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letters

No lament

Although it is somewhat a
well worn phrase, only now do I
realize its usage, i.e. "I find
myself writing to a newspaper
for the first time." To do so after
so many years of merely want-
ing to, speaks of a "finding."

The genesis of this letter
was Mr. Underwood's com-
ments entitled, "U. Evils are
Force-Fed" from the Nov. 13
Gateway.

I have been struggling for
sometime with the opinions
(for, against, and neutral or
apathetic) heaped upon the
educational system and have
found only one to my satisfac-
tion. It is expressed in the
following quotation from the
autobiographical novel, "In My
Own Way" by Alan Watts:

"I am inclined to believe
that these schools are justified
more by the eccentrics who
resist the system than by the
conformists who come out as
the system intends."

The conformists are
educated, the eccentrics learn.
The former speaks of passivity,
the latter, activity. The question
then arises, "Who is happier?"

You, Mr. Underwood, are
quite accurate to re-direct the
problems of the University and
the educational system to a
level wherein such are only a
subset of a much larger
problem, that of society's
materialistic nature - "as long as
money and status are the driv-
ing forces that motivate
humanity..." - to use your words.
I agree with you. It is an underly-
ing function of a culture to
preserve itself, therefore its
political, social, educational,
etc. systems fall into order to
maintain materialism.

Who is happier - the con-
formist who becomes educated
in the ways of the systems, finds
his niche and moves along in
cultural harmony or the eccen-
tric who of his own will becomes
learned and sees this culture for
what it really is then becomes
like Fisk (yes, even yourself),
unable to do nothing more than
"lament on the human condi-
tion" (as you so well phrased it?)

It is the responsibility of the

LETTERS

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* Don't hold your breath, but
maybe - just maybe - *the
Gateway* is on the verge of a
wondrous new era - the post-
Savardian period.

— What is a Savard? A Savard
is a would-be writer who
somehow got sidetracked into
Physics, and has been venting
his literary frustrations ever
since by writing, in his uniquely
scrambled logic, about one
thirty-seven page letter to the
editor week for the last seventy-
nine years. I think. (Although
some swear John Savard has
only been at the University for 3
years.) *Gateway*, recognizing
time-consuming (if crum-
my)work when they see it, took
pity on him and has printed
edited editions of his ramblings
on most occasions.

So why, you ask, after all
this time, is our letters section in
deathly peril of being READ all
of a sudden? A good question,
but one for which an answer is
readily available. You see, some
weeks ago, Savard dispatched
one of his lengthy spiels to the
Journal who, in an absolutley
characteristic display of poor
judgement, made the mistake of
printing it, not for humanitarian
reasons, as we can claim, but
probably because they thought
someone would be interested.

With such an expanded
readership at his fingertips, we
have it from Savard's own lips
that he may be moving on to
"bigger and better things" -
(see, I told you his logic was
scrambled).

We can only pray.

* What a day it's going to be at
Varsity Drugs when they bring
Miss December around on
December 1st. It should be a
gala affair. Besides the usual
raffle the Engineers always hold
on these occasions for front-
row drooling tickets, the
organizers have promised a
group of paid Womens Libbers
picketing the place, shouting
obscenities and waving signs
with slogans like "Women are
not just Sex Objects" and "Set
Morgentaler Free."

The Women's Program
Centre was going to set up a
booth across the mall with male
strippers, but decided against it
when they heard the Golden
Bear football team plans to
streak the place just as the
Playmate arrives.

* Who do they think they're
kidding? The University is ask-
ing the government for a grant
so they can install more lighting
in dimly lit areas of the campus,
ostensibly so that our fair



editorial

Report requested

In the light of actions taken by various governing
bodies due to the pressures created by the housing
shortage in Edmonton, once more the question must
be asked, what happened to the Students' Union
Housing Registry?

Council has seen fit not to pressure the executive
into fulfilling a motion by Council to continue the
registry which, I fear, may be suffering some terminal
ailment.

Is it too much to ask for at least a report to answer a
few questions? Does the executive plan to continue the
registry? If so, when? And if so, why is it taking so long?

If Council does not want to see the registry
continue, then it should grant it some kind of coup de
grace, but if Council would like to see the service
continue lets get a move on.

We've all seen the successes of the registry this
summer and fall, and to my knowledge we do have a
report on how to structure and continue it, so why not
find a body and get it working?

Limbo is no place for a service as far-reaching in
scope and benefit as the registry has proved to be.
Either kill it or revive it, but do something.

Greg Neiman

Directory Cap

Dear Sir,

In reference to your article
"Directory on the Way" I would
like to make some clarifications
in respect to the causes of the
delay.

It is not true that the Univer-
sity promised any computer
printouts but did not submit
them until October 21. Mr.
Fitzpatrick of the Registrar's
Office provided the printouts
containing student names and
phone numbers during the first
week of October. This was as
early as promised.

The only University prin-
touts that caused some difficul-
ty were those concerning the
"Directory of Academic and

Administrative Offices." It
should be noted, however, that
Mrs. Campbell, the Telephone
Systems Co-ordinator, had not
in any way promised to provide
those print-outs prior to
November 1. The compilation of
phone numbers was not ex-
pected to be finished until late
October. Thanks to the efforts of
Mrs. Campbell's staff we received
the "Office Directory" prin-
touts in time to incorporate
them into the Student Directory.

The main reason why this
year's directory was delayed,
must be attributed to the
slowness of the printers and
binders who needed, for
reasons unknown to me, four
weeks to do their job.

Harald Kuckertz
Student Directory



maidens won't be violatou while
sidling home from work or play
in the vicinity. What hogwash!
The real reason is obvious. Now
that the campus cops have used
up their year's supply of
flashlight batteries, they are
having trouble reading the
license plates on cars they want
to ticket.

How are they supposed to
earn their keep if they can't write
tickets for cars that park in
University zones that aren't
used at night anyway? It's the
only possible justification for
their salaries.

* Eskimos get another crack
at the Grey Cup, so Hank and me
are heading down to that
sprawling metropolis to the
south today.

Through Hank's various
connections in the underworld,
we've managed to weasel a few
freebies while we're there, start-
ing with a big drunk tonight and
a chance to drool over the Miss
Grey Cup contestants.

Then we are honorary
judges of the products put out
by the people who sponsor the
Schenley Awards - Hank and
myself couldn't live with
ourselves if some fellow Ed-
montonians died from bad
whiskey, so we volunteered for

the position of quality control
inspectors.

Sunday is the big day, our
reason for going to the cov-
town - what else could drag a
sane man to that hole?

Just a word of warning
about those phony Grey Cup
Pools - don't be suckered into
buying tickets from strangers.
That's how Hank and me financ-
ed our trip down there... Grey
Cup prediction? Drunks will
wander onto the field, and there
will be a fight in the stands. Oh
yes, Eskimos will win by 11
points.