

Letters cont.

VP Litter

Litterbugs beware!

On Wednesday I spent an interesting 10 minutes listening to a faculty member complain about the lack of civility of students on this campus. She told me of her plight which everyday includes witnessing the random placement of trash on various articles of furniture throughout the humanities building, and for that matter, throughout the rest of campus.

She informed me that I, as an executive member of our 'student government,' should take action against the renegade students, who spend their time trundling rubbish across campus.

I explained to her that my portfolio at SU was Finances, however upon the affirmation that there is in fact no position of Vice President Garbage and Disposal, I pledged everlasting support for her cause. Thus I implore you, as fellow students, and litter loathers, please throw your garbage in the proper receptacles.

Rob Splane  
VP Finance  
& Administration

Spender retort

According to Dale Spender, I am not a man. I have a penis, a life, and a love, yet, because I respect women, show human compassion and believe in complete equality (not feminism), I am not a man. (My, I think this is one of the most tragic realizations of my life thus far.) Women can rely on me, I am not superior, I am poor, I "have" to support and calm down my friends... I guess that makes me a woman — and a lesbian at that. Now, please tell me MS. Spender, what shall I do with the penis?

P.S. But wait a minute... wasn't that the way a man was "supposed" to react?

Roy Johnson  
Arts

Admin policy

The fight in South Africa is against two features which are hallmarks of African life. These features are poverty and lack of human dignity. In no country in the world is racism as culturally enshrined as it is in South Africa. By the very color of your skin, you become an automatic victim — rightless, voteless and ultimately lifeless. This exists in no other country in the world. As student representatives, Student Councilors should express students' views on South Africa. We should do so in a similar vein to how Bishop Tutu has expressed black South African views by appealing to the world to seize a last opportunity to minimize the prospect for disaster and bloodshed into which South Africa is degenerating.

Students' Council Representatives are compelled by the Students' Union Constitution to focus their efforts in matters which directly affect students. Merely by attending the University of Alberta, every student's education on campus is directly affected by the Administration's Investment policies which include investing in companies doing business in South Africa — we are not isolated. Therefore, the connection between the University's investments and our education reveals that we have a complicity in the oppression of blacks in South Africa.

As students, we have been in the business for years of expressing our views by action on a whole spectrum of political issues. As Students' Council begins debate on matters relating to South Africa, every student on campus is affected by the outcome. It is in the University of Alberta's Students' Union tradition of action and involvement that I invite students to

express their views and to address, ratify, or defeat any South Africa policy before Students' Council.

Grant Draper  
Arts IV

Savard returns

Dear Gateway:

I wish to apologize to Mr. Malik and Bekkari for any false generalizations in my letter.

I should clarify that the example of arranged marriages was intended as an example of oppression of women, not as a specific practice in Islamic or other countries. I also wish to apologize to Prof. Christensen: in my letter, I noted that, to prevent the enactment of laws against harmless acts, where their harmlessness is not general knowledge, but only established through scientific studies requires assigning a formal role to science in the legislative process. This could be misinterpreted to imply that Prof. Christensen himself had explicitly advocated some sort of scientific oligarchy, which he had not.

I will certainly admit to R. Connors that I don't know of any lady oil sheiks; I was only comparing the economic status of women under Islam to their status in the West in, say, the 18th century. I first learned of this positive attribute of Islam from a *National Geographic* article, written by a woman during the nineteen-thirties; not a sociology text screened to conform to left-lib theories. Also, I am afraid, Mr. Connors, that you misunderstood my use of the word "squeamish." I was saying that, unlike much of the rest of the world, Anglo-Saxons are squeamish, not about giving rights to women, but about committing any act which even smacks of rape. Not squeamish enough, of course, but that is another matter.

Yours sincerely,  
John Savard

Hell absurd

Jon Arnold's letter ("Case for Christianity," Oct. 3, 85) brings to mind a favorite Evangelical issue: "If you do not accept Jesus Christ, and Christ alone, as your personal saviour, you will go to hell." This is one of the most ridiculous statements of all time.

This statement represents a power base not to be trusted: the power to mete out heaven to "True Believers," and hell to heathens. Once heathens and "True Believers" become identified, too often the heathens have been mistreated with horrible consequence. The Inquisition and the burning of witches need only be named to arouse revulsion for such bias. This power base has been abused for too long. How many people took the Christian faith less from real desire and more from fear of "hell"? and persecution? and death?

Unbelief and hell are identified as an enemy against which the faithful may rally enthusiastically. Of course, the enemy is always wrong and should be pitied and despised. Why do Evangelists continue to use the threat of hell? This evangelical power base is one to be ridiculed as darkest black comedy.

Rod Olstad  
Arts III

Archie darling

Archie darling! Betty just showed me your letter in that old issue of *The Gateway* and, oh dear, I was mortified.

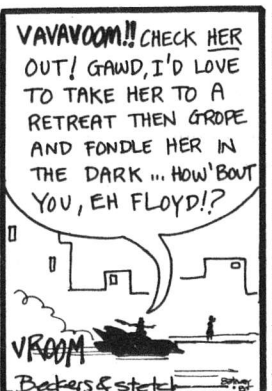
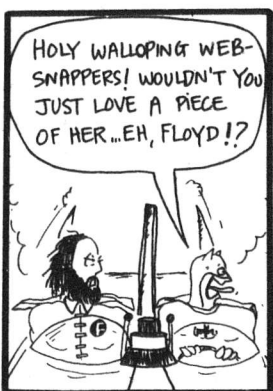
How could you be so wrong? Those professors weren't giving you "I've-been-intimate-with-Veronica-Lodge" smiles—they were giving you "Veronica's-daddy-gave-me-lots-of-money-for-a-9" smiles.

This, at least, explains why you've been ignoring me. I thought it was, well, you know: the freshman itch.

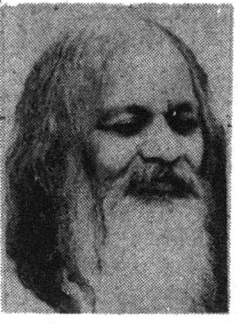
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