

## EDITORIAL

### Another era

My great-grandfather immigrated to Canada in 1899, looking for work so he could send money back to his family in China. Four years later, the federal Chinese Immigration Act was revised so that the government started to collect a \$500 head tax upon entry to Canada. I don't know what my great-grandfather thought about such outright government discrimination. He probably didn't even consider the rationale behind the legislation.

The historical role of early Chinese immigrants in Canada — one of being exploited — is a sensitive subject. It was 1858 when the first Chinese arrived in Canada; 1983 marks the 125th anniversary of the community's continuous settlement here.

Second and third-generation Chinese Canadians are not bitter about the past. Instead, they view the first 100 years as another era, a sad era with which they cannot identify. Their detachment is understandable: It stems from having grown up in a significantly more open-minded political and social environment; the past 25 years are seen as a leap towards the realization of basic human equality and respect.

The impact of Chinese-Canadian Week, September 17 to 25, will be varied but it's already a success from an informational perspective. The concern to educate others — both non-Chinese and young Chinese — is necessary in order to promote a better understanding of the community. The importance of informing new generations of Chinese Canadians about their past cannot be underestimated: They have an important heritage in this country.

Some may be unaware of that other era, of the hardships endured by ancestors. It's difficult to comprehend the hatred that once existed, even taking into account the circumstances of the late 1800s. Past prejudice occurred on a disturbingly large scale.

Newspaper editorials in the 1890s expressed fears that "this yellow peril would take jobs away from the whites". In 1923, the government introduced 43 restrictive regulations that virtually halted Chinese immigration. There were very few Chinese women in Canada then because the "rules" stated that men couldn't bring over their wives.

New legislation in 1947, which repealed the 1923 Immigration Act, made it possible for families to get back together, making Canada their new home.

The first Chinese Canadian Member of Parliament, Douglas Jung, was elected in 1957. It took another ten years before Chinese immigrants were afforded the same point system as Europeans, giving them the opportunity to enter Canada on their own merits.

There isn't a strong bond to hold together Canadian-born Chinese — each is differentiated by attitudes, class, politics, etc. I don't feel a close sense of association with the Chinese community in terms of active involvement. But Chinese-Canadian Week has already proven that an educational approach can be effective when it comes to depicting today's prosperity relative to the 1800s' exploitation.

I hope the new federal multiculturalism minister, David Collette, will act quickly upon the recent government study revealing current problems arising from prejudice. Programs are needed to inform the public about all minority groups. A national program taking on such a mandate is essential to ensure that all Canadians are able to enjoy the rights they deserve.

Brent Jang

*"I don't think any Chinese people, even the older ones, have any strong bitterness about what happened to their fathers. The attitude is that it happened, and it's over, and we're leading a good life now."*

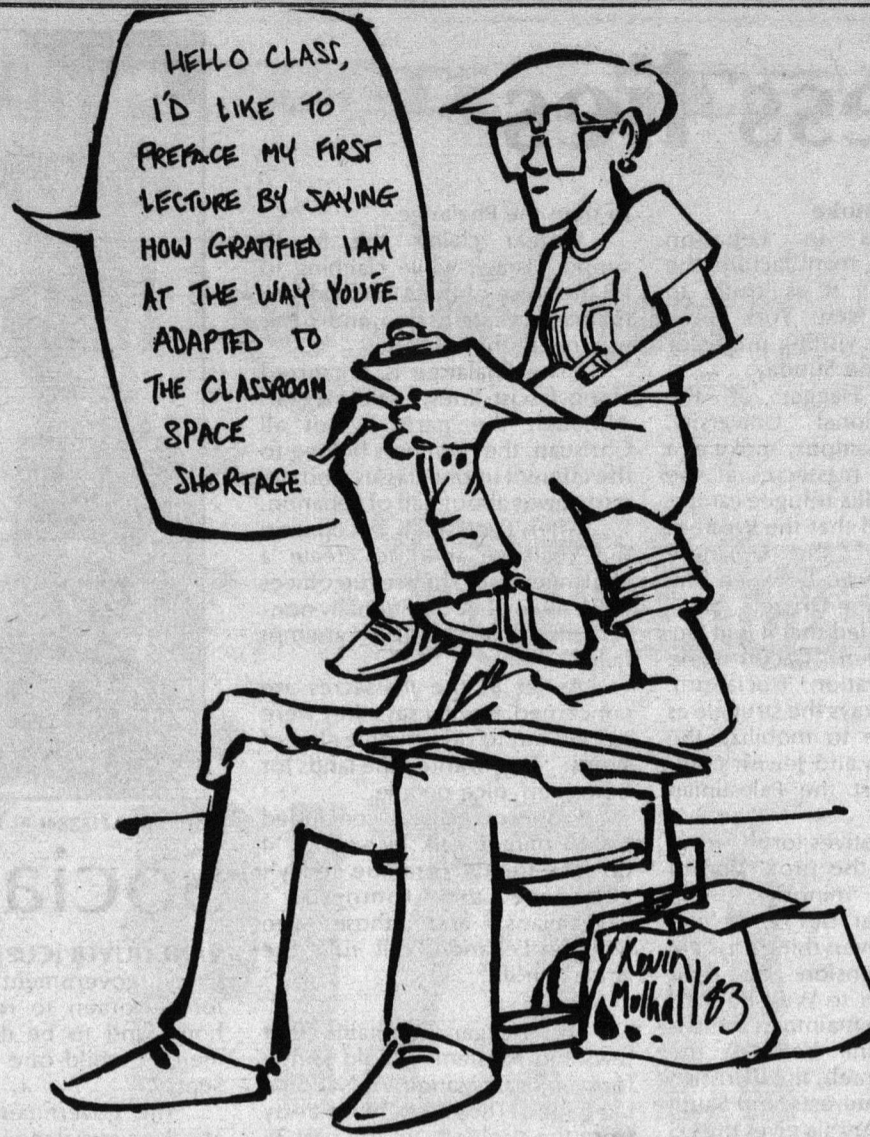
**-Chinese Canadian professional, referring to early discrimination against Chinese immigrants, in an interview in Friday's Journal**

