

Letters continued...

A very insecure male

To The Editor:

RE: Tim Cooksley's letter.

Sounds to me like someone feels threatened! Tim Cooksley seems to be overreacting a little. Why so upset about a rather minor issue? Most people are mildly amused at the more clumsy results of "desexing" the language, and the occasional person may regret the loss of linguistic "purity", assuming that ever existed. However, Tim Cooksley, Science II, is not likely one of the latter: he writes no elegant prose. But Tim is upset.

The real clue in his letter was the postscript. When every myth of male superiority has been refuted, the desperate man falls back on physical strength. The insecure make threats. So you're stronger than I am, Mr. Cooksley. Big deal. Any ol' bear can whip any ol' man with one paw tied. Does that make the bear superior? No. But bears don't make mindless threats. That makes the bear superior.

Deirdre Ah Shene
Arts

Being male is hell

To The Editor:

I've heard through the grapevine that the Students' Philosophy Club is bringing in a fellow by the name of Fred Hayward to speak on campus. Mr. Hayward is supposed to speak on the topic of men's rights. I'm glad to hear this because I think it's about time somebody stood up to the feminists.

I'm sick of hearing about how women are so oppressed and everything and then hear another woman tell me I'm not a gentleman because I don't hold the door open for her. What's a guy supposed to do?

I think that men have rights too. Men have a right to go have a beer and not have to come home to a wife that's waiting with a rolling pin. He has a right to not have to support a wife and kids, but he does it anyway. Feminists complain that having babies keeps them from having to go out in the work force. Who do they think is out there working and giving up part of his earnings to support that woman and her babies? Men! But do we complain? Maybe Mr. Hayward can make a few people see what we men are going through.

Peter Willis
Engineering III



The Stork Report

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by Ruth (Mom) Anderson

Making my way over skateboards in the hallway, picking up my son's dirty socks, and winding through my daughter's clothesline of drying Barbie Doll clothes, I question my sanity. "Go to school full-time?" asks my father over the phone from Saskatoon, "With two kids, a husband, and a part-time job? You must be nuts."

With the rise in unemployment and a trend in adults returning to school, I know I'm not the only one who is trying to fit in studying *between* loads and loads of laundry, *after* tucking two active children into bed and *while* making supper for four growing appetites. Over 25 per cent of our undergraduate student body are "mature students" (over 25 years of age) and most of them are parents.

BUT HOLD ON! I'm not complaining. I'm loving it, in spite of all its' challenges, pressures and stresses. I finally have the opportunity to work towards my degree, something I've wanted to finish for a long time.

AND there is a great deal of help available. As I write this column, I hope to provide you with resources which will enable you to cope with the stresses of being a parent and a student. (Choosing a day care centre, time management, caring enough to discipline, communication, finding a single parent support group, book reviews, to name a few!)

REMEMBER, on the days when you wonder whether it's worth it all, you are not alone. Tune in to next week's column for further details.

A Letter to Keri...

Back in the summer of 1982, I went to French camp. Although I was the only Anglo in my cabin, I got along with everyone due to our shared feelings of intense hatred towards one particular individual. I forget his name but I remember that I occupied the lower bunk that he slept over. Thus it was my duty to make his life miserable. I often enjoyed kicking his bunk which would lift him slightly and annoy him immensely. His retaliation usually came verbally but once in a while he would belt me, which I accepted since I was deserving of it. However, I did let up for a week, which I guess he took as a sign of weakness because he kicked me in the head one day for no reason. I decided that I would kill him. However, he retreated to safety, i.e. his upper bunk. As I attempted to deliver blows to his face, he sunk his nails deeply into the back of my neck. We both were refused our milk and cookies that night. Two days later I beat him up. I was refused my milk and cookies but all the other kids gave me some of theirs. A few months later I saw him with his parents. I had never considered that he had parents but I was still glad that I had beat him up.

by Marc Simao

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