

The different (metric) product sizes, the re-tooling costs required to produce those products and the higher standards demanded by off-shore customers have caused producers to become disinterested in those markets.

The transportation costs involved in moving Alberta products to tidewater is another serious problem.

"We face a \$14 per thousand board feet of lumber cost disadvantage with B.C. producers when shipping our products to Vancouver," said Rytz.

All senior Alberta observers agree it would be natural for B.C. to penetrate the Pacific Rim market while Alberta continues to market

to the continental U.S.; however, to date there has been no such coordinated approach.

Another point to consider is the potential effects of the Soviet Union developing its vast forest resources in Siberia. They would provide strong competition. That prospect has not materialized yet.

The long term relationship between our own and other currencies will affect the export of all over commodities and products. Our relationship with the U.S. dollar is of particular importance. A sudden devaluation of the U.S. dollar without a corresponding drop in the value of our dollar will severely decrease our current competitive advantage in the U.S. market and would cause a dramatic drop in our market share. This makes it even more important for us to reduce our dependence on the U.S. market over the long term.

One part of any marketing strategy is ensuring the ability to supply a product on a regular basis to one's customers. In the case of the forest industry, its ability to supply a product depends largely on a constant supply of raw material.

While government policies have produced sound regulation of the activities of the sawmilling companies, there are a great many natural and man caused pressures being exerted on the ability of the land base to produce trees.

Over the past 40 years, almost 400,000 acres of productive forest land have been cleared by the oil industry. In most cases, the timber was unsalvageable because of access and other problems.

Coal developments in the eastern slopes will eliminate the ability of large areas of land to grow trees for more than 100 years. Government plans to expand the agricultural land base by up to 10 million acres will cut into the forest land base, as will infrastructure and recreational developments plus withdrawals for environmental protection.

Forest fires in the north have seriously damaged our forests and

mountain pine beetle infestations have attacked them in the south. Both can only be partially controlled due to various climatic and ecological factors.

So, with all these problems, can we really expect the forest industry in Alberta to continue to make any significant contribution to our economy?

The answer is yes.

Future prospects

The forest industry will be able to prosper for two basic reasons: world demand for wood will increase into the next century and world supply, due to poor forest management on a global basis, will decrease.

"It's a good thing Brazil and Southeast Asia haven't got their act together yet, otherwise we'd all have to look for a job down there," said Anderson, referring to the productive environments and poor management that characterizes those two regions.

These factors mean Alberta will be in a good position to take advantage of any future upturns in demand.

We have two of the best reserve stands of softwood in the world (the Brazeau and Berland Timber Development Areas) at a time when most countries have reached the ceiling of their current ability to grow timber.

McDougall would like to see pulp and paper developments occur in those two areas both to alleviate the chip surplus and to take advantage of the resurgence of newspapers and magazines.

Another very important factor is our huge reserves of aspen (both trembling aspen and balsam poplar) and other hardwoods. We have almost as much hardwood in the province as we do softwood, but we only utilize a small percentage of it.

"We used to consider it a weed," said Dr. Beck, and Arden Rytz said it could not be utilized previously because of quality problems.

This was unfortunate because

aspen is a beautiful wood, it grows fast, regenerates easily and is abundant.

A new polymer coating has been developed by Edmonton based scientist R.C. Vasishth. It is called the Aditi process and gives new strength and stability to aspen, allowing it to be used in products as diverse as chopsticks, furniture, and panelling.

A new process called oriented strand board (OSB) is showing great promise. A plant utilizing this process was started two years ago in the Edson area. It is suffering from start-up problems and poor markets, but when those problems are overcome, it should be able to compete with all other board products on the market.

A new \$23 million cost sharing agreement with the federal government will provide \$10 million in research funds for development of new hardwood products such as chemicals and cattle feed.

If the entrepreneurial skills and instincts of our independent operators could be oriented towards finding new products and markets, a more stable industry will result.

Our basic reforestation program is sound; however, we should start gearing up for the future by expanding our efforts in genetics, afforestation and other types of intensive management.

If we are willing to commit the capital necessary to fund such programs, we could realistically support an industry four or five times the size of our present one. This means forestry could generate roughly \$2.5 billion annually in economic activity for the province.

With our enormous dependence on non-renewable resources in this province, it might be time to look long and hard at the necessity of protecting and improving our renewable resources and related industries.

We don't have to look far to see the consequences of neglecting them.

anywhere," said Anderson.

However, we won't be able to depend on the U.S. forever.

The baby boomers are starting to enter their forties and this demographic shift will have negative effects on housing demand. Changes in lifestyle and other factors will also cause a downward shift in demand.

