

Letters cont.

But sarcasm aside, I'd like to say that I for one don't give a fiddler's f... who or how many adolescents laughed at this dumb prank, it still demonstrated an almost total lack of compassion and respect for life. Making a mockery of a harmless, defenceless, and useful creature by subjecting it to abuse, terror, crippling, suffering and eventual death in order to have a good chuckle is not what I would call intelligent, well-adjusted behaviour. When I hear one of these bent and twisted imbeciles laying claim to an untroubled mind because other laughed, then I would suggest that he either develop the strength and capacity for independent thought and action or surround himself with the support of idiots and maniacs whenever he wants to be able to justify a mindless act. The only laugh that I and many others could muster at this incident was at the stupidity and apparent lack of enlightenment of those who did it.

I supposed that it sounds like I'm overreacting and hysterical but really people, let's clean up our act a bit. I doubt if criminal records are really warranted in this case and [Whether...] or not those responsible are the sadistic heathens they appear to be is beside the point really. The main point is, that in the eyes of the public, many of whom can't afford to eat a chicken much less kill one for kicks, we students all wind up looking like thoughtless, inconsiderate, wasteful, bourgeoisie. Like it or not we depend on the taxpaying public to support us in our quest for higher learning, intellectual growth and career training. That unpleasant little reality sets out the parameters for our publicly visible behaviour and thus we are not helped by acts that make us appear as nothing but arrogant, frivolous, immature and spoiled brats who will never be of any use to anyone.

Incidentally, since I took the photo of the chicken on the front page I must admit that yes, she was alive Her legs were broken, she was painted and she did not seem very amused but by golly she sure was alive. I'd like to think this will be a tremendous comfort to those responsible, though they probably don't care.

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3rd Year Artsy Fartsy

Sniveller

In response to "Rip Off":

More was stolen than a walkman and text? Perhaps it seems that way when she grovels in her woes. Is this person's identity so dependent on her material possessions that when she loses them she loses part of

herself? If this is true, it's a sad comment on her and her sense of self.

So, it's lousy when you get ripped off. Expel your exasperation in a well chosen word or two and get on with life. I truly pity someone who can't deal with what is a fairly common experience. I have been through it more than once. I feel I'm better off because of it. I know life is more than material "stuff" and the ability to trust and care about people is not founded on the security of this material "stuff." M. Levenson, I say to you and your friend to get off your self pity kicks and back into the reality of life unless you've convinced yourselves you can't handle it. If you can't, don't blame a someone you've never even seen.

Kay

Botulism

Dear Gateway,

Help! I am a four month old tuna salad sandwich and I'm stuck in the refrigerated case of the cafeteria on the 14th floor of the Tory Building.

I am appealing to all other aged food substances on campus to join me in forming the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Mouldy Edibles.

Thanks,
A Dead Old Fish

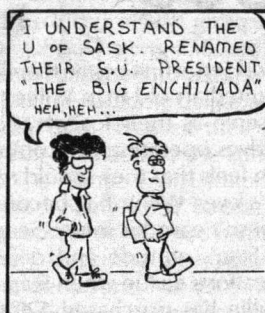
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The letter printed in the Thursday, January 23 issue of the Gateway under the title "Arts lucky" from the Undergraduate Science Society V.P. Academic Earl Smith contained some errors regarding USS elections. Nominations for positions on the ESS executive close February 21 and the election itself is on February 28.

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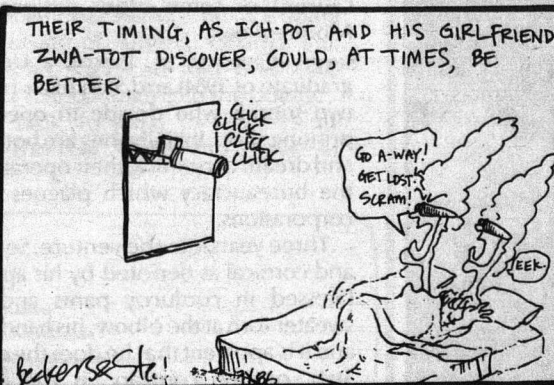
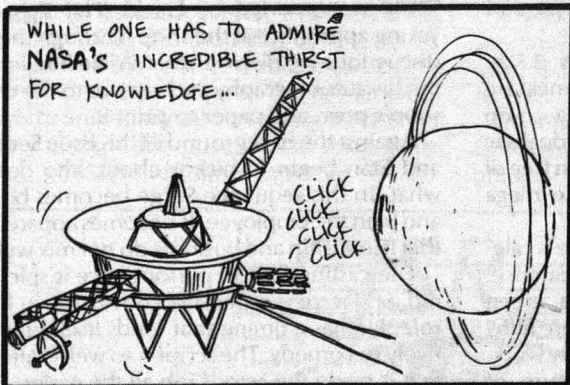
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by Filipchuk

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by Beckers and Stech

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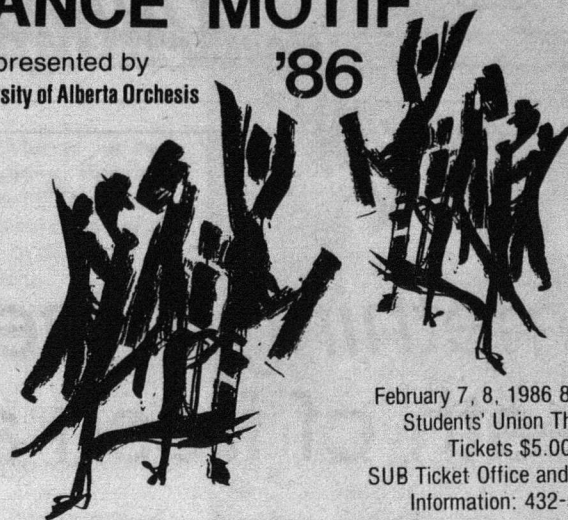
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