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A Bug In Your Ear...

To the Editor:

Gordon Campbell's Liberal government's announcement that it will legislate an end to the nursing dispute in BC is not surprising. The two sides are far apart and a settlement would involve difficult and protracted negotiation. What I find disgusting is the manner in which the Campbell government has decided to act. In an arbitrary and arrogant move, it will legislate the last offer that the employer made (one that the nurses rejected by a resounding 96%) as the collective agreement binding the two parties together. That the government

would impose its own terms verbatim as opposed to the use of interest arbitration for a more equitable settlement is unbelievable. In a final contemptuous gesture, the government allowed the BCNU to discover its plans through the media, not bothering to notify the union prior to releasing them to the public.

Provincial governments play a dual role in labour relations-that of a large employer and that of sovereign authority with the legislative powers to create and alter the rules under which they and their employees must function. A responsible government restrains its temptation to abuse the latter power when negotiations become difficult, changing the rules in the middle of the game to ensure their own victory. With the dictatorial powers that the Liberal government has achieved as a result of an ineffectual official opposition, Campbell obviously cares little about fair and equitable relations with his government's own employees, or even putting forth the appearance of such to the electorate.

This insult is the opening volley in what is bound to be a barrage of attacks against the rights of labour in this province. Campbell will no doubt attempt to emulate the actions of his colleagues in Ontario and Alberta. British Columbia labour has a long and proud history of radicalism that is unmatched across Canada and I am confident that it will rise in outrage and support of the nurses in the opening round of the protracted war that will surely follow. British Columbians need only look back to 1983 and the Solidarity movement that erupted in response to the Bennett government's attacks on the rights of labour for a precursor to what can be expected when Campbell moves forward with his plans to subjugate British Columbian workers.

The British Columbia Nurses Union and all of British Columbia's individual registered nurses have my full support in whatever actions that they deem necessary to defend themselves against this outrageous move. When patient care invariably suffers, look to Campbell's Liberal government as the cause.

Wayne Benedict - Prince George



Time Eaters

By b.e. hydromako

Time is elusive; that is, there is not one person who has ever walked this Earth that has been able to adequately define or explain exactly what time is. Time speeds up when we are busy, and slows down when we are bored. Hours can fly by like minutes, and minutes can drag on for hours. In this

respect, it appears that time is at least partially subjective. Clocks don't have this problem. They steadily mark off the moments in a successive and constant manner (well, more or less). Perhaps it is their reliance on this singular task that allows them to avoid the subjective speed up and slow down experiences that we have of time.

Unfortunately, in the Western world we associate time with consumption. We “spend” our time because, after all, “time is money.” With the capitalistic attitude of getting the most for the least, we squeeze all we can out of our time, or perhaps more accurately, cram as much as we can into our experience of time. Hence, for example, we talk on our cell phones while driving and listening to music, or perhaps we have the TV on while we are reading or doing our household chores. In this manner we illustrate our gluttony. It is a certain type of greed, which we seek to fulfill by trying to occupy our selves with as much stimulus as possible. It is this attitude towards time, which spawned the notion of “multitasking.”

However, such actions on our part serve only to distract us from the richness of life. The more we attempt to make of our time the less time we have available to us; moreover, with the rapid pace we try to set for the moments of our lives we end up missing out on the depth that is available to us through our experiences. William Blake encourages us to look for eternity in a grain of sand, but we cannot find this eternity with our consumption of time. It is not that this eternity is not present, but merely that our greed for fulfillment prevents us from experiencing the eternity present in all things—the timelessness of the moment is lost to us as we speed up our time with shallow distraction.



Canadian Athletics: Why Can't We Just Win Something?

By Tamra Ross Low

The past week I have been watching coverage of the World Track and Field Championships in Edmonton. The results for Canadian athletes have so far been a dismal repeat of our disappointing performance in the last Olympics. The [standings](#), as of August 10, show that Canada has not won a single medal, compared to the U.S. and Russia, who each have a total of seventeen medals. The tiny Bahamas is even one gold up on us.

This cannot be for a lack of talented athletes. Each Olympic games we send a large group of hopefuls who have at other times shone with the best in their sports. The problem, it seems, is uneven performances. Canada has a long history of top-notch athletes who fail to perform in the crunch. We often attribute this to lack of talent, but the athletes point to funding restrictions and excessive stress over monetary concerns. Often, our competitors have to forego foreign competitions because they cannot afford to travel to the site, and thus they lack the opportunity to compete regularly against the best in the world.

