

ESS redefines bad taste

by Peter Michalyshyn

While the Engineering Student's Society (ESS) is falling over itself with apologies and disclaimers, outrage is growing over an article in the *Godiva* advocating child molesting and necrophilia.

The article entitled "Pediophiliaology," appears on page three of the official Engineering Week publication. It describes in graphic detail how to mutilate and murder girls under 12 years old.

And reaction from the university community has been one of disgust and disbelief.

"It's disgusting, it's sick," says Dean of Engineering Dean Peter Adams.

"It's one of these unfortunate things," Adams said, but he hastened to add it wasn't indicative of the whole engineering student body or the ESS.

Adams said that article "didn't get in (the *Godiva*) by accident," but the ESS differs. They're saying the *Godiva* editor Ed Spetter was pressed to fill space in the paper close to deadline; what to fill it with was

left to his discretion.

"Unfortunately, we didn't monitor it closely enough," says Scott Campbell of the ESS. They issued a statement late Monday apologizing for the article they say was taken from another publication.

"The purpose of the *Godiva* is to let Engineers know what's going on during Engineering Week," says Campbell. "It's put out for the spirit of Engineering Week. It's the way we have out good times."

Mechanical department chairman D.G. Bellow says the article shows "absolutely no taste whatsoever."

"It's beyond the normal stretch of moral ethics that we allow for these things," Bellow says.

Speaking for his department, Bellow says he does expect some "hijinks" from the students during Engineering Week, such as missed or disrupted classes. But this isn't the first time an offensive article has been published by the Engineers, he said.

Bellow also says that although it's too late to do anything this year, "action might be taken next year," to curtail such excesses.

Burton Smith, Dean of Students calls the article an "abomination."

"I can't imagine anyone writing it, or even reading it," he says.

Smith says if he receives complaints about the article from

people on or off campus, he will forward them to Dean Adams of Engineering.

"I suspect there are ways of controlling things like this," Smith says.

"The university has been reluctant to intercede unless it's something really bad," he said. "But there's never been anything as bad as this before."

The Students' Union could also intercede in ESS affairs by cutbacks in club funding. This year the ESS received a \$2380 club grant, and VP Academic Darrell Rankin says he would personally consider voting against ESS club grants, or any campus club that showed so little discretion as have the Engineers.

A women's group on Campus, the Witching Hour Collective, plans to send letters of protest to university officials as well as the Alberta Human Rights Commission and the Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association.

"We'd just like to ensure that nothing like this is ever published again on the U of A campus because it reflects not only on the writers and the publishers but also on the Faculty of Engineering and the university," says Lucinda Chodan of the Collective.

"It just isn't funny," she says.

The General Faculties Council, the top academic body on campus, will discuss the article and possible action at its meeting at the end of the month.

As well, the Edmonton Rape

Crisis Centre is forwarding a *Godiva* to the Edmonton Police Department to lodge an official complaint of obscenity.

University President Myer Horowitz and v.p. Academic George Baldwin refused to com-

ment on the article after reading it.

Anyone wishing to read the offending article can come to the Gateway office, Room 282 SUB for a copy.

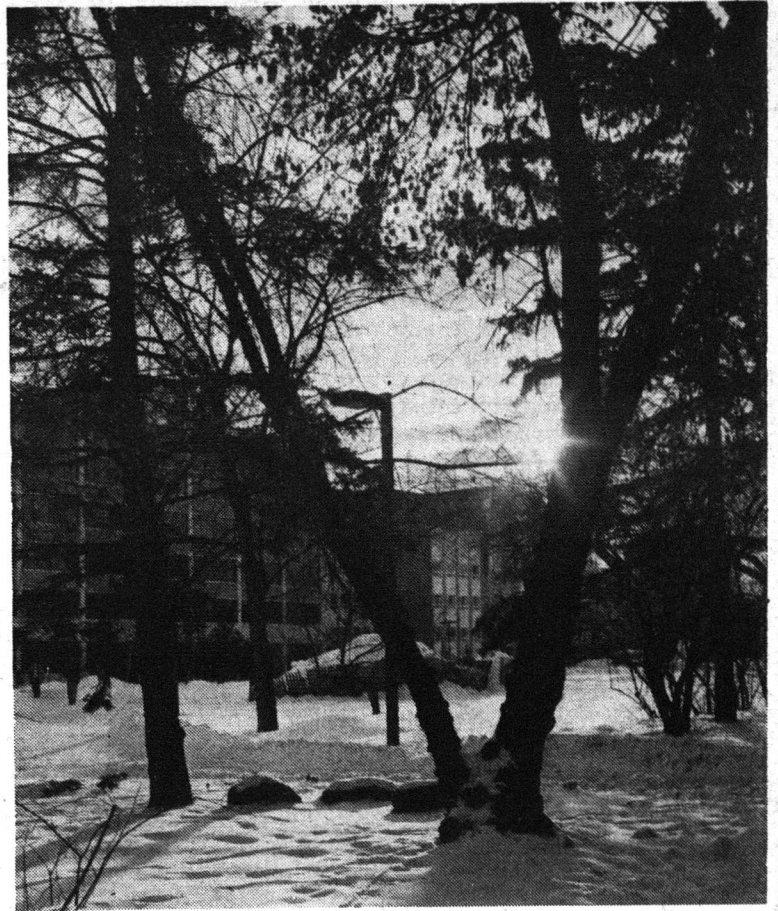


photo Bill Inglee

We caught a peaceful photo of Quad before the Engineers moved in.