It therefore becomes apparent that we must start looking elsewhere to sell our products. The marketplace most mentioned is the Pacific Rim.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Peter Pan: Thrills and nostalgia

Peter Pan
Citadel/Maclab Theatre
through Jan. 6

review by Anna Borowiecki

When the fantasy adventure, *Peter Pan* was first written by James Barrie eighty years ago, it delighted both audiences and critics. The Citadel's recent production of *Peter Pan* in the Maclab Theatre enchanted children and provided a shot of nostalgia for adults.

Peter Pan (Kevin Williams) flies into the bedroom of the Darling children looking for his shadow. He awakens and entices the children into flying to Neverland, a world where children never grow up. It is a world free of adults and full of high adventure with fairies, pirates, mermaids, Indians and Lost Boys.

The Lost Boys have either been abandoned or have run away from their parents. In Neverland they have the freedom to enjoy all the possible 'pretend' adventures. But they also lack and yearn for the love and tenderness provided by a mother. Peter and the Lost Boys live in an underground house eating pretend nuts and drinking pretend cocoa. Their friends are the Indians and their enemies are Pirates.

Captain Hook, the terror of Neverland, is Peter's adversary and he is always concocting various schemes to destroy the Lost Boys. Hook struts the deck of his ship wearing a red plumed hat, a gleaming sword and a sharp claw instead of a hand. The black and white crossbones on the ship's mast and plank for walking enemies are his emblems.

Graeme Campbell plays the dual role of the wicked Captain Hook as well as the ineffectual but pompous Mr. Darling. Campbell plunges into both roles with the experience and professionalism of a veteran actor creating two delightful and intriguing opposite



Photo Tim Hellum

"Har and avast!" cries Captain Hook (Graeme Campbell) as he takes aim at a nimble Peter Pan (Kevin Williams).

characters. Unfortunately, he is constantly upstaged by the cutesiness of the children, especially Kevin Williams.

Williams is a bold, young lad who is visually perfect for Peter Pan, the boy who pretends to himself he doesn't want to grow up. However, his minimal theatrical experience places him at a disadvantage to fulfill the strenuous demands of the play. His acting looks amateurish and it is only Gordon McDougall's clever directing that gives Peter Pan credibility. However, it is not the fault of

Williams but of casting directors who chose an inexperienced young boy to play a role requiring the professionalism of adults.

The performances of Diane Fajrajsl and Judith Mabey deserve a special mention. Fajrajsl, who has the dual roles of Nana, the dog, and the man-eating Crocodile, often kept the audience in stitches. And Mabey took complete command of the stage as the tender-hearted Mrs. Darling.

But despite excellent acting from some actors, the real stars of Peter Pan are the

technical elements. Trapdoors, swordfights, flying machinery, foot-high mushrooms, chair-size pumpkins and moving tables captured the imagination of the audience. However, all the over-owering theatrical elements coupled with the children's cutesiness take away from the play.

James Barrie's script was written to take a penetrating look into children's world through their eyes. And on the adult level, the script was a psychological study of role-playing and the dangers of lying to yourself. However, many of the polarities in the script are not developed. *Peter Pan* could provide substance as well as glitz, but it just doesn't come up to snuff.

Peter Pan plays at the Citadel's Maclab Theatre until Jan. 6.

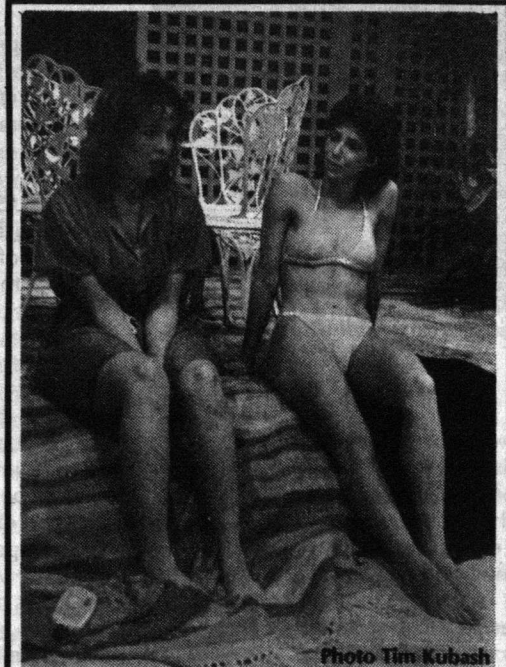


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Beverly Hills Cop
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review by David Jordan

From the promo clips you see on TV you'd think that *Beverly Hills Cop* is a hybrid of *Cannonball Run* and *Meatballs III*. It isn't. *Beverly Hills Cop* is a good cop/detective thriller that happens to have some funny moments.