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Jordan Peterson and his devilish rightists tickled the type, while the Phantom and Algard stayed up all night participating in the new office sports rage: tag team sex. Ron Cabana, son of the famous Copa, and Dan Watson (that mischievous imp) sang and danced, leaving Sally-Ann Mowat completely entranced. Little Wes Oginski, match maid, popped by - seeking sage advice from Simon Blake, no relation to dearly departed Bill. Maureen Bourke and Shane Berg are missing and presumed to be in the naughty room.

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## « LETTERS TO THE EDITOR »

### To pimp or not to pimp

RE: Editorial by Ken Lenz, Thurs., Sept. 15.

One of the sad problems in our society is the prevalent attitude towards morality. Ken Lenz provides a typical example for us in his editorial on prostitution.

First of all, he implies that taking a moral stand on prostitution is neither practical nor reasonable. Is he suggesting that one would do better to take an immoral stand? He goes on to label any moral objections to prostitution as "silly". Mr. Lenz closes by referring to prostitutes as those "who have only chosen a practical indifference to an outdated codified morality". Is Mr. Lenz really saying that concerning oneself with the distinction between right and wrong is "outdated"?

The only possible conclusion that one can draw from Mr. Lenz's thoughts on morality, never mind his thoughts on prostitution, is that he has never bothered to consider where our society will end up if it drops all sense of morality. Yes, Mr. Lenz has made it quite apparent that, contrary to his statement about preachers, he does need a horse's ass telling him what is right and wrong.

Michael J. Doty  
 Science III

one had a severe argument with a barbed wire fence while cutting the lawn.

After two weeks here, I can honestly say that I've had enough. I am off back home. As a passing comment I can only say that two years of compulsory military service would soon straighten these decadent types out (that includes the women - God forbid that I should ever choose a wife from the motley selection I saw in evidence last week). No wonder the Soviets are laughing, if this is the cream of Western Society. No wonder so many professors jump of the High Level bridge when their classes are made up of these tinheads. It's back to Charlottetown for me, with Brahms on the stereo and a glass of claret. Sod you western peasants!

Ernest Braithwaite  
 Arts I

### Corkboard jungle

There is no justice to the bulletin board system of this University. First, there are not enough boards to accommodate everyone's advertisements. To add insult to injury, selfish clubs monopolize the space by covering posters already hanging. I am referring to a particular club whose name I will refrain from mentioning. They do not need additional publicity from me as their name has already been posted everywhere else.

Their practise of purposely plastering posters on top of everything else beneath them is both unfair and inconsiderate. Our organization worked hard to hang our posters early. Now we find them to be covered up, all our efforts in vain. I am appalled at that club's total lack of decorum towards other clubs trying to promote themselves.

I complained to the Students' Union who could do nothing about posters in CAB. The person in charge of promotions for that club promised me that they would not cover anymore posters. I later discovered that his promises cannot be believed. Thus, I have taken it upon myself to remove anything placed on top of our posters. I appeal to students to join me in my endeavor. Your posters/flyers (e.g. "Books for Sale"), as well as mine, were covered by this fanatical club and other selfish advertisers like them. If you find your notices buried beneath three layers of garbage, remove the posters of the people who denied you of your right to advertise.

I do not want to beleaguer the issue, but please do not cover anybody else's notices. Common courtesy, you know.

Elizabeth Brown  
 Science IV

### Watch it, bikers!

Concerns have been expressed by many members of the Campus community regarding the use by cyclists of the various paths on Campus. It seems that sufficient caution is not being exercised by cyclists using the heavily occupied pathways and near accidents have resulted. Cyclists are urged to respect the pedestrian usage on our paths and walkways and to exercise the utmost caution when cycling on Campus for the mutual benefit of themselves and pedestrians.

W.F.C. Perry, Director  
 Campus Security and Parking Services

### So's your old man

I feel impelled to write to you to express my disgust and horror at today's student type. Although I hail from Prince Edward Island, and thus, some may say, have led a somewhat sheltered life, I still have to say that Alberta must surely have one of the most degenerate campuses in Canada.

Take last week. Every afternoon, a group of morons has been "entertaining" us. As a pianist I can tell you that even the most sophisticated of the groups used a maximum of three chords, and this was a rare exception. Yet many of the students appeared to take delight in the cacophony of discord that emanated from the groups' stand. Moreover, it now seems to be the fad to dress as if

### That's telling him, Robin

In his letter (Gateway, 15 Sept.) Ken Shupka (Business II) presents us with some remarkable quotes allegedly made to him by people he claims to be members of the nuclear disarmament move-