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# letters

## Come ON down

This letter is addressed to "Ag Reject," the person who fails/he "won't be able to meet the requirements for admission" to the Ag Club, as well as to all the others in the faculty that would like to get in on the good times. The only requirements are a willing spirit, enthusiasm, and a willingness to meet other people. We always need people to organize and help out with the functions. The Ag Club members are the ones that go out and volunteer their time and effort so that all may have a good time. Where were you when the Ag Club elections were held?

All the Ag Club can do is present an opportunity to have a good time. It is up to you to make an effort to come out and have that good time. True to our symbol, we bar no one.

We are a club for the Agriculture students - but there is no free lunch. There has to be some input in order to get any output. All that we ask is that you get down off your "high horse" and give us a legitimate try. We are all approachable, and all we want is a little participation so that all may enjoy themselves, yourself included.

Tom Fulton  
P.R. Director - Ag. Club  
1975-76

## Fertility futile

Dear Sir:

As I was standing in the main corridor of the Fine Arts Building Friday March 19, approximately eleven o'clock in the morning, a delicious odor assailed my nostrils. Horse shit! Can't they go plow their goddamn fields. I have nothing against agriculture, we all must eat, but surely it belongs out-of-doors. No amount of manure will make a tile floor fertile. Don't they learn anything?

Thanking you in advance for your kind co-operation and prompt attention, I remain,

Yours sincerely  
Hedda Gabler

## Fudged figures?

After looking at all of the nice pictures in the Gateway, the two of us knuckled-down to some hard work and read all of the words telling how successful the Bar None was. With the information that 5830 people paid \$3 admission, and expenses were \$12-13,000, Pete took the afternoon off from classes and used everything he learned in Adding & Subtracting 301 and Multiplying & Dividing 349 to figure out that the profit must have been about \$4490 to \$17,478. (We still don't know how the low-end of the expense estimates could be \$12).

That kind of cash is too bulky for Club beer-money, even though you Aggies can really swill Pil, but not enough to buy the new tractor and manure-spreader combo that

the Club has been wanting. So why don't you get your treasurer to make a good investment? The TSE is holding its spring-sale next Thursday, and Merrill should be able to pick up some really great implement stocks like Massey Harvester, Shutt Case, and Dear John; really cheap for you. Just put the money into an Aggie briefcase. Drop the gunnysack off at the far corner table in the CAB Cafeteria. We'll do the rest.

Merrill Lynch  
(Comm. III, Fin.)  
Pete Marwick

(Comm. IV, Acctg.)

P.S. As Ag students, you should be pleased to see that we are bullish.

## Joe Cold

Dear Sir:

I must take exception to certain comments made by Joe Blogg on these pages. I am a Commerce student, but I am one of those who wear 3/4 length leather jackets, colony slacks, and carry Samsonite Superslim Joe Cool Briefcases.

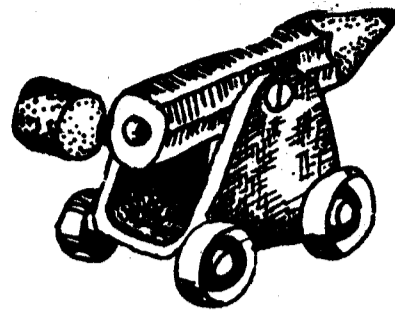
I would like to point out to Joe that while it is cool to be a commerce student, it is no longer cool to wander around wearing hush puppies or giant shit-kickers, blue ski-jackets with tags attached, and T-shirts with "Prisoner of Alcatraz - Unlisted Number" emblazoned upon them. Indeed, times are changing, and I'm afraid Joe Blogg is no longer as cool as he once was. He even has a moustache. Besides, I saw him at Bar None drinking coffee.

Anyway, that is neither here nor there (which must be in a pretty weird place - liberal arts students look for it). The point Joe is trying to make is that we needn't worry about our concerned students. I'll admit that BACUS is the original Commerce Apathy Club, but I feel there is more to it than that.

Perhaps this C.S. is but the tip of an iceberg. Perhaps there are hundreds more like him, patiently waiting for a chance to run for this committee or that, ready to thrust deep into the bureaucracy of student participation. This could be the start of the end of all that Commerce students hold dear. We cannot afford to take that chance.

I say he should be stopped. Let's stamp out this cancerous evil before it has a chance to spread. Instead of sleeping in tomorrow we must begin to hunt this C.S. down. He must not escape. When he is found he must be taken 3rd floor CAB and sacrificed to the cafeteria.

Efram Ukrainski  
Commerce III



# editorial

## Equality is a delicate balance

When the news arrived that Terry Sharon had been elected president of the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), I can say there was a good deal of satisfaction expressed in these offices. Terry has been working hard for both the formation and improvement of the provincial students' lobbying force for a long time, and we're sure he'll do a good job.

The U of A Students' Union has been looked upon by some this year as a large union, promoting FAS as an organization that the large member unions could dominate. I know that a lot of legwork has been done by our executive to dispel that notion, but from reports I gathered from the last conference in Lethbridge, I fear much of that work may have been laid waste.

From reliable sources inside our Students' Union, I've heard that members of the new executive who went to the conference as observers may have done damage to the delicate balance of trust within FAS between the large members and the small. We must remember that all members of FAS are equal within the constitution of the organization, but the feeling still exists on the part of some smaller colleges and schools that they are looked down upon by the larger members.

This must not be allowed to continue, if it exists, or if it is perpetrated by any member of our or any other students' union. FAS is far too important, far too crucial to the formation of better government and community respect for students to be dealt a blow of mutual mistrust through any type of perceived display of chauvinism or arrogance by anyone, whether intentional or not.

If the observers who went to the conference feel FAS is moving in the wrong directions, is too radical for their white collar tastes, or protests too strongly or forthrightly on some issues, let them change what they can through democratic persuasion, and not through implied degradation of other members.

If any loss of democratic procedure has resulted from the displays reported to me by some individuals on the new executive, I would be proud to be among the first to publicly condemn them. We're too close to success to be shot down by any undemocratic process or false pride.

by Greg Neiman

## Men and women

It seems rather appropriate that the Western Canadian conference on "Women in Education" should be held this week, at a time when the situation of women in this university is also being examined. It also seems significant that the university, though professing good intentions, has been slow to act and vague in its "commitment" towards increasing the status of women hired on this campus.

It has taken university administrators nearly a year to begin consolidating steps recommended in the Senate Task Force on the Status of Women. And it may be yet another two or three years before substantial changes in salary discrepancies and discriminatory employment practices will be ironed out. These things take time and require much thought, one university administrator tells us.

Unfortunately, this is doubtless true, given present beliefs and practices, but it does tell us something about the weaknesses in the system. A survey made by the Task Force came up with these statistics: -65% of respondents believed that men have better status and treatment than women on campus. -60% believed that women have to work harder than men to achieve equal academic recognition. -64% thought that men are more likely to be hired over women. -75% believed that men are more likely to be appointed to administrative positions.

Outright social and economic discrimination? Couple this with the fact that a large majority of the same respondents also professed that men and women are equally competent, equally effective teachers, researchers and administrators. It leaves the policy-making personnel of this institution looking extremely evasive.

All this may bear little direct relevance to 1st and 2nd year female students. It most definitely will when they try to enter grad school, propose research projects, or obtain adequate opportunity for advancement.

by Kim St. Clair

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