

# Editorial

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## The forgotten Citizens of the Year

There are people in this city who deserve some recognition. People who have, in one way or another, added to the character and stature of Edmonton during the year 1986.

Now is a good time to recognize some of these Citizens of '86.

Although Don Getty is one of our most prominent citizens I think there is a man more striking in prominence than our Premier.

That man is Peter Pocklington. He can be credited with postponing the death of hundreds of pigs and providing a very effective make-work project for Edmonton's finest.

Pocklington is surely a humanitarian of the first order.

A man more concerned about the well-being of people than pigs is Labour Minister Ian Reid.

He has spared no expense in his attempt to find fair ways to treat the working class.

Ed Leger should be congratulated for ending a 25 year city council career in the most democratic of fashion. Leger gallantly provided a

young city resident the opportunity to improve our great town. And in the process he provided Mayor Decore with an early Christmas present.

And what about the wives of the Ghermezian brothers? These women are producing the children that will keep Edmonton in the money for decades to come. Theirs is a most generous spirit.

And Mel Hurtig should be commended for presenting and organizing a hugely successful forum for trendy leftists. A fabulous opportunity for lobby groups to vent their frustrations at the media.

The New Democrats on campus should be commended for their vigilant attempts to get Housing and Food Services to stop buying Gainers meat without boycotting it.

They are a dedicated lot, confused by their own intentions.

John Watson

## Letters

### Thanks, everybody...

To The Editor:

As many of your readers will know, the English Dept. raises money for Canadian Save the Children Fund in various ways.

This year we raised: from the Cansave Bookbox and from the AV Centre \$1350.00 and for the sale of Cansave Xmas Cards, \$1540.00; a total of \$2890.00.

On behalf of Cansave our grateful thanks to all who donated either in the form of gifts of books to the bookbox, especially the Varsity Christian Fellowship, or by buying books or Xmas cards.

Yours sincerely,  
N. Parker-Jervis

### Why bother?

Waste of Time

Adam and Eve displayed no dress  
Till Satan's snake conducted a test  
Could the two keep to heaven's glorious gate  
Or bend to follow the unknown fate?  
Eerie music began to play  
God's furred and feathered began to pray.  
First came a pause and then a great crunch  
Causing nervous bananas to form in a bunch.

Upon his discovery of what had transpired  
God let loose his temper, a temper that fired  
Eve and all women were left with a curse  
The pain of childbearing, and other things worse  
Heavily laden was Adam to carry  
The burden of hard labour, which made him more wary  
Modesty and shame brought them both clothing  
To cover the nakedness they both found exposing.

Now many years later, you'll find it quite funny  
How a man named Hefner makes money on bunnies  
Scantily clad, offering magnificent views  
It isn't very amazing, the attention is due!  
Mini skirts later and more skimpy shorts  
It gets extremely hard to make all of this sort  
For what Eve suffered — so much to lay cover  
Twas a waste of time, from the eye of this lover.

What Eve did to clothe us, was all done in vain  
To conceal a woman's beauty, her varicose veins  
The body has a charm, all of it's own  
To cover it up, is as much to disown  
So let us rejoice upon our discovery

Shed loose our disguises, and make our recovery  
We two together shall bring back the times  
When nakedness was virtue and displaying it no crime.

by Mark Primmer  
Arts I

### Against huwomaniy...

To The Editor:

RE: Baha'i Sexist (letter, p. 4, Dec. 4)

Having consulted with several of my fellow students (some of whom are female), I can proclaim myself somewhat enlightened, despite the fact that I still say things like "postman" instead of "letter carrier", "stewardess" or "steward" instead of "flight attendant" and "alderman" instead of "alderperson". I'm getting pretty tired of hearing a few hysterical feminists spout off about trivial tripe to anybody who will listen. I say "postman", "steward/stewardess," and "alderman" not because I am a chauvinist, but because they are easier to say than their corresponding "inclusive" terms. Saying "letter carrier" when you mean postman is a bitch/-bastard. I'm sorry, but it is! Besides, can you imagine the song, "Hey, wait a minute Mr./Ms. Letter Carrier"? Get real.

I also say "mankind" and "humanity" alot, too. Forgive me if I don't say "personkind" or "huwomaniy". Don't get me wrong, I make a deliberate point of not calling women "tomatoes", "broads", "wenches", or "hot mamas", and if they insist, I'll even stop holding doors open for them. Not only that, but I'm quite pleased that women are getting a fair shake in the working world. But please, leave the language be. It is already too cumbersome. "Letter carrier" only makes it worse.

Mankind is an inclusive term. It is no longer sexually discriminating, except to those insecure feminists who consistently read sexism into anything they can.

Tim Cooksley  
Science II

P.S. Besides, us men could beat you ol' women in a fist fight anyday! (After all, we were here first.)

### T.V. Guide pornographic??

To The Editor:

RE: PAAP article, front page Dec. 2.

The article begins with PAAP's determination to change the Canadian magazine market in which "six of the ten top selling magazines in Canada are pornographic". Without entering into a debate over the validity of its arguments, which are more polemical than lucid, one has to suspect its accountability when the hard 'facts' become contestable.

The Canadian Media Directors' Counsel Media Digest's 1983 and 1985 reports conflict with PAAP's unspecified findings. The top ten magazines and their circulation figures are the following: (1) Recipes Only (1,675,000); (2) Homemakers (1,419,400); (3) Reader's Digest (1,321,630); (4) Chate-

laine (1,097,178); (5) BBB Directory (958,936); (6) Star Week (792,000); (7) T.V. Guide (787,899); (8) National Geographic (734,330); (9) Maclean's (645,000); (10) Legion (558,714).

A comparison of the two reports also indicates that Penthouse's circulation has been losing ground (1983 — 401,000; 1985 — 313,908) while Playboy has enjoyed only a marginal increase in the same period (1983 — 221,000; 1985 — 231,000). The net result is that the two leading pornographic magazines have been losing their readership over the past few years. Interestingly enough, in 1985 Canadians were buying more copies of Time Magazine (361,000) than of Penthouse and more copies of the United Church Observer (274,000) than of Playboy.

Indeed the 'evidence' used by PAAP seems to be as credible as its observations of the human condition are profound.

Peter Stolee  
Library Staff

### The Gateway needs a Photo Editor

Election will be held on January 8, 1987  
Interested applicants should see Dean Bennett, Editor-in-Chief at The Gateway office, Room 282 Students' Union Building.

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