A documentary on the CBC this week, entitled Match Point, clearly illustrates the problem. The hour-long program followed the lives of four young tennis players, each pegged as the next champion from their respective countries: France, Russia, The United States, and Canada. Anyone who follows tennis knows that we have never produced a player who has won a grand slam tournament in singles competition. Melanie Marois, at 16, is thought to be our best hope yet. The documentary made it all too clear, however, the disadvantages of being a Canadian player.

In France, aspiring athletes attend a state-of-the-art training facility and high-school where the government pays all of their expenses. In America, corporations lavish young players with sponsorship dollars before they win a single competition. The US player in the program had a sponsorship deal with Reebok at the age of 11. The Russian government also provides substantial support for its athletes. Melanie Marois, however, has been supported solely by her single-parent mother. Tennis Canada brings in about \$2,000,000 a year through their national tournament (which is running this week), but that money is split between tennis clubs in all of our provinces and territories, leaving very little for individual players.

A Calgary Sun columnist recently suggested that since our athletes are not winning any medals, they should not be supported. He points out that a gold medal at the World's comes with a \$60,000.00 prize. I have to admit that this sounds impressive, at first. I could easily live and pay my university fees for a couple of years on sixty-grand. However, I do not have to travel the globe and play dozens of competitions each year - most of them in foreign countries - in order to succeed. With that kind of schedule, not to mention the salary of a full-time trainer, gym fees and premium food, sixty thousand would go very quickly. In fact, Melanie's mother must come up with \$80,000.00 each year to keep her daughter in contention. As of the end of the documentary she was selling her home to pay for another season. Her sacrifice seems to have paid off: I just checked the junior rankings for this year and I see that Melanie has moved from 60th place to 8th place nationally, in about a year. There may be repercussions for Melanie, however.

The program also talked with a sports psychologist. He warned that when athletes' family make huge sacrifices to support their child's career, the child suffers enormous pressure to perform. This pressure need not be directly inflicted by demanding parents. More often, kids make outrageous demands of themselves, because they feel guilty to have cost the family so much for something that they love to do. It is likely this pressure that leads to uneven performance. When a 16-year-old walks onto a court knowing that she is only playing this year because her mother gave up their home, she feels that she absolutely must succeed. This is impossible, of course. Tennis, like many sports, is a career filled with peaks and valleys. Even the number one seeded players occasionally lose in the first round of a tournament. But for a girl like Melanie, the price of playing is so high, that losing even once becomes an unbearable tragedy.

Tennis is not the only sport affected by a lack of federal funding. Our synchronized swimming team won a [bronze medal](#) yesterday in Fukuoka Japan, but they almost didn't make it to the tournament at all. Sport Canada suspended [funding](#) for the team over a bit a provincial politics. The Synchro Quebec Federation wanted the National Training Center moved from Ontario to Quebec. Sport Canada suspended funding while they reviewed Quebec's challenge. For some time it looked as though the team would not be able to go to any competitions this year. There was also a fear that they might have to close the "Centre of Excellence training site...[which] has just produced one of 14 Olympic medals for Canada." Our individual speed swimmers and our divers also complained of funding problems during the last Olympics.

This lack of respect for our amateur athletes should be a national embarrassment. Countries with only a fraction of Canada's wealth are sending better trained and better-funded athletes to games around the world. I have never heard of the Ethiopian long-distance runners not being able to make a track-and-field competition. They are a source of national pride. Amateur athletics can be a source a pride for our nation as well. And a source of inspiration. Canada, next to the U.S., has one of the worst statistics for overweight and obese children and adults. Eating habits are partially to blame, but a lack of physical activity is also paramount.

I remember that after we won several medals in speed skating in the Nagano games, there was a craze for skating. Every second kid was wearing tear-away pants, and thousands of parents enrolled their children in skating lessons. Interest in running also flared up after Donovan Bailey won gold in the 100 meters. We need more role models like this if we want our kids to value physical activity as much as they value computer games and the telephone. To do this, we must fund our amateurs and discard this ridiculous idea of subsidizing professional teams, whose members make more money in a year than most amateurs will in ten lifetimes.

