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**Term of Office:** Jan. - Apr. 84

**Honorarium:** \$300 per month.

**Deadline for Application:** Jan. 13, 1984

For more information, please contact Barbara Donaldson, Vice-President (Academic), 259 Students' Union Building, phone 432-4236.



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## MORE LETTERS

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### Here we go again

Re: "Scenes from a miscarriage," January 10, 1984.  
Mr. Andersen, you claim to be an atheist. Why, then, is the final sentence (indeed the only sentence) of your article taken from the mouth of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:23)?

Surely you believe Him to have been insane, since He claimed to be the Son of God. You needn't answer my query if you don't wish to do so. I just thought it was, well, interesting.

Warren Opheim  
Arts II

Mr. Opheim: I have never claimed to be an atheist. I have on numerous occasions called attention to the fact that I am an agnostic. The difference may not be important to you, but it is important to me.

Jens Andersen

## When do we elect the Queen?

Sorry to disillusion you, but Big Brother couldn't possible be a doublepussed filker, plusunclean, or otherwise. Aside from the maybeungoodthinkness of such ditties as "Banned from Argo" Big Brother can't stand off-key singing.

Kathleen Moore  
Business III

P.S. While we're at it, please do not confuse "SF" with "Sci-fi". It's as bad as confusing the Gateway with the Bridge.

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## LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should not be more than 250 words long. They must be signed and include faculty, year of program, and phone number. No anonymous letters will be published. All letters should be typed, or very neatly written. We reserve the right to edit for libel and length. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.

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The motion to rescind the motion to call for a new CFS referendum was passed 17 to 11.

A short recess was then called, but after the adjournment quorum was lapsed before council could move on to any other business.

Other issues of contention at the meeting included a furor over a proposed SU lecture series. Hueble deplored the "commie, pinko, faggots" that VP Internal Peter Block wishes to invite to speak at the U of A, adding that right wing speakers should be added to the list, such as Peter Pocklington and Huebl's father.

Block said that the proposed lecture series

"is to provide education and entertainment for U of A students" and that any students who did not agree with the speakers should come to the lectures and voice their opinions. He said "if council wants to approve the costs, I would love to bring in Gordon Liddy or William Buckley."

Block added that the speakers would be hired through the Canadian Programming Service (owned and operated by CFS), "who, rather than simply refer you to speakers, actually have speakers under contract so they have an exclusive agency in that respect."

CFS' speakers include: Peter Newman, Matt Cohen, Aislin, Alan Fotheringham, and Roger Caron, among others.

## SECOND WIND

by David Marples

### Orwell and U of A memos

In his novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, George Orwell predicted the decline of the English language. In his system of Newspeak, Orwell reduced the language to its bare bones. Since we have now entered that momentous year, we might contemplate our language and recent assaults upon it. It was with horror that I came across the following inter-departmental memo, which was evidently sent to a number of librarians and bibliographers at this university.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: Area Coordinators, Division and Unit Heads

From: Calvin Evans, Assistant Librarian - Planning and Personnel

Date: December 15, 1983

Of interest to all those involved in the collection development function and the CAP study, there will be a lecture-seminar delivered by Olin Murray on Tuesday, January 24, 1984 at 2:00 PM in Room 349, CAB.

Subject: A functional model of collection performance in research libraries.

Audience: MAC, CDC, CAP, reference librarian, and others with a responsibility related to development, service, or interpretation of the collections.

Motivation: General orientation of Library staff for further stages of CAP study; a synthesis and reformulation of the results of research of the last 30 years, as an attempt to organize under a single role or "paradigm" the fragmentary and often contradictory results of major studies. It is intended to provide the audience with an operational knowledge adequate to permit a critical conceptualization of the many facets of collections as interactive components of an integrated system of information production and dissemination.

A brief bibliography and list of key references will be distributed to you soon for participants from your area.

CAB 349 accommodates about 30 people. Please telephone Library Administration (the Secretariat, 3790) as soon as possible with the names of attendees. I would suggest that we should have your lists by January 13, 1984. If we cannot accommodate all interested parties in this session, we will try to arrange a session at a subsequent time.

Note first its verbosity. Since the indented part consists of phrases, rather than proper sentences, one might expect clarity. Instead, the meaning is obscured beneath a clutter of nonsense. The words "General orientation of Library staff for," for example, could be omitted. Clearly the memo is intended for librarians, and only the writer knows what a "general orientation" is. Mr. Murray is

coming to campus to assess three decades of research on the CAP study, whatever that may be. A reader might like to know this. Instead he finds a "synthesis and reformulation," "an attempt to organize under a single role or 'paradigm'."

But the last sentence is the most instructive. It is one that might well cause Orwell to turn in his grave. Let us dissect it. First, since the writer has dispensed with sentences, the phrase "It is intended" is superfluous; so, for that matter, is "the audience." What then of "with an operational knowledge adequate to permit a critical conceptualization"? Does the writer mean a "critique"? If so, then why not say so? Next, "of the many facets of collections as interactive components of an integrated system of information production and dissemination." This is possibly the worst jumble of words it has ever been my misfortune to come across. Do the collections interact with one another? Have they become animate? For this surely would be the ultimate nightmare. Or is it rather that "as interactive components of an intergrated system of" could be replaced by the single word, "in", without significantly changing its meaning? Suddenly we are left with the following for a final sentence:

"To provide a critique of collections in information production and dissemination."

The words "information production" are unsatisfactory, but perhaps a librarian could help us out there.

My point here is not to mock the memo writer, but to point out how far we have travelled along the path predicted by Orwell. In a university in which remedial English classes for students are becoming the norm, is it too much to hope that our staff can set an example? Each day, our unique language suffers further encroachments. We use six or seven words where one would suffice. Note that instead of a phrase such as "If all seats are taken," we have "If we cannot accommodate all interested parties in this session," i.e. ten words instead of five. (It is also doubtful whether "all interested parties" will attend, more likely is that only those with the time to spare will attend.)

Orwell was writing in 1948. Perhaps by 2020, a similar time lapse, there will be no English language at all, but only a series of meaningless words. I can think of several: paradigm, synthesis, correlation, development, socioeconomic, words ending in -ism or -ization, facilitate, consensus, analyzation, preventative, contact (as a verb). Horrible, aren't they? We will cheerfully write letters such as the following:

Dear Sir,

The consensus of opinion points to the fact that due to the combination of unforeseeable circumstances that have arisen as a result of the questions arising in the light of our past correspondence, I am unable to facilitate further discussion concerning our proposed project as requested in your recently received memo of Friday, 6 October.