

# References are the key

"Excuse me", the first year drama student enquired — "What can you tell me about writing papers?" "Now?" I replied glancing hurriedly at the date on my Seiko quartz, "Isn't it a bit late?" "All year long I've shed bloody tears over plagiarism, meter and phrase-structure, and I only get 4's!!" "References" I diagnose in a flash. Poor sod — probably believes his professors actually read his papers to start with — how to give him the advice he needs? Well, I decided to help them all, a proper example of a little piece correctly referenced for your perusal follows: For example (Einstein 1932) what do you suppose (Frost 1927) the word (Holy Bible 1611) plagiarism. (U of A student handbook 1978) actually means? Relatively speaking (Einstein 1932, cited in Playboy, April 1979) it supposes that independent arrival at a single idea is "so unlikely as to be almost impossible" (personal communication Prof. Clarity, Math 202 lectures, U of A, 1979). Hence that you write, think or say must always be credited to someone else; unless you write, think or speak (or otherwise communicate) in "two words or less" exam rules, U of A philosophy 100, also parapsychology 210). Take heart (Shakespeare 1597) all who struggle with Olgivic 1969) long papers (Edmonton Sun — advertisement in the Edmonton Journal, November 1978) now that April's here (adapted from Browning 1831). Chances are North American Shows, 1978) sweetheart (H.B. 1937) they never read that stuff anyway Jehovah's Witness - conversation overhead in the Ambassador — 11:45 pm, Friday). But References! Believe you (Lougheed — 1979 campaign speech) those profs literally pore over "them apples" (personal communication D. Cass —

Botany lectures). Yes sir! Term papers without a "healthy bibliography" (overheard — med student discussing eugenics) and I mean FAT! Well, they don't get the same treatment do they (Idi Amin, 1977 speech from the throne). Even if you write like a horse (English 210, 1975) or with "foot in mouth" (Engl. 211, 1976

and Animal Science 510, 1979) don't despair as long as the horse drags a pretty hefty cart. When they shoot their mark they're not interested in your head — dear me no! — but the apple that sits upon it. Happy Eating! P.S. Full references on reserve.

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## Those who benefit should be paying

It is a matter of particular concern to me that whenever an interest group on campus requires financing it proceeds as if it is its God-given right to demand that the general student populace subsidize its activity.

I strongly believe that those individuals deriving the primary benefit from an activity should also provide the bulk of its financial support. Those students who participate in intramural sports, ethnic groups, or department and faculty clubs on campus should not expect

subsidization from those who do not.

In these days of increasing minority awareness it is time that the non-participant asserted his right as an individual to opt out of programs requiring direct and indirect financial contribution by all student union members. Alternatively, he should be granted the right to refuse student union membership and its concomitant fee.

David Sproule  
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## Letters

Letters to the editor should be addressed to the Gateway, Room 282 SUB, Edmonton, or dropped off at our office. Please include your name, student I.D. number (if applicable) and phone number. Please limit letters to 250 words or less. If you wish to write a longer piece, come to see us. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for libel.

## Why are we working against God?

To comment on Robin Hunter's statement (March 23) about the fact that the unborn child lacks "any social dimension of personhood," there seems to be some contradiction. Robin seems to agree to the fact that an unborn child unquestionably must become a person, yet he fails to see that by the same token, a baby cannot avoid society and some sort of culture or another upon birth. It seems that a united egg and sperm cannot avoid development into a baby, but there is a question as to whether or not that baby can or cannot avoid becoming a member of society, and becoming acculturated. In being a potential person, is not that child a potential member of society? If so, aren't we pitting one member of society against another with the only difference between the two being one of age? It seems to me that a couple when partaking in sexual intercourse should be ready and willing to cooperate with the Love of God, the Creator. Why does it appear that in this day and age there are so many trying their hardest to work against God rather than with Him?

Kevin D. Kelly  
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the form which was none too complimentary to himself. Whether the rumours that the mistake was intention are to be believed or not, it is my opinion that perhaps the Gateway should apologize to Robert for their mistake. Mistakes such as that would be more appropos to Riflescope than a straight news story.

Greg Schmidt  
Grad Studies

Ed. Note. Sorry Greg no apologies. The mistake was made in the same spirit as the motion to council. Does Bob want to apologize, too?



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By Ron Collister's Coffee Boy

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

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Some people said we wouldn't make it. They've obviously overestimated the average reader's intelligence. Sure, we've had to cut expenses. But, Peter Birnie doesn't mind chipping in a couple of bucks toward the cost of his \$3.00 lunch column. Rimstead can live on \$25 a day, so what if his liver is a bit lonely. We've got the highest paid carriers in Canada and both of them have nearly 50 customers each.

We hope to become a permanent fixture in Edmonton just like the Beverly dump. Whaddaya mean they buried it?!

### BALLOT BOXED IN

It's federal election time and I'm not happy with the choices. Joe Clark is prone to losing his luggage and Pierre Trudeau is prone to losing his wife. When it comes right down to it I'd have to vote for Clark because his luggage doesn't come back to haunt him.

I simply cannot bring myself to support someone whose wife spent five hours inside a tree wishing she was a bird. How can Trudeau lead Canada out of the woods when he can't even get his wife outside of a tree?!

I know. details, details.

### GET THEE TO A BAR NUNNERY

Take a New Sarepta barn dance and multiply it by twenty and you have the U of A Agriculture Club's Bar Nun. I personally don't know why they bar nuns. Any nun who'd go to an event like this must have horseshit for brains.

I walked in the door Saturday night and saw a bunch that looked like a Village People album cover. The people there looked like extras in an Italian western. It may have been possible to tolerate the band's playing of "Get Drunk and Screw", or even when the Aggies got drunk and screwed, but really with horses?

Not only were the band awful in person, but they were selling their one and only album so that they could be awful in the comfort of your own home. It sort of reminded me of the Kellys Get Rid of the Old K-Tel Stuff at \$1.99 Sale.

It's not hard to tell where Bar Nun is. Good taste is always upwind.

### SEE THE LIGHT

Studies have indicated that the lack of windows in Harry Ainlay High School might have adversely affected students. I asked Ainlay alumni Tema Frank and Chanchal Bhattacharya if this was the case.

Bhattacharya (whose name was Ralph Smith before he entered Harry Ainlay) said this notion was a pile of garbage and said he didn't mind the suntan that the fluorescent lights have caused. Frank, however, did regret that she had to pass up her pro basketball career to get a higher quality education at Harry Ainlay.

### NUCLEAR REACTION

Don't get too concerned over possible nuclear leaks from reactors. After visiting the reactor at Three Mile Island, Pa., President Jimmy Carter glowed with optimism over the nuclear energy program.

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