NOTICE TO READERS: POLITICAL ENCOUNTERS and Freddie's Corrections

In recent columns written or submitted by me, the links or citations that were suppose to have been sent with the material did not arrive at the desk of the Editor of the Voice. Through no fault of the editor, the columns appeared as if written by this writer, when forwarded to be printed they should have been cited to the writers or publishers.

I am sorry for any confusion that might have been caused and will endeavor to figure out how better to use my computer and it's might power.

In an article that ran in the edition of the Voice found at <http://ausu.org/voice/20010620/right2.shtml>.

The following article was not properly cited to having been written and published by Stuart Millar, Richard Norton-Taylor and Ian Black in the Guardian titled, *Worldwide spying network is revealed: MEPs confirm eavesdropping by Echelon electronic network*. Saturday May 26, 2001

In the same edition a column or piece showing up as being written by myself was in fact published in the June14, 2001 edition of ZD News at <http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/news/0,4586,5092689,00.html>

With the title: *House leader voices concern about Carnivore*

As well in the edition of the Voice at <http://ausu.org/voice/20010711/right/2>, the column on prostate cancer was originally issued as a press release by The Lancet and authorized for release June 8, 2001. If you are concerned with the issue of Prostate Cancer please contact: Dr Ferdinand Frauscher, Department of Radiology, Thomas Jefferson University, Division of Diagnostic Ultrasound, Main Building 7th Floor, 132 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 5244, USA; T) +1 215 955 8534; F) +1 215 955 8549; E) ferdinand.frauscher@uibk.ac.at who was one of the researchers into the project.

The edition of the Voice at <http://ausu.org/voice/20010704/right/2> should have had the following citation as to source and publisher accompanying it and did not: June 19, 2001, *Education boom sidesteps Canada: Post-secondary training rising fast in industrial world*. By Heather Sokoloff, National Post.

Thanks,
Freddie...

[Editor's note - July, 2003: The above letter was not edited for spelling, grammar or content.

The articles in question, which appeared in Frederick Norman's Political Encounters column, no longer appear in the Voice archives in any format. These articles are, and were, the sole property of the original authors and The Voice was not authorized to reprint these items, even with proper citations. At the time of publication The Voice was not aware that these articles were not the work of Mr. Norman. The Voice would like to apologize to the authors of the articles in question, and assure them that all copies of the misused items were removed from all versions of the Voice shortly after publication in 2001. The Voice does not concur with Mr. Norman that the unauthorized reprinting of any of these items would have been acceptable with proper citations as this is in clear violation of fair use standards.

Mr. Norman's corrections are incomplete - further information has been added below:

- **The article *House Leader Voices Concern about Carnivore*, was written by Jim Hu.**
- **The prostate cancer press release, which appeared in the July 11th edition of the Voice, was titled: *Latest Prostate Cancer Diagnostic Method Tops Others*. The Voice does not accept verbatim press releases as freelance articles, even with proper citation.**
- **Ms. Sokoloff's article appeared in the July 4th edition of The Voice.**

Frederick Norman is a pseudonym.]



From My Perspective: PERFECTION!

By Debbie Jabbour

I was unable to submit an article for The Voice last week, since I was in the midst of final exam/ final assignment preparation. As a "lunatic over-achiever" (my daughters' words), who never is able to settle for less than perfection, my school projects become an extension of myself and I lock myself into the computer room for days at a time trying to formulate the perfect paper. I can't help it. Growing up, I recall proudly submitting a report card to my father for his approval - his response to my 98% average was, "where did the other 2% go?"

Being a perfectionist, of course, has its drawbacks. For one, it makes me extremely difficult to live with, as my daughters will attest. For another, it means I'm never satisfied with my own performance, and will likely never give up in my quest for the "perfect mark". But what, really, is perfection? More importantly, what should be considered the perfect mark for an Athabasca University student?

The typical AU student is not fresh from high school. We have jobs, families, responsibilities. We have learned to highly value education and put our heart and soul into our studies, but the option of devoting ourselves fulltime to achieving high marks is unfortunately not open to most of us. Simply managing to pass a course successfully can be a major achievement for some. I've learned, therefore, that success cannot be defined by a grade point average. Each of us each of us has individual goals of perfection and each must develop our own perception of what constitutes the perfect mark, regardless of actual score received:

- A stay-at-home mom (the fortunate few) who manages to juggle time with her children, care for the needs of her husband and family, and make it through a course successfully - perfect mark.
- A working mom who must rely on tight scheduling and the cooperation of her family to eke out study time, and manages to get a passing grade - perfect mark.
- A single parent of either sex who must be both mom and dad, and yet still manages to pass their courses - perfect mark.
- A man who is working and studying, taking care of his family responsibilities, trying to better himself, and completes the requirements for a University Degree - perfect mark.
- A young person who has exhausted other avenues to success and returned to learning, one course at a time - perfect mark.
- A student with disabilities who finds attending a regular classroom prohibitive, yet works hard to get a University degree through distance learning - perfect mark.

