

### Surly Science office?

Re: Yvonne Aroog's letter of March 5: The impolite manner of the staff in the Faculty of Science.

I am totally supportive of what Yvonne Aroog says. In the Faculty of Science reception area, the staff are impolite to many students (particularly the old staff). I know that there are many students in the faculty of Science and the staff has much work to do, but they should not be impolite to the students. I hope that the Faculty of Science can change the staff in the reception area to work inside or to employ another person to replace their working positions.

I don't want to be scolded by another person without any reason. For, those staff in the Faculty of Science should have Grade 12 education and they are impolite to other people. I think they should go back to high school to learn what it is to be polite to other people.

I myself have praise for the staff in the Faculties of Engineering, Statistics, and Math departments. They are very polite and friendly.

T.B.A.  
Science III

### Ken letter number two

I would like to thank Mr. Narayana and the U of A Group for Nuclear Disarmament for their well-written letter. It was nice to see a letter which dealt with the issues instead of attacking the author.

Your information sources appear to be excellent. Perhaps you could elaborate on how NATO's 100-1000T bombs could deter Soviet use of their first-strike SS-20 missiles, which are small, mobile, and so accurate and fast that they can eliminate NATO's defence bases within a matter of minutes.

What is more frightening, however, is what Dr. W.H. Critchly strategic studies professor at the University of Calgary, revealed in an interview on CBC radio. She noted that documents published by Soviet military officers state that nuclear weapons would be included in an invasion of the free world.

H.R. Haldeman, Ricard Nixon's former chief-of-staff, discusses in his book, *The Ends Of Power*, that in 1969 the Soviets planned to use nuclear weapons on mainland China in an attempt to destroy China's development of nuclear missiles. According to Haldeman, such an attack may not only have killed tens of millions of innocent Chinese, but the nuclear fallout would also have meant that "every man, woman and child in Japan would have died" (p. 92).

Arkady Shevchenko, the highest ranking Soviet diplomat ever to defect to the West, has detailed this horrifying scheme in his new book, *Breaking With Moscow*. Both Shevchenko and Haldeman note that it was only Washington's threat of nuclear retaliation which deterred Moscow from creating this nuclear holocaust.

I very much agree with your group's concern about the very real nuclear threat.

Ken Shipka  
Business IV

### A comfortable shoulder

I want to share something with every student attending this university. Unfortunately only those who take the time to read this will hear me, maybe even fewer will listen, but if only one person is helped by what I say it will be worth the time and effort. (No this is not a religious plug).

On Tuesday, February 25, a former classmate of mine decided to escape his problems and chose to commit suicide. He was 23. Although he was not a personal friend of mine, his death has had a strange impact on me and I hope my words will help someone to keep from making this tragic decision. When I discovered the problems he faced I kept thinking, "If only he had known that he wasn't alone... If only..." but he didn't. And now all I can do is to try and show you, the reader, that you are not alone either.

This university can be a cold, impersonal and vicious place to be. February and March are always the hardest months of the year for me personally to get through, and I know that I am not alone in this. The pressure is on for all of us. But there is always

HOPE if only you don't let go or it.

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Thanks for listening. I hope I've helped.

A Student Helper

### Who is this Gilbert guy?

Who is right in the U of A's student newspaper war? In my empirically-tested opinion, it's *The Gateway*, largely because of the unimpeachable integrity of Gilbert Bouchard. In response to a McGill University article on the Hunger Project (a front for the "est" cult) which I gave him, he showed his philosophy fits the newspaper business better than does that of U of A's other editor. For Mr. Bouchard is a man most concerned with liberty of thought and the free reign of ideas, which must stand the metaphysical "free market" of criticism.

A continual moral wrangle ensues: whether to censor, if so, who to censor? Mr. Bouchard ponders such things more deeply than the adolescent criticism of him implies.

Indeed, CUP Editor Ray Warnatsch, defending the defensible view that national university news is more important than parochial editorial babblings disguised as a newspaper, told me he did solicit articles from those now running U of A's other paper. So, their claim of being excluded is hogwash, as both the liberalism of Bouchard and the openness of Warnatsch imply.

I trust these men are not lying, more than I trust their foes to understand journalism.

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Business IV

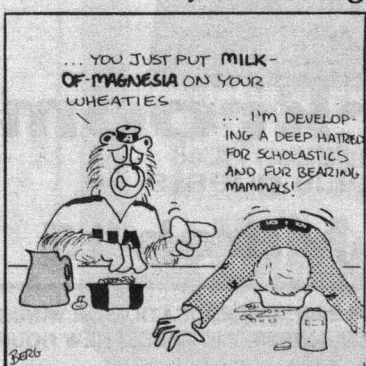
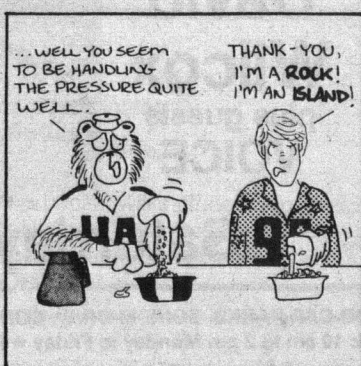
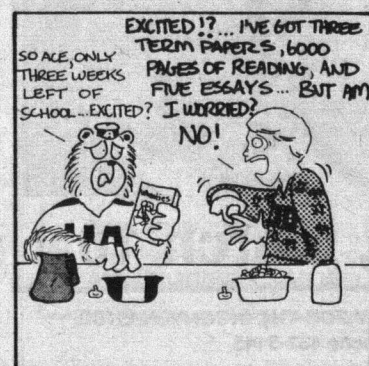
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by Shane Berg

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