

Beergear needed for Dinwoodie gatherings

After attending a Dinwoodie cabaret during the evening of Friday past, this patron was particularly distressed at witnessing some disturbing events. The nature of these occurrences is such that one feels compelled to comment upon them.

An incident involving a highly intoxicated female patron and the police raised the question as to the purpose of Edmonton's finest being at these socials. Why two of the three constables present were staking out this libated lady, beer was being sprayed, thrown, and otherwise projected across the dance floor as warring factions of mental

midgits squared off during a band break. The third officer was ostensibly nowhere to be seen. It is not this observer's intent to question police methods, but a doubt must be cast as to their discretion involving who and what to police.

The organizers of the cabaret (The Little Sisters Society, I believe, under the auspices of student nurses) also must be addressed for their lack of good judgement and preparation. For example, the group failed to provide bouncers, and any confrontations that arose were largely handled by the sponsors, who, despite their efforts, could hardly

act as a deterrent to anything, including the beer throwing buffoons.

The most regrettable error in judgement occurred, however, when it became permissible to convey and consume beer in bottles. Although the girls tried valiantly to retrieve the empties as soon as possible, the opportunity was again seized by callous imbeciles. Perceiving their actions as an obvious demonstration of virility and machismo, they proceeded to break bottles by throwing them into the middle of the dance floor. One wonders whether or not these idiots ever considered that many people

choose, for reasons of comfort, to dance sans footwear.

Perhaps this simple consideration and extension of courtesy was just too much for their little minds to digest.

And where, you ask, were the Boys in Blue during all of this? Why, they were at the ticket gate, outside of the cabaret proper, still surveilling the pissed blonde, who by this time was contemptuously questioning THEIR virility and machismo.

Therefore, after observing all of this last Friday night, I should like to benevolently advise all future Dinwoodie patrons to:

1. Forsake your designer

jeans in favour of beer-proof raingear.

2. Avoid any possible contraction of Tetanus by leaving the white Nikes at home and wearing instead industrial workboots, ideally of the skid-slatted variety and, again beer-proof.

3. Wear an "I LOVE BOB" (Lunney, that is) button in a conspicuous place. This way, you will unequivocally show to all police officers present that you are a consummate citizen and not personally dubious of their masculine qualities.

Yours in Distress,
Doug Evanchuk
Arts III

Eyewitness account of Ireland

I would like to reply to the letter 'Reasoning for IRA', which appeared in your October first edition.

Although Mr. Glossen has made a good presentation of the basic facts of the Irish-British conflict, he has overlooked one major thing. This is that the Republic of Ireland, Eire, does not want to be reunited with Ulster.

I was in Dublin, the day Bobby Sands died, and I went to the OIAL (Irish House of Government) with a T.O. (Irish M.P.). The OIAL did not call for the return of Ulster to Eire, nor, my T.O. friend informed me, were any such plans anticipated.

As I walked behind the H-Block demonstrators to the British Embassy, I was aware of shops opening their doors immediately after the passing of the marchers. I learned later, that the majority of the thousands of shops across Ireland which closed that day, 'in sympathy with the hunger-strikers', had been coerced into doing so by the IRA.

In talking with many Irish people, it became apparent that most Irish people are opposed to the IRA, because it coerces them, steals money from their banks, gives Ireland bad publicity, and damages their tourist industry.

Most Irish people are opposed to Ulster being returned to Eire, and many propose that Ulster become an independent state.

If you were a poor country, would you want to annex a war-torn politically unstable area? Incidentally the majority of IRA funds came from Irish-Americans and Canadians who want to 'see Ireland returned to the Irish'. At this time if the citizens of Eire, don't want Ulster to join them, we, so far away, should not try to encourage our idea of a nice cute solution.

Paul Fitzgerald
Fac. St. Jean II

Opinion on tuition

After reading the October 6th edition of the Gateway, and in particular the articles pertaining to tuition fees, I would like to state my position on the topic.

The B of G in its proposal to raise tuition fees to 10% of the operating costs of the University, is a round-about-way of stating that tuition fees will be indexed to the cost of inflation. Why should we as students be forced to pay for these increasing costs when clearly the Provincial Government is neglecting to do so.

Mr. Schlosser states "...our main concern is academic excellence at the University."

This is totally inaccurate for 2 reasons. First the B of G wants to balance the budget, and secondly, with the increase in the ratio of profs to students, academic research will be slow because of increased work loads of professors.

It is rather ironic that Mr. Loughheed would like to turn the U of A into the Harvard of the North when they refuse to pay for increasing operating costs.

Furthermore, Mr. Mertens by stating that accessibility to the University will not be constrained by tuition fees, is showing his blatant ignorance and could

benefit by taking two economics courses; an introductory one and the economics of poverty (which will apply to students in a few years).

Dr. Edward Pitcher from the Department of English presented several excellent arguments in opposition to the B of G proposal.

It is unfortunate that students do not have more representatives of his caliber on the Board.

Elizabeth A. Hrdlicka
HE 2

Be prepared

I don't understand. The students with the fine "social" conscience don't want tuition to reflect the actual cost of their education. Yet this same element of society wants; demands, a cost of living allowance when they sign their union contracts.

It seems to me that is a conflict in philosophies. Lets be consistent, if you want advantages of society at one end of the system you have to be prepared to pay at the other end.

Gerald Donkersgoed
Agriculture 4

Registry incompetence

I have never experienced such incompetent service as the Students' Union Exam Registry. It makes me sick to think that I pay good money for Students' union fees and get next to nothing in return.

The lineups are atrocious at the Exam Registry, and if you do get there to hand your order to the one person working there, you either don't get your exams or they take so long to fill the order your exams are already passed.

The service is only open a few hours a week, and today (Oct. 7) when the hours posted read 9-11 a.m. nobody showed up at all to run the exam registry. There were

a lot of angry students who marched up to students' union offices only to be told, "Sorry, they're in a meeting right now."

On the other hand, I walked in to the Commerce Exam Registry in CAB, paid 10 cents for the exam and had it in my hands in less than a minute. You pay 5 times that amount in the S.U. Exam Registry and don't get a (excuse me) damn thing for it.

The S.U. people are not committed to serving the needs of students; this opinion is justified by experiencing the exam registry farce.

Kim S. Melhus
Commerce, 3rd year

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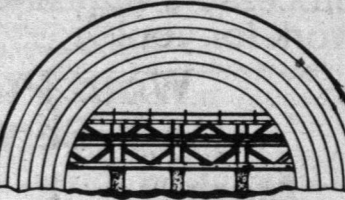
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