

Rusty & Dave

Are you a gourd? Can we help you?

Rusty and Dave,

The week of the full moon has just passed. It has been a good week despite a few problems. It is in light of these problems that I am writing to you.

I have actually been reading my textbooks! To my great horror I realized that I have been going to class prepared. I even ask insightful and meaningful questions! I fear the ancient curse of my ancestors has fallen upon me. I am becoming...a Keener! Is there any cure for this curse that has dogged my footsteps since I've come to Dal? I anxiously await your reply. Please hurry or it may be too late!

Signed,
an accursed Keener

Dear Keener,

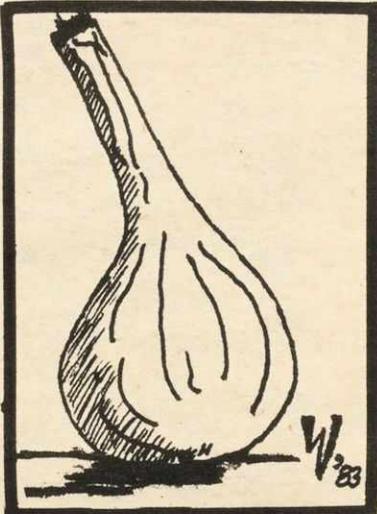
This is an embarrassing situation. You are making the rest of your classmates look bad. A keener! At Dal? Geez, we've never heard of that before. We do think we have localized the problem, though. We quote your initial line, "The week of the full moon has just passed." We feel therein lies the crux of your problem. As we all know there is a direct correlation between the phases of the moon and the earth's ever shifting tides. Soon, Keener, your tide will change. The full moon is but a transient existence. The moon is making the blood rush to all corners of your mind. For this duration you will experience the living hell of being a keener. We are positive that the rest of the month will be one of pure laziness and drunken debauchery. Skipped classes will be the order of the day, and you will be first in line waiting for the Grawood to open. We all know, though, that the full moon will rear its ugly head again. Do not give in! Follow our step-by-step plan to prevent yourself from being a keener:

1) A steady diet of gourds, or any other fruit closely related to the Cucurbitaceae family.
2) Do not go to the Dal bookstore, visit the Rusty & Dave bookstore for the uninhibited. You can purchase such classics as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat in the Hat Strikes Back*, *Rusty and Dave Spend a Day at the Beach*, *Singalong with Rusty & Dave* (classics such as "Puff the Magic Dragon"), and *The Hicks Years* (the fuzzy felt edition).
3) More gourds (you can never get enough). Why we even remember when we used to have to go out, feed the cows, chop a cord of wood, milk the goats and then we would come in and Mom would have a steaming hot stack of gourd pancakes and we'd wash them down with gourd cider.

4) Hang around with the right people like Grawood staff and the ladies checking out books at the library (usually good for an hour of reminiscing). The ladies are actually in the library to deter

students from entering the library to guard the interests of non-keeners.

5) Pretend you're a werewolf. A full moon does one of two things, turns you into a keener or a werewolf. A werewolf is the more appropriate route, but whatever you do, do not become a keen werewolf.



Dear Rusty and Dave,

Bonjour, love hugs and kisses to your creative, humorous talent! You may know me and you may not, my name is Eve Marmaduke. I just wanted to tell you I adore your column! Is there a Rusty and Dave group I can join? I'd love to be your groupie! Keep up the fantastic job!

Your admiring forever groupie
Eve Marmaduke

Dear Eve,

As you know we have always been humble in our ways. At this moment we are blushing behind our typewriters. We have never been able to handle compliments!

We do have a following but nobody has yet taken the initiative to organize an official group. We, perhaps, look to you Eve to form this group. In the past we have opposed formal groups or fan clubs as we look to each individual to create a fan club in his or her own mind. That, we feel, is the most treasured form of fan support we could ever wish to garner from our readers. Then again, Eve, if you wish you can send \$20.00 today and become one of Rusty & Dave's many disciples. Membership includes beer stein, autographed Rusty and Dave pot scrubber, and a Rusty and Dave eraser. For an extra \$200.00, though, you can become an exclusive Rusty and Dave Gold Key member. This entitles you to free drinks at Rusty and Dave's new chain of luxury hotels. Send check or money order to Rusty and Dave's Golden Gourd Club. Thank you for your interest Eve, we hope to hear from you in the future.