Barz by Skeet

SO WAYNE GRETZKY IS SUING US? NOT EXACTLY...



ACCORDING TO DICK LARDO'S COLUMN, GRETZKY'S LAWYERS ARE 'LOOKING INTO' THE PROSPECT. THE 'SUN', INCIDENTALLY, SUGGESTS WE'VE SHOWN A LACK OF TASTE, AND A POOR GRASP OF JOURNALISTIC ETHICS.



THE 'SUN' IS ACCUSING US OF POOR TASTE? THAT'S RIGHT.



WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, HOW'D THEY GET THE ZEBRA TO STAND STILL?



One step closer

Fieldhouse awaits funding

The U of A Board of Governors approved Friday the site for the 1983 World University Games fieldhouse; all that now remains for the project to begin is government funding.

That should not be much of a problem since the government appeared to encourage the choice of the smaller than desired site fingered by the Board (south and west of the Phys. Ed. complex, bordered on the south by 89 avenue and on the west by Varsity Field).

The government replied on December 19 to the university's request to reconsider the original refusal to allow the fieldhouse to be built beside the Jubilee Auditorium, on the current zone-x parking lot.

Books battered

by Adrian Chamberlain

Book vandalism is definitely an increasing problem, although the incidence of theft at the U of A libraries is low.

About ten percent of all journals and seventy percent of all art and motion picture books have been mutilated, according to Rutherford librarian, Jay Musafir. He thinks the incidence of book theft has been low since the installation of the electronic gates in the libraries about five years ago, however.

University head librarian Bruce Peel also describes book theft as being "very low" in contrast to a fair amount of book vandalism which is "slowly on the rise." According to Peel, it is often the periodicals and journals which suffer the most damage. Often the books damaged are expensive or hard to replace, since ninety-five percent of the books found in the library are imported, and many are out of print, he says.

In that reply, the government "seemed to specify that they would fund a fieldhouse on campus and of a somewhat smaller size," university president Myer Horowitz told the Board.

This appeared to rule out the University Farm, one of the alternative sites, since it is about three miles south of campus.

It also seemed to hint that the university should not insist on as large a site as those it was considering.

Among those mentioned by various university officials at various times and with various degrees of credibility were North Garneau (to outraged cries from student residents); the field south of Lister Hall; the field south of Corbett Hall along University

Avenue (to organized cries of protest from residents across the avenue); Varsity Field; and the University Farm (or the "West 240" as insiders call the area).

The province's refusal to allow use of the Jubilee Auditorium site is understandable in view of the fact the proposed fieldhouse for that site would cover about three times the area of the auditorium. The new smaller design covers about half the area of the old one, which included a

large foyer-like area.

The building will probably cost as much as the old design, though, since many of the costs of the smaller design are no less than those of the larger one.

"A lot of the things are fixed," said vice-president of planning Ron Phillips this week. "So there will be some difference, but not that much." The former design would have cost between \$15 and \$20 million.

Squibs by Bob Yetagaw

A letter writer to the *Athabasca Echo* calls attention to a fiendish international plot described in a book entitled *Web of Deceit*:

To read this book is to realize the motives of those who engineered our "language crisis"; changed our immigration quotas; altered our judicial system; flooded our country with narcotics, pornography and rock music; changed our flag; sensitized and sexualized our children; introduced gun control and compulsory metrication; and seek to abolish the monarchy both in Canada and in Britain.

Who says *Gateway* gets all the nuts?

How the Alberta taxpayer subsidized the great free enterprise party of BC (from *Edmonton Journal* Nov. 15):

Events turned (Lougheed's) way in 1975 when Barrett lost to Bennett's *Socreds*, with a little boost from Alberta.

During that nasty campaign, PWA shipped *Socred* campaign literature for free but charged the NDP.

PWA, of course, is owned by the Alberta government.

Hugh Horner, Alberta's transport minister when the business was uncovered, saw nothing wrong with it.

"It worked," he said. "The *Socreds* won."

Solving nutritional problems by advanced metaphysical techniques, as proposed by *The Canadian Theosophist*:

There are three truths which are absolute, and which cannot be lost, yet remain silent for lack of speech.

The soul of man is immortal, and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendor has no limit.

The principle which gives life dwells in us, and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, is not heard or seen or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception.

Each man is his own absolute lawgiver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment.

These truths which are as great as life itself, are as simple as the simplest mind of man. Feed the hungry with them.