The return of writing competence

The Writing Competence Test is a thing of the past, but there are now options open for students who wish to improve of test their writing ¾abilities.

The U of A's non-credit writing program is open to anyone who wishes to improve his or her composition skills. The University has recommended that all students who recently received less than 70% on English 30 (or the equivalent) should enroll in a "Writing for University" course.

Other courses offered are a "Writing for Business" and a "Revising and Editing Your Thesis" course.

The Writing Competence Test is also still available for diagnostic purposes. All students who take the test will receive a detailed written assessment of their writing abilities. Those who pass the test will also receive a certificate which they might wish to include with information sent to their employers.

For information on classes and diagnostics, students can visit room 302B SUB or call 492-2682.

Five year plan not lethal

I'll jump ahead. It's now October 15, and you're behind on your English, Philosophy, Sociology, Art History, and Geography assignments. Your guts have been in a knot for two weeks, but no matter how hard you try, you just can't get caught up. Do two things: go talk to someone (Student Help, a friend, your faculty advisor), and consider the five year plan.

Contrary to what the Administration may like you to believe, the Five Year Plan is not something which the Communists thought up to ruin our fine academic system in the decadent West. Some people find it hard to adjust to the new freedoms and responsibilities of university life, especially if it's their first time away from home. The five year Bachelor's degree allows you to drop a course or two in first year in order to survive.

Dropping a course is preferable to failing five courses.

It is definitely preferable to stuffing your head under your lawyer's couch because you can't stand the pressure. A couple caveats, however. Course shopping is frowned upon—course shopping being the habit of planning to drop courses in order to avoid whichever prof you like the least. Besides, course shopping can lead to the six- or seven-year Bachelor's degree, which will do a couple bad things.

The extended Bachelor's degree will take you off of the approved tenure track, should you be so inclined. A seven year Bachelor's degree will make for a lighter course load, but also a lighter wallet, as you borrow money year after year to sit in RATT and drink beer. Besides, you may have—God forbid—even worse problems the next year than you have this year, so don't drop courses like anorexics drop pounds, but don't be afraid to give it some thought, if you need to.

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you live there, nobody cares about Mac, Kelsey, or Henday. If you're already in, you know more than I can tell you. If you're not, you'll hear the horror stories.

MechE (9): vertical BioSci syndrome: it takes two separate elevator trips to reach some floors, so the next time you're with a Geer, and

his elevator doesn't seem to go all the way to the top. . .you know why.

MedSci (63): home of another of the best study libraries. A bit out of the way, unless you're parked in lot "L" for Leduc.

Plant (52): home of the largest bar on campus. See Bar Tabs and Drinking Tips.

SUB (20): home of the second-

largest bar on campus. Also home of *The Gateway*—Room 282. Also home of such trivialities as SOrSe, Student Help, the Students' Union, the Bookstore, most of the campus clubs, CAPS, FM88, and Dinwoodie, the nightspot with the barf-proof dance floor.

Tory (42): the tallest building on campus is topped with a cafeteria. A good view of the river valley on the north side and good sunshine on the south. More offices and classrooms than you will visit in four years.

University Hall (21): Pres. Davenport has the big, fancy office overlooking the bus stop. O.K., so the view sucks; the oak panelling and carpets are sure nice.

U Hospital (69): where to go if you're pretty sure the Health Centre can't handle it.

Van Vliet Centre aka The Gym (22): self-explanatory, but check out the pools, weight rooms, campus rec, etc. This, is not just a barn with locker rooms, and you've paid your athletics fee already, so use it.

Varsity Rink (75): attached to The Gym, The Rink is just a barn with locker rooms, but it's also the home of the best university hockey team in western Canada. Soon to be known as Clare Drake rink, this place has more ghosts than a haunted house.

V Wing (38): has Vendos and a lot of traffic. Not a cool place to just hang out.

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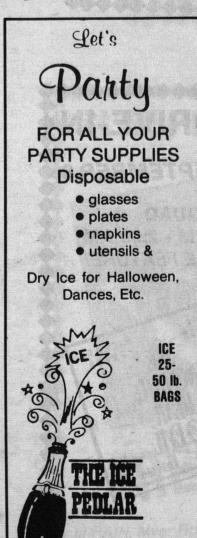
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