

SECOND WIND

...an opinion column for Gateway staff

Amidst the bottle-strewn table tops of RATT, we *Gateway* hacks were savouring recaps of the goriest flicks of the seventies along with our beer.

The conversation turned, as usual, to the internal workings of the newspaper, and somehow to the idea of having a (horrors) "Campus Cutie" grace our page three.

Thoughts included: a skyrocketing circulation; a boom in ad sales and women crashing down our doors for the fame without fortune.

We concluded the pitfalls of such a cheesy addition as being: too tacky; we'd run out of photogenic volunteers; it's against CUP's statement of principles; and most importantly, we would be exploiting the women on campus.

Recruiting women to work at the *Gateway* has been one of our major concerns this year. Rather than exploiting women as mere locker room pin-ups, we encourage them to get involved with campus issues by generating some of their own wit and wisdom via reporting, or reviews, or whatever.

Women's rights are a major issue and are often discussed in the newsroom. I don't claim to be a fist-clenching feminist but I do agree with, and support many of their views.

The Women's Centre's current campaign against sexist and suggestive magazine covers should be heartily applauded. It's the first time that they've got off their butts and actually petitioned for some action.

Of course we heard their complaints concerning Engineering Week activities but I didn't see any constructive campaigning before or during the event. Educational information often wins more supporters than verbal abuse - that soon becomes trite and tiresome.

Almost a year has passed since the Women's Centre has been established at the U of A. I am wondering when all of the information on women's issues will be divulged to the student population. Of late, I have received more letters of appeal for aid to El Salvador from their office than anything concerning women's issues.

Of course Awareness Week was (is?) a major campaign for them this year. As the name implies, it was to inform women of measures to ensure their safety and to prevent assault and rape. Unfortunately, it was shelved due to lack of workers and, I suspect, enthusiasm.

I am not against the existence of a women's centre on our block but I am confused about their role on campus. Should we students prepare ourselves for a flood of informative, educational material? How about an info table at HUB? The possibilities are endless, and we are all waiting to hear *something*.

Mary Ruth Olson

Answers to sports quiz

1. Andre Lacroix of the Philadelphia Flyers.
2. Henri Richard who has played on eleven.
3. The Miami Dolphins.
4. Dave Reece.
5. Alan Hinton, then of the B.C. Lions with 30.
6. Houston Aeros beat the St. Louis Blues 5-4.
7. Ken Hinton of the Lions returned one 130 yards off a Dave Cutler miss.
8. Dennis Ververgaert then of the Canucks who got two in five seconds.
9. Al Downing of the Dodgers.
10. Parent-Boston, Esposito-Montreal, Meloche-Chicago, and Smith-Los Angeles.

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One for Jens

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It is currently fashionable to deny reading the *Gateway* on the grounds of its general worthlessness; a few muffled cheers even greeted the possibility of its demise.

I have two comments; first, if any student service has to be scrapped, it should be the radio station. The Edmonton aether is sufficiently saturated to make it totally superfluous. When piped into SUB or the HUB lounge, it has the charm of a whining child and a similarly unavoidable quality. The last thing we require is an FM version of the same.

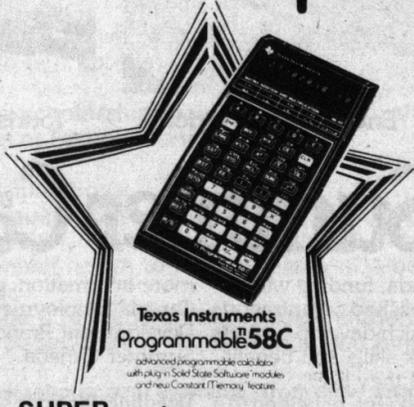
Second; if any writer has upgraded the *Gateway* of late, it is the maligned Jens Andersen, who writes with clarity, precision, wit and intelligence. He at least has opinions which he is unafraid to defend, and tolerance of what one dislikes seems to me an admirable trait (take note, Brad Johnson). Agree with him or not, he is articulate and usually worth reading, and he has weathered a barrage of invective with grace and humour and without stooping to personal attacks on his critics, something they might try to emulate.

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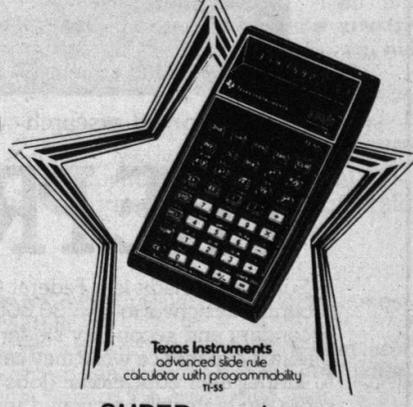
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