- A senior citizen who has managed to return to learning after many years away, who has to adjust to the unfamiliar demands of the study regimen and teach his/her brain to learn again; and passes the first course - perfect mark.
- A student, any student, who takes a course and learns something that expands their viewpoint and horizon and improves their lives in a small way, even if they do not successfully complete the course - perfect mark.

Every AU student sets high standards for themselves. The quest for learning leads all of us to reach towards perfection, and it is very easy to become discouraged when we start to feel we are not reaching those standards. Don't make the mistake, however, of putting someone else's perception of perfection into your goal planning. Learn, instead, to value what you as an individual have managed to accomplish.

The fact that we have even embarked on this road is sufficient. Most of us will be successful in our endeavours. Most of us will graduate. Some of us will graduate with honours. Others of us will find the deterrents and roadblocks and realities of everyday life get in our way, and we give up learning temporarily. But in being willing to run the race in the first place, we are all winners - and have achieved perfection!



Youthful Lessons Continued ... By Wayne Benedict

Two weeks after my encounter with the intoxicated motorist in New Westminster, I was still feeling heroic. My ego was bloated and I was ready to leap into any fray to be the Good Samaritan. On that night I was talking to my neighbour at his front door in the townhouse complex where I lived with my father. A large, dark coloured, older car drove slowly into the complex and backed into my driveway in order to turn around. A thud and shattering glass announced the impact that had been shared between it and my father's parked vehicle. The car started to pull away and my neighbour, exploiting the well-known volatility of my temper, shouted, "go get him Benedict!"

With that I was off. I ran to the car and began yanking at the door handle, intending to prevent the perpetrator from flight. The car accelerated away, dragging me along the asphalt for several yards. I picked myself up and ran to my 1970 Lemans as the dark car raced away. I soon spotted its broken taillight a block ahead of me, caught up, and passed it as it made a right hand turn. I'd seen two pairs of eyes peering at me out the rear window as I passed, so I knew that I was going to be up against at least three of them. When I was about 100 yards in front of them, I turned my car sideways in the road in an attempt to stop them but they slammed into the rear quarter panel of my car and sent me spinning to a stop. My car was still running and in short order I was behind them again, chasing them through the streets of Surrey. As they made a right turn, I saw my opportunity and planted my front bumper into the passenger side of their car. We stopped.

I leapt from my car, ready to do battle on the side of good, and found to my chagrin, a car with four hysterical, crying teenaged girls. One of them was shrieking, "don't kill us!" As we waited for the police to arrive, it was all I could do to keep from crawling under my damaged car. I

realized that I must have appeared a deranged, maniacal monster back at my driveway; a bemuscled behemoth in a tank top that was two sizes too small, trying to rip the door off their car. Who wouldn't have attempted to leave the area under those conditions? The irony of the situation didn't escape me as I sat in the interrogation room at a Surrey RCMP satellite detachment. I learned a lot that night and recall the incident often. I only wish that I knew who those girls were so that I could apologize for one of the many follies of my youth.

The other driver was found to be at fault for the initial accident, which—because of the relative heights of the car's two bumpers—did no damage whatsoever to my father's car. I was rightly found to be at fault for all of the idiocy that followed.



FED WATCH

By Karl Low

Conflicts of Interest

Elections Canada has just released its [report](#) on the 2000 political parties fiscal information. It's interesting because of some of the things it shows. Looking at the [list of donators](#) for each of the major national parties, one thing that immediately stands out is that CIBC shows up in each list. They gave the Liberal Party over \$150,000.00, the Alliance received over \$120,000.00, the Progressive Conservatives received over

\$95,000.00, and even the NDP received \$1,200.00 from them.

So whom, then, does the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce support? The answer of course, is anybody they think they can buy. Of course, one of the additional incentives to donating to a political party is that it's a tax write-off. So companies like the CIBC get a double-whammy for their donation dollar. Not only do they work on peddling influence in every party, but they get to put the donation against the profits they've already made (no doubt helped by what influence was purchased.)

