

Gold Medal Award



Each Spring, the Students' Union awards a student with a Gold Medal for excellence in curricular and non-curricular activities at the University of Alberta during the previous academic year.

Criteria:

- candidates must be in the graduating year of their most recent degree program
- candidates must have a Grade Point Average of at least 7.5 in courses taken two years previous to the graduating year and in the first term of the graduating year
- extra-curricular involvement in University and/or community activities.

Deadline for Applications: Tuesday, 1 March 1983

Contact the Students' Union Executive Offices for application or nomination forms, and/or for more information (259 Students' Union Building, 432-4236).

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Qualifications:

- must have completed one year of a 3 or 4 year degree
- must return to the University of Alberta for final year
- be a full time undergraduate student
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and have lived in Alberta at least 5 years

Applications are available from the Student Awards Office, 252 Athabasca Hall.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, 1 March 1983

For more information, contact the Student Awards Office (252 Athabasca Hall, 432-3221) or Wesley Sawatzky, Students' Union Vice-President Academic (259 Students' Union Building, 432-4236).

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spelling of new words. They should be required to write essays on such books, and the essays should be graded for grammar, spelling, and punctuation - though this proposal is doomed if not enough teachers remain in the system capable of recognizing good grammar when they see it.

I must particularly condemn two groups for the present situation. They are the Alberta Teacher's Association, and the Department of Education at the University of Alberta. Both accepted and championed the abandonment of rigorous training in English in favor of "Mickey Mouse" essay writing and calculated dismissal of the importance of good English. I am afraid I must treat "Recommendations" from these areas with the contempt they richly deserve, and point to the lamentable failures of their students and the teachers they have trained.

I've never had the advantage of a University education, but I recognize self-serving blather when I see it - and that is precisely what the "Recommendations" are. For the sake of the next generation of students, I sincerely hope that they will be ignored and that both teachers and students will be forced back to work.

D.A. Tomlinson
Geology

Law II, Mark 0

Gateway seems to be as ignorant of what is obscene as it is of the law of defamation. You don't seem to appreciate the difference between defamatory and deprecatory, libel and fair comment, a person's reputation and their ego. My letter was hardly meant to be complimentary (sic) of Ms Annesley's writing, but you obviously chose to misconstrue it as an *ad hominem* in order to excise my puns for the benefit of Ms. Annesley's delicate ego. You at least agree by implication that it was a grate pun on the Christian name of Ms. Annesley; it appears to have rubbed someone the wrong way, someone who was unable to take per pun-ishment for an *assassinine* bit of journalism (sic). For future reference you would do well to remember that the fear of liability for propogating (sic) libel is good reason to cover your ass, but not your Annesley.

Obscene personal abuse, indeed! If I weren't convinced that you were serious, I'd consider your remark to be unspeakably funny.

Mark Kowalsky, Law II

ME Note: We hope Mark's study of law will be more successful than his study of orthography.

Plug for a fin

The Students' Union of the University of Alberta offers the broadest range of high quality student services of any organization in Canada. It has been helping students enjoy their educational experience for the past seventy-five years.

This year our bankers decided to give us until January 1985 to be out of debt or face receivership. A five dollar increase in students union fees would make it possible to pay off our debt thus allowing the many services offered to continue helping students obtain the most from their years spent at the University of Alberta. We hope that students will seriously consider the matter and vote yes on February 11.

Gordon Garside
for the Administration Board

Assassins, Gateway, SU immature

Once again a Gateway staffer has stooped below her usual level of high school gossip column journalism to produce an article (hardly worthy of the name) that amounts to nothing more than a smear campaign against the acting Dean of Students, Dr. Paul Sartoris. This front page editorial is so full of distorted fact that it would take another full article just to answer it. Suffice it in this letter to reply with a few facts and a different viewpoint.

1) At the base of this uproar about Dr. Sartoris failing to contact the Students' Union about the Assassins Club is a failure on the part of the Students' Union to communicate to the club its duties and obligations re the University and re registration with Student Affairs. SU President Greenhill admitted as much at the recent COSS meeting. I'm sure the minutes will bear me out on this. Also, in all its advertising and promotion, the Assassins Club did not once state itself to be a Students' Union club. Thus Dr. Sartoris' approach to the club cannot be seen as some insidious plot to circumvent the Students' Union, but must be understood as the approach of a concerned university official acting entirely within his purview and his rights as an individual in talking with the organisers of this game. Indeed, if Mr. Greenhill, Mr. Conway, or the Students' Union feels "slighted" by the handling of this situation, I would suggest that this is the result of bruised adolescent egos rather than anything Dr. Sartoris actually did to them.