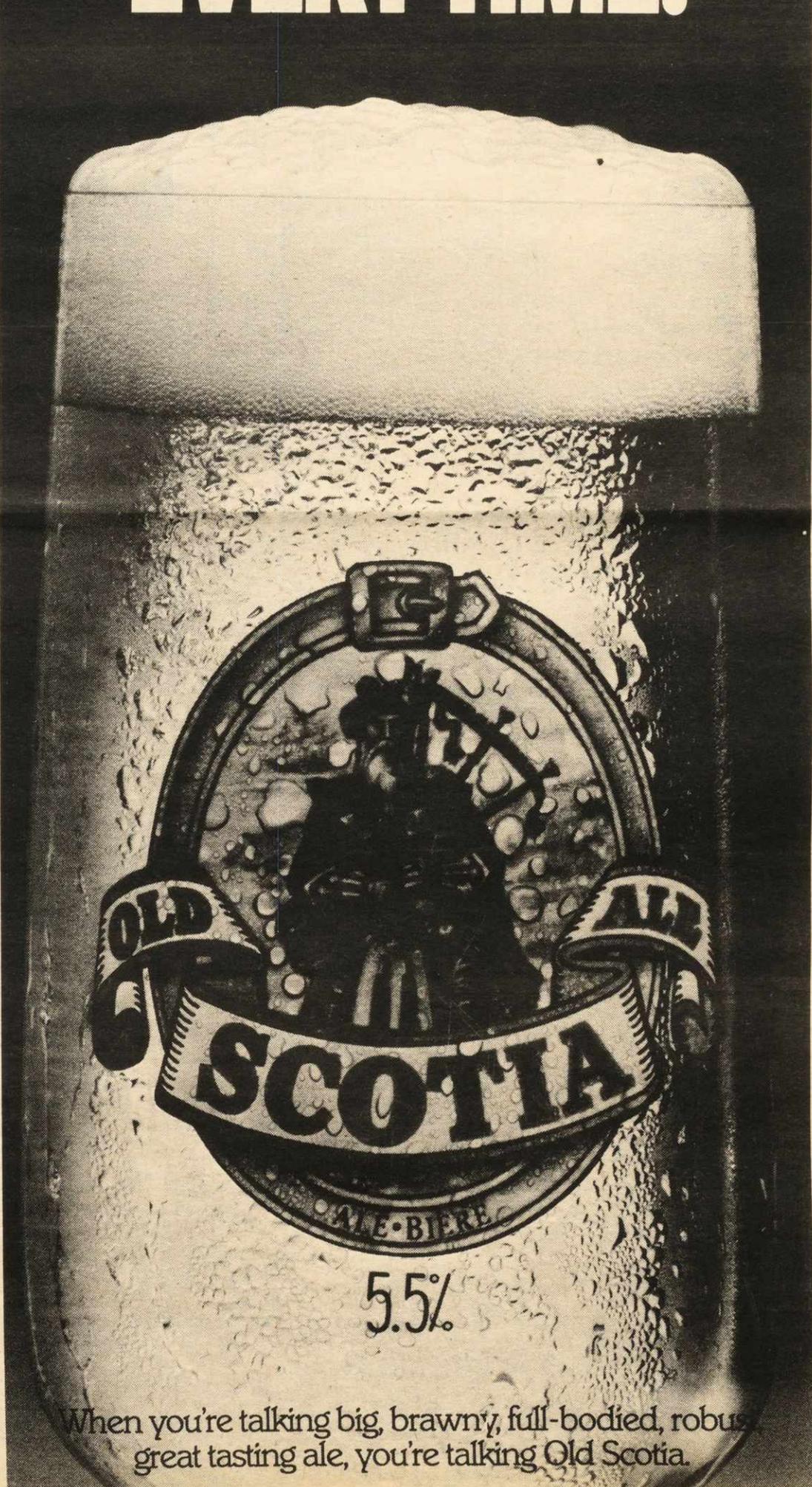
Quote of the week:

The gourd is always greener in the other person's garden.

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* Contest winners will be announced next week—keep the entries coming!

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