Maybe it's not as black and white as that, but still, I think there should be some sort of regulation against anybody, be it a person or a corporation, from donating to more than one party. Pick who represents you the most and support them. That's democracy. Support everybody based on their chance of getting elected? That's just sleazy.

911 for Emergency, 211 for Crisis

The CRTC has assigned the three digit access number 211 to be used for Public Information and Referral Services. This service, currently being administered by the United Way, will allow Canadians to use the three digit number to access specialists who can refer people to community, government, or national services to help them with difficulties they may be experiencing in their lives.

While it will only operate for 70 hours per week at the start, it is hoped that the service will soon move to 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. It's expected the service will be opened nation-wide within the next ten years. The call will be a local call for citizens, and the telephone companies will be responsible for handling the long distance transfer and charges.

It seems such a good idea, I'm surprised we haven't come up with it before. Kid's Help Phone, Suicide Crisis, Social Services, all of these easily accessible through one number - not to mention local community help groups as well. To be included in the list of services that the 211 will support, a group would have to meet standards developed by social service agencies and be endorsed by the local government, which only makes sense to prevent fly-by-night operations, or those where the assistance provided is dubious.

As a side effect, there is now only one three digit access number left available, 311.

To see the standards the CRTC has set for applying for a three-digit access number, or for more information on this, you can go to [this link](#).

Education: Good for the Mind, Good for the Body

It seems there are more reasons to be educated than just the chance of a better job.

A few statistics:

- Women with higher levels of education are more likely to have normal birthweight babies.
- People with more than 12 years of education are less likely to have high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, or to be overweight.
- Almost twice as many university graduates as people with grade school education rate their health as "excellent."
- Dementia (losing mental abilities) seems to be higher among older people with less schooling.

So it seems that a good way to save money on our health-care system is to spend more on our educational system. Check out [this link](#) for more information.

Camera Shy have their day in British Columbia

The BC Government has passed a bill eliminating the use of photo radar. Some folks here in Alberta would like to do the same, calling it a cash grab. I tend to suspect these are the same people who like to speed and thereby endanger everybody else on the road. The way I look at, if you break the law, you should pay the price. Just because a police officer hasn't pulled you over is no reason to assume that it's perfectly fine to speed.

I like photo radar for a number of reasons. It doesn't interrupt the flow of the traffic like an officer hopping out into the street to pull you over, it doesn't risk the life of an officer, it leaves more officers free to be watching for other traffic violations, and maybe most importantly, it means we don't have officers hiding behind bushes and fences looking for speeders, something I think is just demeaning, both to the officers and to us as citizens.

Does it stop the speeder? Not immediately, but then again, how many speeders who after they've gotten a ticket, don't immediately start to speed again once the officer is out of sight. Heck, the

only times I really see people making a conscious effort not to speed is when there's a patrol car driving along the same road with them. If photo-radar lets us put out more patrol cars, I think it's worth it.

The BC news release about this can be found at [this link](#).

Bow River Correctional Closing

The Alberta Government has announced that the minimum security Bow River Correctional Centre in Calgary will be closing. The reason is that because judges are more likely to give sentences such as community service now, it's simply no longer cost effective to keep the half-empty centre running all the time.

What's interesting in the [report](#) is that it goes on to state that the average cost to house an offender is \$85/day. Some quick calculation tells us that this works out to about \$2,500.00 per month, per offender.

Some other numbers which are interesting to consider:

Supports for Independence (Social Services): \$400-\$500 per month, per person.

Student Loans: maximum of \$715 per month, per person for living expenses.

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped: approx \$850 per month, per person.

Or in other words, a person who has not necessarily been convicted, is supposedly out there looking for a job to become a productive member of society, is worth 1/5th as much to us as a criminal in prison.

Students who are looking to better themselves and will supposedly cost less in health care and contribute more to our economy and civilization through their education are worth approximately a quarter of what a prisoner is.

People who are severely handicapped - often through no fault of their own - they receive about one third of what we give to an average prisoner.

Now I'll admit, it's worth some extra money to ensure that prisoners are well guarded and kept away from society... but 5 times as much as a job-seeker? 4 times as much as a student and 3 times as much as someone who can't walk? Is it just me, or do we as a society have our priorities in the wrong place?