2) Mr. Kirby comes across as the most pathetic figure in this little drama. He claims the club was "threatened" and that Dr. Sartoris "stabbed" them "in the back." Fortunately there was a witness to all

his conversations with Dr. Sartoris who told quite a different story to the COSS meeting. Dr. Sartoris did not directly threaten the Assassins Club nor did he imply a threat to ban. His motion to the COSS meeting did not imply such a ban. The motion to ban came from an entirely different party.

Also Mr. Kirby's idea to donate the club's profits to charity did not come about until these profits were questioned. (After all we don't want the Students' Union viewed as protecting vested interests, do we?)

3) The continual comparison of the Assassins Club to fencing, wargames, or the martial arts is entirely absurd and fallacious. These sports and pastimes are dedicated to a moral philosophy totally opposite to that promulgated in the handouts promoting the game of Assassins.

4) It is sad to me that the game of Assassins was finally shut down for entirely pragmatic reasons. COSS had passed on to the administration a motion that spoke to the moral values reflected in the game. It is the right and duty of an academic community, I believe, to sit down and consider its values - as a community. Surely the Students' Union is not the sole arbiter of values in this academic community. Faculty, staff, and the 82% of students not represented by the Students' Union may hold quite different views from that of the so-called union. At this juncture they have not been heard nor have they been given a balanced view of the situation.

Dr. Sartoris is to be applauded for having the courage to bring the moral question forward. It is a pity that the Students' Union has not displayed the maturity to respond fairly to such an issue and that the administration, in banning the game on purely pragmatic grounds, has assiduously avoided it.

Mel Blitzer
Grad Studies IV

What is this? First a pre-med drop out, then a 97th street law undergrad, graduates from writing on bathroom walls to abusing people and organizations in the Gateway. Maybe you guys should stick to subways. It's hard to conceptualize that a law student would stoop to moral degradation just to make a weak point based on personal prejudice. Previous "dealings" with Dean Sartoris? We can imagine! Your Dukes of Hazard legal techniques will certainly get you far in your pursuit of a legal career as a parking violation judicial shark.

We would like to thank Wes Bader for breaking up a rather mundane day at the country club. His stunning critique and philosophical revelations on our game are only surpassed by his master research skills. What could have been a normal simple-minded reiteration of uneducated criticism turned out to be an abnormal simple-minded reiteration of uneducated criticism. Is it possible to be so wrong on so many of the facts associated with the game? Look pal...just because someone two years ago was kind enough to let you help hold the scotch tape when putting up assassins posters does not give you the patent right or the authority to claim jurisdiction on how we should operate. Where do you get your facts, 7-eleven? We never said, "Licensed to kill, murder weapon, a chance to get even with professors or shoot between the eyes." The rules and atmosphere of the game parallel the original version played at Harvard. (Can you spell Harvard Wes?) It is simple to write unresearched, mono-syllabic sentences when you are afraid to come face to face and vocalize your misguided opinions. (We do have an office in 240 SUB which we are sure your polished research skills uncovered.) Let's face it Wes Bader, you sure put us in our place. Now we'll let you get back to that lovely quiche you have in the oven.

Harland Kirby -President
Clay Hamdon -Treasurer
Todd Jeanotte -Vice President
Assassins club

Now that the Spy vs. Spy club has been disbanded, we should work towards changing the university into a non-violent place. Clubs such as fencing and martial arts clubs tend to bring out the 'killer' instinct in students. While we are at it, we should ban the sale of magazines such as *Guns and Ammo*, *Hunting*, etc. These magazines do nothing more than help students become more violent and deadly. Along the same lines, students who play war games and role playing games should be disposed of as well as any such games in existence on Plato and MTS since we would not like this influence to spread its cancerous disease to the students. What is this university turning into? An armed camp used to train potential CIA and KGB agents and mercenaries? The clubs and other influences mentioned above are actually helping students learn how to use deadly weapons such as fencing foils, hands, and even worse, their minds! Only when such influences have been abolished will the rest of the students on campus be able to walk in safety with the knowledge that some maniac will not be waiting around the corner with a dart gun ready to perform some unspeakable act of violence. After all, there is not much difference between a toy dart gun and a REAL gun. Is there?

If the example of the Dean is to be followed, we should take it to the limit and let people see how ridiculous it really is. Edmonton today, tomorrow the world!

Lorne Dmitruk, Science I
Dale Moore, Arts I

UP ours

We, the Utopian Pragmatists, are deeply saddened and wounded that we were not invited to the Gateway's Sunday campaign interviews. This represents a deplorable lack of respect for our efforts. In protest, we have decided to boycott...pardon us; entitycott this interview. Tough luck, fellahs.

God King Roggeveen I,
former Gateway staff columnist