

# Letters

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With respect to the students applying to the law faculty of Alberta.

I do not intend that this letter be long or unduly biting. I simply want to give some information to the rest of the student body, who I feel would be well advised to know about an existing situation.

I am in the faculty of Law and because of this, spend most of my time in an isolated corner of the campus with little or no communication with the rest of the student body. Of course, the converse is true in that the university has really no communication with the law school, and I feel that perhaps this spacial set-up has been purposefully arranged.

Because of this situation I feel that it is my obligation to let the rest of the student body into a secret. The Law school produces a paper called The Cannons of Construction and sends it around to all the lawyers in Alberta every month. Contained in the paper is legal news, appointments to the bench and other such related matter. I am writing to bring one article contained in the paper out of the realm of law society readers and to the attention of the rest of the student body.

In an article of the November issue dealing with whether or not Calgary should have a law school, the dean of this faculty made a statement which should be of interest to all of us. He answers the question as follows:

"My answer to this is that if you analyse the figures, as we have done you will find that while all these applicants (who fail to get in) may be technically qualified in the sense that they have a prior degree or two years of arts, their standards

academically are so low that no law school would, or indeed should, accept them as students."

Before you read on, realize that the dividing line between those admitted and those not, in law school is very tenuous. 900 applications were made and only 160 were accepted. If any differences in quality exists between those who make it and those who don't, it is very slight.

Now, if that statement slaps you in the face, as it did me, you as non-law students had better realize the hazardous position in which you find yourself. If and when you next encounter a legal problem, you better realize that any lawyer who handles it and who has graduates from the University of Edmonton's law faculty is going to do at best a mediocre job. Because all students admitted are of such low calibre, it is indeed a wonder that they handle law school at all.

My advice to you, is that you have two choices when next you have a legal problem:

1. Ask your lawyer if he

graduated from Edmonton. If so, walk out of his office because he is undoubtedly incompetent.

2. Find a lawyer who graduated from out of province from a "proper" law faculty, hopefully Cambridge.

My last duty in writing this letter is to thank the dean for allowing me to peddle my pitifully low standards on the people of Alberta. Indeed, nobody else would or should allow me to do it anywhere else.

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