

## Where your 50¢ goes

This is a letter of introduction on behalf of the Eugene Brody Board. The Brody Board commemorates a U of A student, Eugene Brody, who was very active in student affairs despite being physically handicapped. His contributions to campus life led students to form the SU Board after his death in 1980. It is composed of councillors and members-at-large who make grants to various local, national and international organizations. Charitable, relief or developmental organizations are eligible for grants.

The monies for these grants are contributed by the students at the U of A - each year students are assessed a separate fee of 50¢ which becomes the Brody Board fund. Further, each year, usually with the Students' Union elections, a referendum is held to see if students wish to continue supporting the Board.

This year grants have been given to organizations which the Board feels offer a worthwhile service either to the community in general or to a special segment of the population. To date we have made grants to: the Firefighters Burn Society, Oxfam, Emergency Aid to Nicaragua for flood relief, the U of A Scuba Program for the Handicapped, the Roy Saito Therapeutic Riding Association, the Sexual Assault Centre, People Against Impaired Drivers (PAID), the Grande Cache Christmas Fund and Citizen Advocacy Society of Edmonton.

We welcome suggestions from students for the names of worthwhile organizations. If you have any suggestions or questions for the Brody Board please contact Teresa Gonzalez, V.P. External.

Siobhan Avery, Orest Wasarab, Marion Nicely, Paul Lindsay, Kathi Fierbeck, Bev Therrien

## Media glorifies murder

Hey, we've got a great new idea for the U of A Assassins Club! And what's more, it is a brilliant solution for the problems of cutbacks and higher student enrollment. Why don't they use real guns in their fun little game? Tired of too many people in your classes? Can't find a carrel in the library? Well just join the Assassins and help to decrease the student population! And experience more excitement, intrigue and adventure than you had ever dreamed was possible!

Perhaps Assassins is just meant to be a harmless game but the implications of this activity seem to run deeper than just recreation. The actual "assassinations" in this "game" (?) may be simulated but the attitudes suggested by it are all too real. A game stops being a game when it makes fun of, and plays with people's lives. I, for one, do not find the concept of murder a humorous or trite one. And I find any treatment of it as such, rather perverse. This game (planned by the U of A Assassins Club), and its apparent base attitude towards violence and destruction of human life, seems to reflect an underlying symptom of our present society, a society said to be on the brink of self-destruction. The idea of war is intuitively abhorrent to most people. Similarly, most people feel somewhat disturbed when they hear about yesterday's murder, today's manslaughter, and tomorrow's assassination plot. Yet, the same people repelled by these things will laugh while human beings are destroyed left and right during a movie such as *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. The same people will plop down in front of their idiot boxes and nonchalantly watch five hours of car-park shoot-outs, assassinations, murders, violent assaults etc. And the same people will find it "exciting" to participate in a game which will allow them to be murdered, and of course the best part of all, allow them to murder somebody else.

What is the sickness in us that finds human life so inconsequential, so meaningless, so unsacred? The idea that war is exciting and adventurous, constantly bombards us, whether we realize it or not. Consequently, we all just seem to blindly accept what is fed to us by governments, television, magazines and war toys and games. Most games are,

in a sense, an imitation of real life. But if we find murder in real life abhorrent, why do we not find it abhorrent in a game?

If you feel that this simulated "excitement", "adventure", and intrigue is what is needed to pep up your University life perhaps you should not be here in the first place. I think it is a pretty sad statement on a community, if their excitement is gained by pretending to kill other human beings.

If you are considering signing up with the U of A Assassins Club, I strongly urge you to reconsider your motives, your beliefs, and the ultimate consequences of those beliefs. I believe that the very existence of such an activity helps to promote and perpetuate a very dangerous attitude that seems to be all too prevalent in our society: disrespect for human beings and indifference towards the sanctity of life.

I am disappointed that the *Gateway* ran an article apparently supporting the activity of this club. I find it somewhat ironic that in the same issue, was an article about the controversial magazine *Soldier of Fortune* and its ads for recruiting mercenaries. Perhaps Assassins is merely a game, while mercenaries are real? But when both contribute to an adversarial and aggressive mentality, what is the difference?

Deanna McLeod, Science IV  
Maria Rusterholz, Fine Arts II

## Engineers bash Trudeau not Canada, as claimed

In response to Mr. Middleton's smug and conceited denunciation of engineers and a particular ice sculpture which he found offensive, I wonder whether the source of his contempt is the supposed "boorishness" of engineering students or the sculpture's criticism of Pierre Trudeau.

He deplores the sculpture's lack of respect for Canada, when the work does nothing more than depict what many Canadians, obviously not of the Liberal persuasion, feel is the attitude of our Prime Minister.

In fact, it is Mr. Trudeau - not political cartoonists, not journalists, and not engineering students - who displays and has continually displayed a contempt for the problems of the country and its people; his infamous finger and his detached, arrogant, "Philosopher-King" type attitude exemplify this contempt.

If Mr. Middleton cannot accept a free, and rather clever, expression of political discontent, I suggest that he move to Poland.

Michael Crothers, Chemical Engineering 3

The only thing worse than having engineers make ice sculptures of our Prime Minister giving us the finger, is actually having the Old Fart do it to us in person!

I would suggest to you, Mr. Middleton, that you and most other Liberals stop worrying about your precious public image (since obviously your leader has) and begin worrying about some of the problems that your party has helped to create: ie. unemployment.

In conclusion my dear John, I would suggest that Liberals throughout Canada stop being such pompous asses, and that you learn to laugh at yourself occasionally. Look at we Conservatives, not only can we laugh at ourselves, we also select a clown as the leader of our party.

Raymond J. Kozakewich, Arts IV

Who is John A. Middleton? Rarely have I read anything quite so silly as his letter of 13 January. Can this be the same fellow who appointed himself *Gateway* editor a few weeks ago on the grounds that Andrew Watts had problems with sentence construction? I fear that if John's is the level of academic ability the poor engineers have to ascend to (and the verb is his not mine), it will be but a short step indeed.

We are informed first that the engineers  
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## A UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB?

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