COUNSELLING SERVICES AT ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY

The student life is not an easy one, particularly for AU students who are often working full or part-time and/or trying to raise a family while squeezing out blocks of study time where possible. AU recognizes the challenges facing its students and provides a variety of support services through its counsellors - Julia McDonald, Julia Nielsen, and Ken Dickson, as well as through its other Student Services areas.

When students have been out of school for many years or even decades, the return to formal learning can be confusing and overwhelming at times. Counselling Services has a number of Study Skills resources, which it makes available through AUSU. Students can also book an appointment with a counsellor to work through specific difficulties they are experiencing in their studies. This can be done by contacting Rhonda Guay or Monica Wolanuk in the Counselling Services intake unit either by phone (1-800-788-9041, extension 6723), by e-mail (counselling@athabascau.ca), or by using the Online Counselling Appointment Form on the AU Student Services web site (<http://www.athabascau.ca/html/services/counselling/apptForm.htm>). In addition to helping students strengthen their study skills, counsellors also offer learning support in exam preparation, reducing exam anxiety, time management, overcoming procrastination and other areas of a student's life that may be interfering with greater academic success.

Proper alignment between program choice and career aspiration is important if a student is to maintain a strong sense of purpose and motivation in their studies. Career interest exploration and testing, career vision re-evaluation, appropriate program choice, and occupational information and awareness are other areas where AU's counsellors can assist students in a more rewarding AU experience.

The problems that students run into often become more difficult to resolve successfully because students do not access the learning support services available to them while there is still enough time remaining. Counselling Services is raising its profile through articles like this so students will have a greater chance of academic success by using our services as soon as the need arises. Don't ignore the problems that obstruct your academic progress. Such problems typically do not go away. Rather, they tend to get worse as less and less time remains to resolve them or learn new skills to overcome them. Call us as soon as you recognize that our learning support services could benefit you.

So, check out the Counselling Services web site at <http://www.athabascau.ca/html/services/advise/conserv.html> or contact us by phone or e-mail if we can assist you in achieving greater academic success, because your success is our goal.
Phone: 1-800-788-9041, extension 6723
E-mail: counselling@athabascau.ca



ENLIGHTENING INFORMATION:

\$7,000 in scholarships to be awarded to Métis students at Athabasca University

Edmonton, July 24, 2001 -- The competition is now open for seven \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this fall to Métis students who have demonstrated scholarly merit in studies at Athabasca University.

The awards, funded by Canative Housing Corporation, are available to Métis students who have completed at least three credits (normally, one course) through Athabasca University. Canative Housing Corporation director Herb Belcourt presented the University with the scholarship monies -- and a commitment to fund the new awards for at least 10 years -- two years ago.

The application deadline is October 31, 2001. To apply, contact:

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PSYCHOLOGY CLUB. Are you enrolled in the Psychology program?

The Athabasca University Psychology Department and AUSU are in the process of collecting information to see who is interested in a Psychology Club, who is interested in organizing it, and what you might want out of such a club. We are looking for participants, volunteers to run the club, and ideas as to what its purpose should be. Some great suggestions have already been made, for example, an interactive forum for psychology students to chat online, with occasional guest 'speakers' on the forum. If you are interested and want to be part of the Club, please email pennyh@athabascau.ca.

PRESS RELEASE

From: Student Services Committee, AUSU

The Student Services Committee of the Athabasca University Student's Union is issuing a Call for Proposals for the establishment and operation of Student Clubs. Approved proposals may receive annual funding for the club budget. For further information, please contact the Chairperson of the Student Services Committee, Mark Gueffroy, by email at mqueffroy@ausu.org!

"APPLY TO JOIN THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF AUSU OR ONE OF ITS SUB-COMMITTEES!

The Student Services Committee, and four of its sub-committees, are currently seeking volunteers for Committee Member positions. Positions may also be available on the other AUSU committees. For further information, please contact the Student Services Committee Chairperson, Mark Gueffroy, by email at mqueffroy@ausu.org, or contact the Edmonton office of AUSU at (800) 788-9041 ext. 3413.

PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRETIEN RECENTLY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, 'BEING A CANADIAN IS A PRIVILEGE!' WHAT MAKES BEING CANADIAN A PRIVILEGE FOR YOU?

Please send your response to advice75@hotmail.com and your answer may be included in a future article in The Voice!"

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