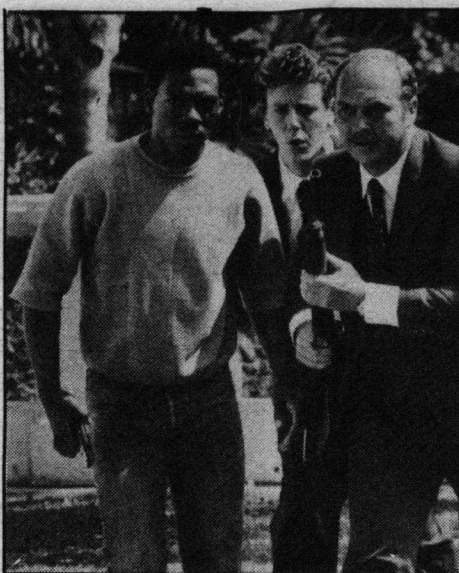
Eddy Murphy plays Axel Foley, a Detroit cop who heads west to Beverly Hills in search of the killer of his best friend. There the street-wise gumshoe runs up against a do-it-by-the-book Sgt. Taggart (John Ashton), and the classic conflict of the determined detective-with-a-hunch battling the regimented system results.

The humour comes mostly in the character of Detective Billy Rosewood (Judge Reinhold), a rookie L.A. cop who eventually sides with Axel Foley's Detroit-style crime busting.

There is one extremely violent scene near the end, and there is even a bit of t. and a. in the bar scene. But *Beverly Hills Cop* is not an exploitation film. To director Martin Brest's credit, he relies on acting and dialogue to keep our attention.

Unfortunately, these are the two weak points in the film. Murphy has some brilliant moments, but at times he falters. Some lines

are particularly stilted, as in the predictable chew-out between Foley and his superiors. *Beverly Hills Cop* is good entertainment. Of course, you could always stay home and watch *Cannon* reruns, but if you feel like going out for some good detective drama, see *Beverly Hills Cop*.



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New concept in weight training

by Ashley Prest

Lou Averalo's ten week weight training results are in. Through his program Averalo hoped to prove his hypothesis: that performing one set of repetitions of a specified exercise was equal to doing three sets of the same exercise. What he found was that by pushing the muscle to exhaustion in one set brought about better results.

Fifty-five women, between the ages of 19 and 35, with no fitness background participated in the experiment. Prior to the program, the women underwent a fitness test, which involved body measurements and strength/endurance evaluation, and were given instruction in the use of Nautilus and Universal machines, free weights, warm-up routines and technique.

The experiment consisted of eight exercises in which the

women "pushed" as much as they could eight times.

Motivation is a key factor in weight training, this is why Averalo did not interfere.

"It's the idea of 'Ecological Validity'. Research in a lab setting is not valid or applicable in the real world of a weight room."

If the women were doing three times the work then why was the improvement not three times as much?

Averalo explained, "Motivation to endure muscle exhaustion is the key. This is more easily done when you know you've only got to do it once rather than three times."

He also found that the women working on Nautilus equipment showed a greater improvement than those working with free weights.

The amount of time spent working-out was considerably less; a total of 50 minutes divided into three work-outs a week, with the results being greater.

Averalo proved that when "weight training for fitness," a person can perform one set of each exercise, pushing as heavy a weight as possible, have a shorter work-out time and show greater improvement than he/she would by doing three times the work.

Averalo is currently in the planning stages of forming his own Nautilus Fitness Centre. He hopes to involve more people and give them greater opportunity to benefit from what he has learned.

Averalo's next step? "I'm beginning another study in January."

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Round up

by Dave Boyd

Although overshadowed by the recent announcement awarding the Briar to Edmonton, this week-end's Co-Rec Mixed Curling Bonspiel was highly successful. The 'A' event title was captured by the Lucas Gang. They knocked over Ken Rondeau's Fearless Foursome. The MacDougall squad won the 'B' event by defeating the Dowler team. 'C' event champions were Dickinson's curlers who managed to get past the Duce quartet.

Meanwhile, over in the pool, Men's Waterpolo action wrapped up on Tuesday. In a very thrilling finale to the double-knockout tourney, Med 88 came from the B-side (having lost an earlier game) to knock off D.U.'s powerful squad in a thrilling 3-2 sudden-death overtime win, thus forcing a second game. The D.U.'s however, managed to come back and win a tightly contested battle 4-2 and took the championship.

