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A Big Job Well Done

Last week saw two new University residences open to fall session students for the first time. The job of processing more than 1,000 applications for residence accommodation is a big one, particularly when it is being done for the first time.

Credit for filling those new beds with a minimum of confusion must go to George M. Tauzer, director of housing, and his staff.

Evidently residence dwellers are enjoying life in their new homes. Exchange functions between the men and women of residence have already proved popular. And bright, new surroundings seem to be bringing smiles to many faces.

The rent controversy which reached the provincial legislature last spring was all but forgotten last week as more and more lights went on in the new buildings. Students were more concerned about their telephone numbers than the \$90 and

\$82 room and board rates they are paying.

We hope Mr. Tauzer's moving job will be the first of several similar ones taking place on this campus during the next few years. There is an undeniable need for residence halls on this campus, a need which will only be satisfied when a majority of U of A students are accommodated on campus.

The new buildings are a step in the right direction. More than 40 years went by before they were added to the campus, during which time residences grew less and less important in campus affairs.

But the mere presence of buildings means nothing. A residence philosophy must also be present. Dr. Walter H. Johns, president of the University, said last spring: "We should be developing such a philosophy."

Let us hope we are.

Where Will It End?

In a list of policies and standards sent out to prospective landlords by Student Housing Services, George M. Tauzer, the Director, suggests that landlords rent accommodations exclusively either to men or women. Furthermore, he suggests that students not be allowed to entertain the opposite sex in their living quarters.

Such suggestions represent an invasion of the private life of the individual.

The goals Mr. Tauzer has set for off-campus housing are admirable—as long as he restricts his activities and suggestions to the physical aspects of student housing. When he enters the area of social and moral standards he oversteps his authority.

You cannot legislate morality. Most university students are adults, capable of deciding their own social standards. Many flee campus residences precisely to avoid unnecessary restrictions imposed by university authorities.

Obviously a lot of work has gone into the preparation of the student-landlord agreement. It makes formal many arrangements which in the past have been purely verbal and

subject to abuse or neglect. Since the agreement is entirely voluntary for both parties, and since any part of the contract can be deleted or added to, no student or landlord will have to accept objectionable conditions.

The contract is not perfect, it will not eliminate all student-landlord problems, but it is a step in the right direction. The question of right of entry will undoubtedly cause concern to many students. Any student entering into such an agreement should be quite certain of the intent and extent of the privilege of right of entry. There is really nothing to prevent a landlord from scheduling an inspection every three hours, if the student is willing to agree to such an arrangement.

Mr. Tauzer's efforts in establishing a rental agreement are commendable. However, when he wanders into the realm of social standards and attempts to dictate a moral framework to students and landlords, he abuses his position. Perhaps his energies would be best directed to those areas over which he has complete jurisdiction.

Recognition Still Lacking

Where is the help for Canadian college football?

Saturday's football game proved two things and substantiated an already too-well-known fact.

It proved Alberta's football team must still be considered Canada's best and that this university is proud to support its club at the stadium. Both are sufficient reason for continued east-west games.

But 5,500 fans painfully demonstrated the local organizers' inability to produce "crosstown" interest in the college game.

No reason is apparent for the failure other than inadequate initiative and a lack of promotional concepts.

College football is of better calibre than that provided by a variety of

junior leagues throughout the country.

