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passing grade on my writing competence exam marked on the basis of structure, content, paragraphing, grammar, word use, spelling and punctuation, I would tend to place more faith in this testing than the personal belief of one opinionized (sic) English Professor.

I find no correlation between interpretive literature and the concepts of computing science which I have to study. To who else but an English major is it significant to base an education on the study of literature? If the purpose of taking an English course is to teach me how to write properly, should I not be compelled instead to take a course in writing skills? The Faculty of Engineering has its own English course based on writing skills — do you think they know something we don't?

Darren Boutette

Science I

P.S. Maybe all the undergraduate English students should take a course on Computer Applications to teach them common logic.

#### Farewell

## An open letter to all U of A students, including students from Hong Kong

Dear fellow students, this is my first letter to you and also my last one, because by the end of this year I will be no longer here.

I am one of these Cantonese speaking students from a metropolitan city in the Far East area, Hong Kong. I understand that this year U of A has more than 600 of us running around in different departments and faculties. Before I leave this wonderful country I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Canadian and Albertan government which has provided us with an education that we cannot get at home (the university entrance requirements back home are beyond our reach).

Nevertheless, I want to say something, perhaps other Hong Kong students rather want me not to mention: "Let's see more interaction between Canadian and Hong Kongian." Hong Kong students very often only intermingle with themselves; they live together, play together, very often sit together in the class room. (Never mind that they speak a language other people don't understand). They also form and join their own clubs — Chinese Students Association, Chinese Library, Chinese Church, and Hong Kong Graduate Student Association.

Have we not segregated ourselves [from] the outside world?

Should we be more open to other people and their culture?

I think it is about time that the Hong Kong students should rethink their relationship to the outside world. Eric Chang

P.S. Good luck to all my friends.

### **Nuclear futility**

John Beaumont's letter in the November 14 Gateway is a prime example of society's ignorance and torpidity regarding nuclear war. He feels anti-nuclear demonstrations are "pointless and futile" and likens them to bashing one's head against the Tory building. Mr. Beaumont's talent for producing similes is only exceeded by his failure to provide acceptable alternatives for protesting nuclear war.

Public forums about the nuclear issue are, in Mr. Beaumont's words, "filled with half-truths, inaccurate statistics, and downright falsities," yet he gave no examples of these alleged innaccuracies. I invite him to share them with us so we can all be as well informed as he.

Mr. Beaumont is concerned about the media's treatment of the nuclear issue; he feels the media terrifies people and gives him nightmares. While apathy towards the issue is not acceptable to him, neither is the agrandisation of it. He seems worried that people will (or already have) become habituated to the nuclear issue. What does Mr. Beaumont suggest we do, avoid the subject? After all, battered children would get more help if no one discussed their problem, right?

What is really shocking is Mr. Beaumont's concern about personal inconvenience. He described antinuke demonstrations as "masses of marching morons disrupting traffic." I won't waste any more time in this letter discussing such an obviously petty and selfish statement.

Maybe 25 years of anti-nuke demonstrations haven't done much to curb the arms race, but people like Mr. Beaumont can offer no viable alternatives. Inaction is always a worse sin than honest, though perhaps ineffective, effort.

Next time I pass the Tory building, I will look for Mr. Beaumont: he will be the one sitting on the fence while others are trying to break the walls down. Shona Welsh

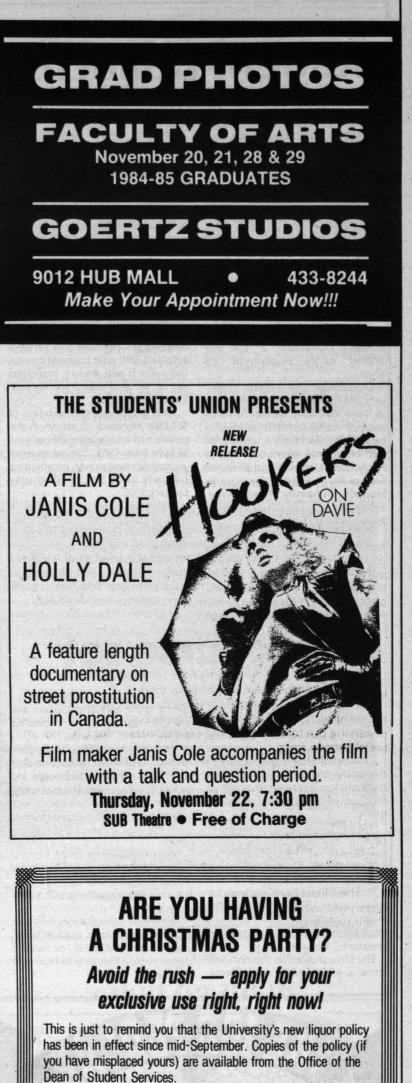
Shona Weish Arts IV

#### Clarification

In the November 8 issue of the Gateway, Clubs Commissioner Brian Wolfman was quoted as saying, "ski clubs have been notorious for running money making excursions and not funneling profits back into the club, but sharing the money amongst the organizers themselves." The statement was not intended to indicate that the U of A Ski Club, which has a fine record on campus, was guilty of the practice.



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Tuesday, November 20, 1984