The Men's Squash Tournament was also held this week-end. Dale Cunningham (P.E. graduate) captured the 'A' event title by defeating B. Woudstra (Law) in three straight games (9-4, 9-4, 9-5). The 'B' event final saw two men from Wrecking Crew matched up. Perry Fedun overpowered S. White (9-6, 9-6, 9-4). 'C' event champion was D. Voaklander (P.E.). He defeated Ron Kee (Wrecking Crew) who, incidentally, was named intramural participant of the week.

Tuesday night was also a busy one in the gym as Division I and II basketball finals were played. In Division I, Law 'A' avenged a regular season defeat (60-49) by annihilating the previously unbeaten D.U.'s 69-37. In Division II, two teams from Zeta Psi battled it out for the crown; Purple Reign outscored Diduch's team 39-22.

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footnotes

DECEMBER 6
U of A Film Co-Op Social. SUB 034, 4-8 pm. Everyone welcome.

Lutheran Campus Ministry 7:30 pm worship at Lutheran Student Centre, 11122-86 Ave.

DECEMBER 7
Edmonton Chinese Christian Fellowship Bible Study at 7:30 pm. SUB 158A.

General Health Week Com. Candy Cane Campaign: Friday, Dec. 7, Noon-4 pm. SUB. Support Health Week 1985.

Student Volunteer Campus Community will hold a Volunteer Recruitment Booth in HUB (beside HoHo rest.). Volunteers needed for Info Centre, ESL program and Chinese lang. program.

Gays & Lesbians on Campus Christmas Wine and Cheese Social. Tory 14-9, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$2 at door. All welcome. Lutheran Student Movement 9:00 pm end of term sleigh ride. Phone 439-5787 for details. \$4 per person.

Central American Campus Committee social featuring live Latin American music. Everyone welcome. SUB 142. 3:30-6:30.

DECEMBER 8
U of A Squash Club Christmas Social, for more information call Beanie 478-8232 or Bruce 433-5210.

DECEMBER 9
Lutheran Campus Ministry. 10:30 am Worship on the second Sunday in Advent in SUB 158A.

DECEMBER 10
Amnesty International presents "Missing" (Sissy Spacek, Jack Lemmon). Panel discussion, Human Rights Day, December 10, 7:30 pm. Unitarian Church, 12530-110 Ave. \$3.00 at door. 462-1871.

DECEMBER 13
7:30 pm Thursday evening worship at the Lutheran Student Centre, 11122-86 Ave.

DECEMBER 14
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GENERAL
Writing the MCAT? Get help from the Pre-Med Club. Rm 030D SUB.

Student Services/Mature Student Brown Bag lunch, Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Heritage Lounge, Athabasca Hall - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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International Students — Friendship Program. Become better acquainted with a Canadian family or experience a traditional Canadian Christmas. Info 432-5950 (9 am - 5 pm) or 436-3353 (6-9 pm). Deadline Dec. 3.

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U of A New Democrats. Want info or to join the NDP? Visit our tables Thursdays in HUB, Fridays in SUB.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship weekly meeting, bible study and prayers. Come join us, bring a friend. Wednesdays, 4:30 pm, SUB 032.

Campus New Democrats have activist meetings Tuesdays at 3:30 pm, SUB 270. Try some NDP participation!

One Way Agape Bible Study and discussion at CAB 357 every Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

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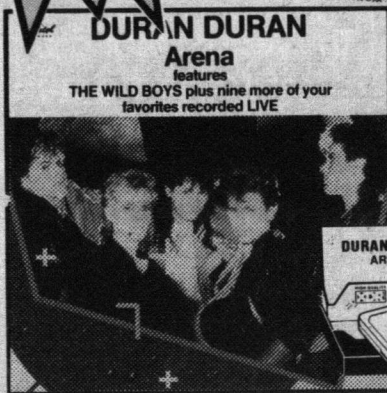
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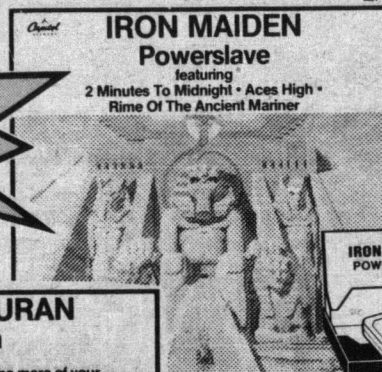
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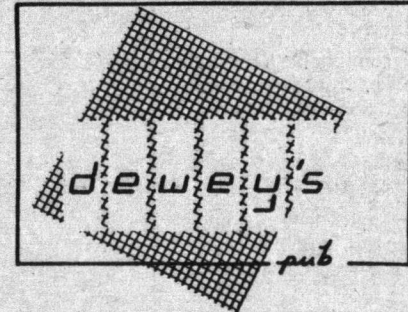
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