

Opinion

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Market faces HUB fate



What has happened to HUB?

This is the question many of us are asking as we trip (literally) through the renovated mall, contemplating the huge variety of foods we have to choose from for lunch. A gourmet cookie? A cinnamon bun (a real deal at \$1.50)? A waffle cone filled with frozen yogurt? It's time to start bringing bagged lunches — but be prepared to eat them standing up.

So what has happened to HUB? Thanks to University bureaucrats, it has been transformed into yet another neon mini-replica of West Edmonton Mall. I may not have been in love with HUB before the renovation occurred, but at least it had personality. Now, it only radiates conformity.

It's too late for HUB. But it's not too late for the Strathcona farmers' market — one of the few bastions of individuality left in Edmonton. Here, every Saturday, you can buy anything from homemade baking, wontons or cabbage rolls to fresh fruit and vegetables. The decor is nonexistent, but the friendly, small-town atmosphere more than makes up for it.

The farmers' market is an ideal place for small-time entrepreneurs to test new ideas, and for producers to bring in some much-needed extra revenue. This situation is beneficial to the customers as well as to the merchants. "If you don't like these rolls," one vendor said to me, "just bring back the empty plate and I'll give you something else." Somehow, I can't picture being given that kind of guarantee at *Cinnabons*.

The Strathcona bus barns, where the market is located, are in danger of being sold to the Rivendell Management Group Ltd. on the recommendation of the city's real estate department. If City Council should go ahead with this plan, it will not only be the end of the indoor farmers' market, but the Fringe Festival will be jeopardized. During the summer, the bus barns house three of the largest Fringe theatre venues and provide office space for approximately 700 staff and volunteers.

Obviously, city council can't recognize a tourist attraction when it sees one. The Fringe Festival and the Farmers' Market have character; something which Edmonton's "greatest attraction," West Edmonton Mall, sadly lacks.

We may have lost the fight for HUB, but the Farmers' and Fringe staff who depend on the bus barns deserve our support. Write to your MLA; call the Citizen's Action Centre; do something to save the bus barns! Don't sit back and watch another HUB mall take shape.

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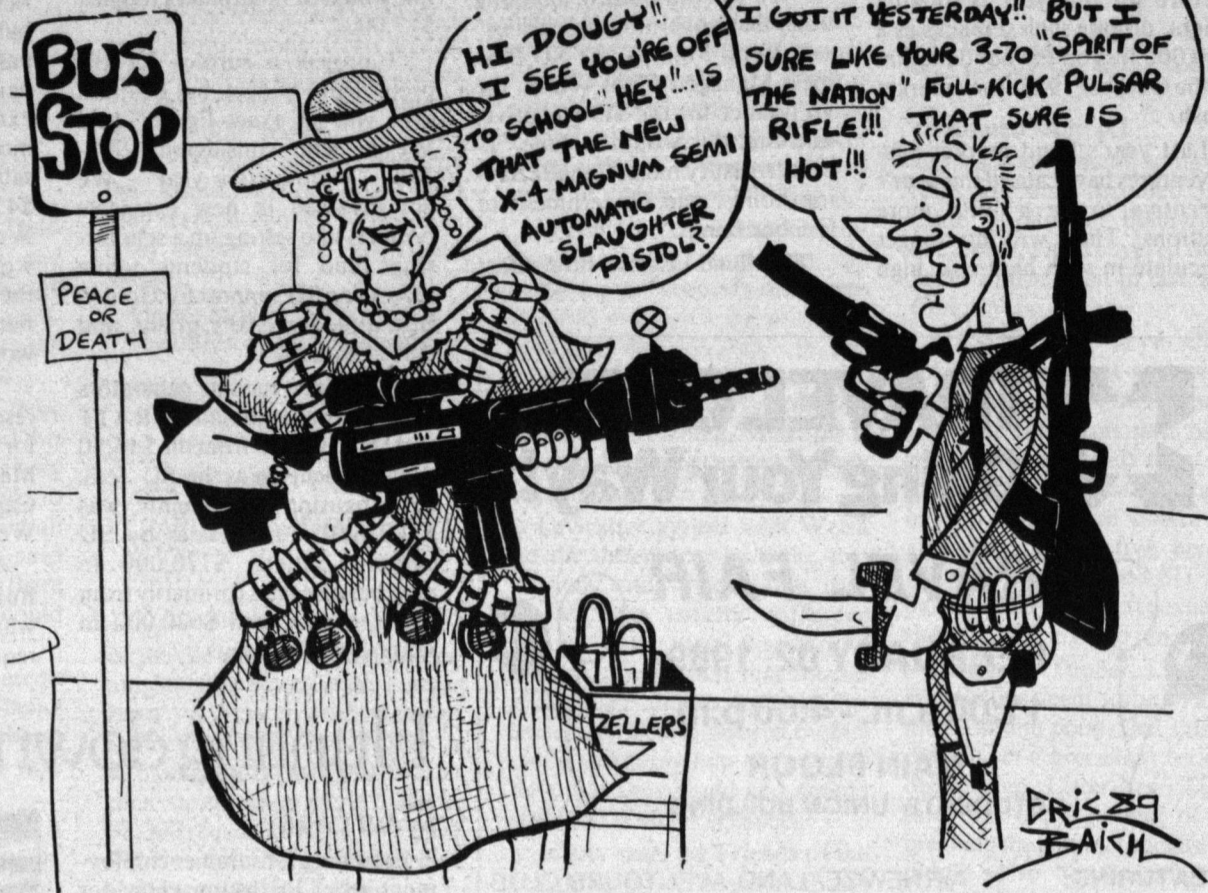
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Please submit letters to Room 282, SUB.

Education lacking

The department of Elementary Education offers a program to its students that in many respects is equal to the best in the country. But, as in any good program there is always room for improvement. One area of the program that needs serious re-development is the area of in-school experiences.

Currently, we are offered thirteen weeks of in-school experiences in the four year degree program. This, of course, is insufficient. In our training to be professionals the in-school experience is invaluable. The in-school experiences offer us opportunities to observe different teaching styles and strategies, to try different methods of classroom management, to experience staff interaction, to observe a fellow professional and to view the roles and responsibilities of school administration.

The in-school experience also gives us practice in lesson planning, subject matter integration and accomodating student differences. It builds our self-

confidence and gives us experience in actually dealing with children in everyday situations. These experiences lead us to develop our own strategies and methods and to reflect upon our own philosophy of teaching. As well, the in-school experience links what we learn at university directly to the concrete classroom situation.

At present, there are entire years when we are offered no practical experience. We are not simply demanding a quantitative increase in the number of days of practical experience. We are demanding a qualitative increase in the types of experiences offered. The experiences must be closely linked to university courses and there must be committed and dedicated effort on the part of the students, professors and teachers. If we are truly professionals and believe in the best possible education for our future teachers, our goal should be achieved.

For more information come to Ed. Rm. 129, at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 25, 1989.

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Rantings insignificant

It's pathetic that the self-righteous at the U of A should yet again be making mountains out of molehills, namely the ones in that flimsy girly calendar.

If they object to it so strongly, they should find a nice spot on any wall, bring the guilty there, and shoot them.

If they don't object strongly enough to start shooting, they should shut up. Their rantings are just as insignificant as the calendar itself.

Alex Shetsen
 Science III

SU studs

Re: "About 100 condom keychains have been ordered to boost the SU's image." (Jan. 19)

We weren't aware that SU stood for "Studs on Patrol." But if that's the case, it's nice to see our SU staying ahead of the game without seeming the least bit teste.

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