

Letters cont'd...

Hazing is out!

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to two recent letters by Guy Germain and Al Evans. This is an effort to give the general student body information rather than agreeing or opposing either letter.

The fraternity chapters on this campus generally have an international headquarters. These, in turn, belong to the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA). The FEA has spoken of hazing as having "no rightful place in the fraternity system." The Statement of Position gives a definition of hazing which includes "any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule," and any activity not consistent with the "regulations and policies of the educational institution." I know every chapter here has received a copy of this document.

In my fraternity, Delta Upsilon, violation of this anti-hazing policy is grounds for the withdrawal of charter, a chapter's license to use the general fraternity's name. I believe other fraternities would operate the same, but I do not know.

My final point goes to anybody who feels hazing may have occurred to himself or others. The hardest part to getting hazing out of the system is getting initial reports. Violations of the Code of Student Behaviour should be reported to the Dean of Students at 432-2969. I do not believe hazing is a problem on this campus, but you are welcome to write me personally in confidence at Box 126 SUB and I can give further advice on your charge.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,
Martin H. Badke
Education IV

Another slow day in Psych Dept.

To the Editor:

I cannot really protest your (sic)ing the occurrence of "conceiving" in my Sept. 30 letter, for I did indeed spell the word that way. But why did you stop with that one? Most other words in my comment, as well as many elsewhere in that Gateway issue, were also spelled in impeccable conformity to dictionary usage. This was your chance to pig out on (sic)s, and you blew it.

Wm W. Rozeboom
P.S. The comma after "mentality" was not in my original. But be my guest.

Humour

The deplorable state of the educational system is evident throughout our society. Witness the poor writing skills of first year students; skills taught to them by teachers educated here at the good ol' U of Hay. Doesn't say much for education at any level does it? But that's another topic to save for another day.

One of the most visible examples of this lack of education is the fact that some people don't even know how to tie their shoes. Look around you and almost guaranteed you'll see some poor under-educated slob who can't tie his own shoes. What is even more ridiculous is that these shoes are usually mega-buck, mega-trendy, 'athletic footwear'. See, these shoes are not even 'sneakers' or 'runners' anymore. They are 'athletic footwear'. These shoes probably cost the wearer (or, more likely than not, his parents) over one hundred dollars, and they can't even be bothered to tie them up! And let's not have that feeble excuse about Velcro! These cretins can't even do that up. I wonder what they think will happen if they tie their shoes or fasten their Velcro. Do they think that their circulation will be cut off? Do they worry that they might be mistaken for an intelligent, self-supporting human being? The horror! The horror!

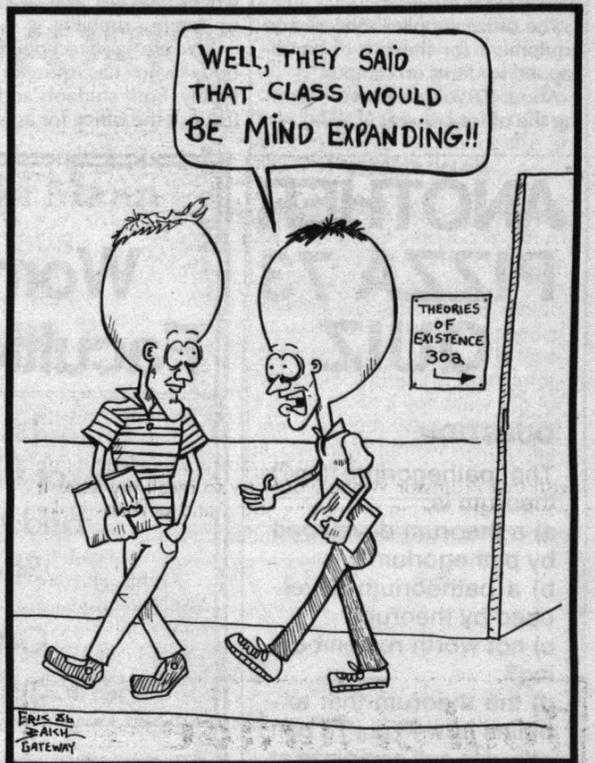
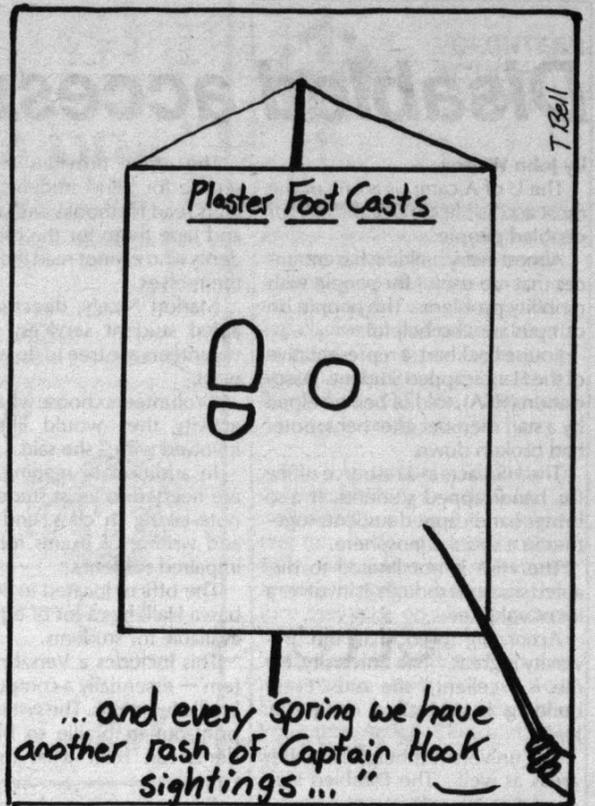
But of more immediate concern to the student body at large, if they even give a damn, is the fact that not only do people not know how to tie up their shoes, but some people don't even know how to put their collar down. The prime example of this should know better. This 'person' is, apparently and debatedly, in a position of influence. This is an elected person who should be setting an example for us poor peons. If you've picked up your Student Handbook or looked through the October 2 issue of this fine fish-wrapper, then you know of whom I speak: Tim Boston, VP Finance of our wonderful Students' Union.

It is all well and good that he can actually tie a tie, but why does he stop there? Even with his 'just-stepped-out-of-my-Triumph-convertible' hair cut and his collar pushed down, he would still be the epitome of last year's style. But maybe he has a reason, like, for instance, he just bought that tie and he'll be damned if he's going to cover it up because he just spent twenty bucks on it. Or perhaps he was just in a hurry to get to the latest SU meeting and catch up on his sleep.

He should know better than to set such a poor example to all of us unwashed and unemployed masses. He should put his collar down and give us all the necessary moral fortitude to get us through this upcoming year of hell at the U of Hay.

If any of the aforementioned great unwashed peons can send in a suitable explanation for the above-mentioned items, please do so. There may or may not be some sort of award or reward for the best excuse sent in. It may be a jug of beer, a Sharon, Lois, and Bram record, or maybe an empty Bic pen wrapped up in a genuine used Java Jive coffee filter.

Scott Gordon



New York is the Big Apple, but Edmonton has Decore.
(graffito on men's room wall, Power Plant)

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