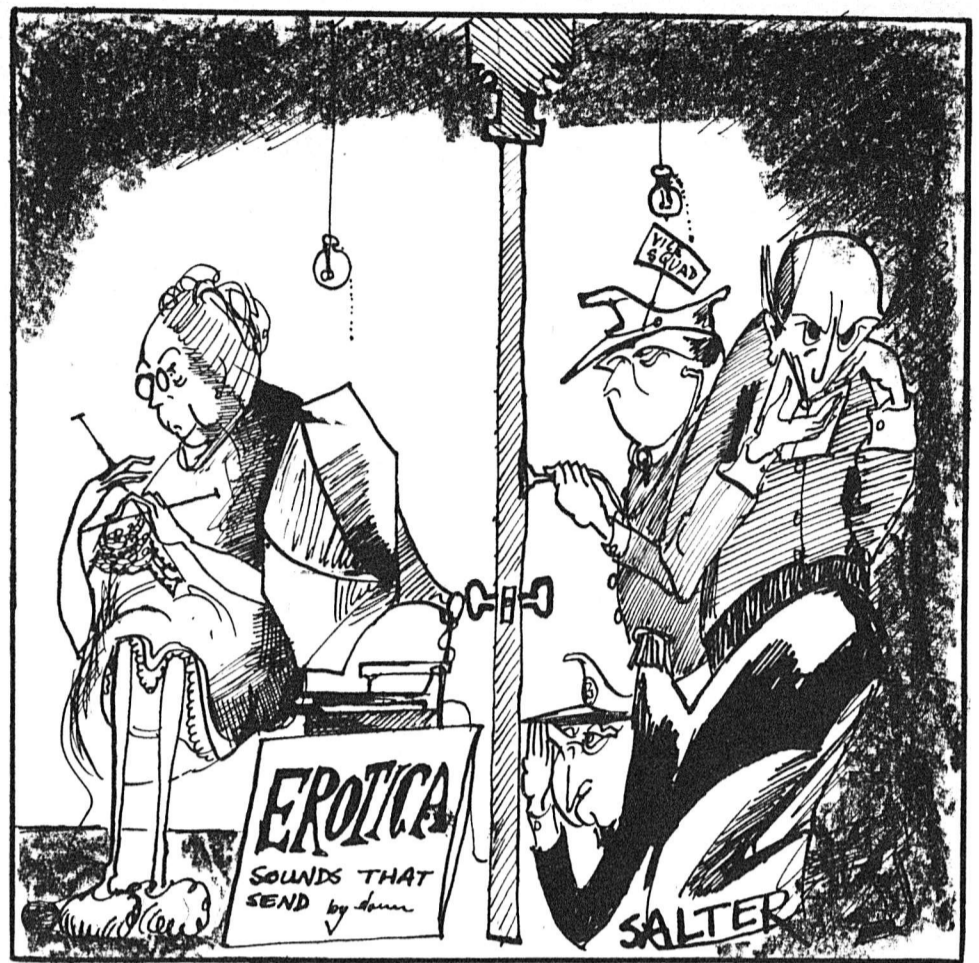
College football is more interesting than its junior counterpart.

Yet, junior football outdraws the college brand by more than four to one in Edmonton and other western centres in terms of non-campus attendance.

The University of Alberta shared the cost of bringing Toronto Varsity Blues west 60-40 with University of Manitoba. As a result we will not lose more than \$500 on the venture.

University officials say their intentions are not to make money through such games but rather to promote college football.

This is an admirable objective. And exactly what they failed to do in Edmonton.



"I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOMETHING HERE IN CONTRAVENTION OF STUDENT RESIDENCE ACT 433-L 27 Z. NO MIXED COMPANY."

Bruce Ferrier

~ A Droite

Artsmen and plumbers, led me your ears. But a short week ago, four men, later honored by their trades, gathered in panel to rend the air with wise sayings of great import concerning the venerable Senator from Arizona. Alas, they came not to discuss Goldwater but to bury him.

Political Science came first into the fray, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. Then each in turn Philosophy and English let slip the dogs of war. Finally, John Barr, Earl of Right, hurled his Jovian shafts into the still-quivering corpse of Goldwaterism.

Noble Barr hath told us that Goldwater is a poor politician. So may it be, for Barr is an honorable man. That Goldwater hath won the Republican party nomination for President of the United States maketh no difference, as any fool can see.

Philosophy hath deigned to set its feet upon mother earth long enough to show the Senator brooks no compromise, no slackening of the fight against the Forces of Evil. Philosophy hath said that Goldwater is "unable to carry on a dialogue."

Political Science in its wondrous wisdom hath said that Goldwater

would make a poor president; that, indeed, he would be set up, and limited, verily, do nothing really new.

English hath provided us with a vital encapsulation of the Senator's complete philosophy; it is, they say, a "collection of standard American prejudices." Of the worth or "standard American prejudices" we know nothing, save that they might include a belief in the rights of the individual, the free democratic process, equality under law, justice for all, and other inconsequential.

This all may be so. The evil that men say is used to advantage by their political adversaries; the good is oft interred by the press. O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts, and men have lost their reason.

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