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letters

Respect wanting

This letter is not a condemnation of all agriculture students of the activity known as Bar None week, but is directed to those students of the Agricultural club who displayed disrespectful and unhealthy actions towards other people on campus.

The incidents that I am referring to specifically are: 1) the blocking of the hallways in V-wing during class changes, whichare crowded normally, by square dancing and bands, 2) the driving of vehicles marked as Bar None vehicles through areas where vehicles are not allowed, 3) the causing of general drunken disturbances hallways which disrupt classes that are in session, and 4) the taking of animals, who shit all over the floors, through buildings.

I feel that they should limit their activities to areas that will not be forcing their Bar None down others throats. Agriculture students, you can have your fun, but please respect the rights and privileges of your fellow students.

Vernon Bachor Science II

Jesus and the bottle

I'm not much of a Gateway reader, but I do look at the pictures and read a few of the articles. I would just like to draw to your attention the sharp similarity between Tuesday, March 23rd paper and Thursday, March 25th paper.

In Tuesday's paper we saw the pictures of the wonderful time the people had at Bar None. Oh how nice to see those fine students all spaced out on the floor, stoned beyond reality.

In Thursday's paper we see the pictures of the poor people drunk trying to get a place to sleep at the United Church Men's Shelter. Oh how sad to see those poor men all spaced out on the floor, stoned beyond reality.

The difference between Tuesday's pictures and Thursday's pictures? NONE. I'd just like you to consider youself and consider this song by Larry Norman:

"sipping whiskey from a paper cup

you drown your sorrows till you can't stand up take a look at what you've done

to yourself why don't you put the bottle back on the shelf

yellow fingered from your cigarettes

your hands are shaking while your body sweats why don't you look into Jesus He got the answer gonorrhea on valentines day (v.d.)

and you're still looking for the perfect lay you think rock and roll will set

you free honey you'll be deaf before you're thirty-three

shooting junk till you're half insane broken needle in your purple

vein why don't you look into Jesus He got the answer

you work all night you sleep all day you take your money

throw it all away you say your gonna be a superstar

but you've never hung around enough to find out who you really are

think back to when you were a child your soul was free, your heart

went wild each day was different, and life

was a thrill you knew tomorrow would be better still

but things have changed your much older now if you're unhappy and you don't

know how why don't you look into Jesus

And Larry Norman knows; he was there once. And Jesus knows. He was here once. Have a happy Eternity.

Albert Borkent

Irreverant photographers

The inconsiderate behavior of the two photographers at last Thursdays "Biomedical Ethics" presentation disturbed me greatly.

Shortly after Bishop Habgood began to speak, a photographer began to saunter back and forth in front of the speaker taking about twenty pictures with his noisy SLR camera. A second photographer also stood directly in front of the speaker, but did not cause as much of a disturbance. Besides being a distraction to the speaker and the audience, the behavior of these two individuals was extremely rude.

Kant, who was mentioned frequently during the presentation, asserted that persons should be treated as ends and not means. My impression was that these photographers treated the person on the stage as an object on display rather than an individual with dignity.

In my opinion, guest speakers, or for that matter lecturers of this university, should be treated with a greater degree of courtesy than what I have seen lately.

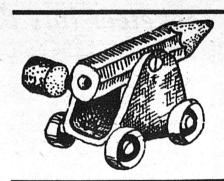
Chris Beck Science

Ed. The two photographers in question were *Gateway* staffers photographed Bishop Habgood in exactly the same manner they would any other speaker. SUB Theatre is not a church.

Take two Pil and call me tomorrow

"A fundamental axiom of pharmacology is that the use of any "drug" (in the widest sense of the word) can be dangerous — if it is taken by the wrong person, in inappropriate doses, at the wrong time and in the wrong place. For example, a drug has been used (and abused) for many years in North America, but its mechanism of action is still a mystery to scientists. Its misuse is responsible for thousands of deaths and countless injuries annually. Research has shown that the drug can induce not only chromosomal damage, but actual birth defects in animals. Added to this is the medical suspicion that a person may become physiologically dependent on the drug. Moreover, the drug is identified by the suspiciously psychedelic-sounding name, "acetylsalicylic acid." It's common household name is aspirin."

Student Association for the Study of Hallucinogens



editorial

Accessibility means housing

With the public divulging of preliminary report on student housing by the province's department of advanced education, we're one step closer to an official recognition that students are not a privileged class, but are members of a larger society, with rights equal to members of the larger society.

For once we see a government report that says, in so many words: 'equality of post secondary educational opportunity is a commitment of the Government of Alberta." It certainly is a hopeful sign that may lead to progressive government action toward what is the basis of the student movement - universal accessibility

to post-secondary education.

On the housing issue alone, I think the report points out a government responsibility to see that students have the means toward accessibility. It recognises that housing off campus is hard to find at best, and that on campus housing is substandard and expensive. Thus the government must intervene in some meaningful fashion toward seeing that students find equitable housing at prices students can afford.

I'm going to be more optimistic than some I've talked to. I'm going to say that once the report, complete with the "editorial changes" that have held it back so far, is made public and its merits debated, we're going to see an improvement in the students' situation, at least with regard to finding a good place to live

But the question is when.

The preliminary report says possibilities for the public sector's involvement in the situation should be viewed more closely. If this happens, it's going to be years before anything gets done, and when it is done, there will be no guarantee that benefits, if any, will last. The university, with its belief in the break-even method for providing housing, is not able to provide good housing at student-oriented prices, how could the private sector do so, when it's known they seek only profit? As well, how long does it take for the government to make conditions amenable to housing development, and how long after that till the businessmen respond? Years after long years.

I think we need the rapidity and accountability that only the government could supply. The government has the responsibility to ensure that students have housing, and should take the initiative in the matter.

If the government can get into business in oilfields and airlines at massive public expense, surely a government program of subsidised housing could not be all that far fetched.

by Greg Neiman

Silence Savard - write more often

Every now and then somebody writes the Gateway with an unkind word to say about Communism. Some of these letters, like the replies to Prof. Ustina, were excellent. But we had a few dogs this year: One revived McCarthy to expose who the NDP really are (they couldn't just be sincere, but uninformed), another suggested that we need to do something about Communist propaganda besides laugh at it (thus endangering our own democratic traditions).

However, as the saying goes, never criticize unless you can do better. As the *Gateway* has taken to filling much of its letter pages with missives from imaginary Aggies (plus a couple real ones, to whom I do not object), they had better have room for me!

Anyways, how come kooks like myself keep yammering about Communist tyranny when there is world famine, rightwing tyranny all over, and lots of corruption and injustice at home too?

Is it because we're un-Christian, and get more excited about a cause when it lets us hate somebody? Racist, more specifically Slavophobic? Opposed to anything that threatens our Rolls Royces?

threatens our Rolls-Royces?
Or could it be because: a) all those other causes already have plenty of spokesmen, and b) a two-bit general in a banana republic is a less serious menace to world freedom than a guy with the same mentality and a few dozen Polaris submarines.

Read books about the history of Tibet, of Israel, of Poland; to avoid becoming an anti-communist you need only disbelieve everything you read.

A lot of the other things write also seem pretty quirky to some: and I've been carrying this topic practically all alone. I'd like to take a rest: but I can't if my fellow independent thinkers don't take pen in hand once in a while too.

John Savard Science 4 CC

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Ed. What? Imaginary Aggies? Shame, mutter, mutter...