

Get your guns

Proposed gun-control legislation by the Federal government faces the similar problem long felt by gun-control supporters in the United States - powerful gun and hunters lobbies here oppose any gun legislation measures which may restrict the ever increasing availability of handguns and longguns to the public. In Canada, much of the pro-gun legislation is financed by U.S. gun magazines and large retail outlets which benefit from the large sales of firearms.

Thus it is imperative that the majority has an organized voice to support the need for firearm legislation. Readers interested in further information may write to:
National Firearms Safety Association
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Ottawa, Ontario

Nancy L. Welch

A talk with John Lennon

I had just returned to my HUB pad last Friday, after spending my holidays in Thorsby with my family. I was feeling a bit under the weather because on Thursday night I had gone to the Thorsby Winter Wonderland Carnival, and, well, you know how those bashes usually are.

Anyway, I had just settled down on my couch and was listening to my Bobby Gentry album when there was a knock on my door. Not really expecting anyone, I thought I might have been hearing things. But the knock came again, and I rushed to the door.

Imagine my surprise, when I saw John Lennon standing at my doorway! Well, let me tell you, I was shocked. But I recovered my composure enough to invite the man in.

"Thanks, mate," John

replied, and strode into my apartment, brushing his hair from his forehead, as I myself have often done.

Now, striking up a conversation with John Lennon is not an easy task, especially without preparation. I thought I'd choose a topic of current interest to get the ball rolling. "I was glad to hear about the U.S. Supreme Court decision to let you stay in the States," I said. "I wrote a letter to Rolling Stone on your behalf." Which was a lie. "But they didn't print it," I added hastily.

John flashed that famous John Lennon smile in my direction, and mumbled "Thanks." Just then I remembered that I had a cool dozen sitting in my fridge, left over from my Hallowe'en party. "Wanna beer?" I asked.

"Sure." I went and pulled two from the fridge, opened mine, and gave John his unopened. The reason for this was that I didn't want to appear like some star-struck groupie who would patronize John. Let him open his own damn beer. I thought, "Don't condescend, Massey."

"Must be hard getting your car started," John commented. "Yeah, Christ, you know it ain't easy," I replied.

"Yeah, I know how hard it can be," he answered.

An Arts friend of mine once told me that Mick Jagger, quivering lips and all, had called on a Rolling Stone writer, unexpectedly. Wondering how he handled his bizarre guest, I asked, "How's Yoko?" "Fine."

"I always thought Cynthia was better-looking than Yoko," I said. God, I thought, what a dumb thing to say. But, screw him, he's only another rock star.

"Well, I guess it's time to split," John said. "Thanks for the beer."

And without another word, he up and left, beer only half-finished. I felt kind of bad about being so equal with him, but even David Feldon couldn't have handled it better. Ah well.

Massey Ferguson
Agriculture III

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Hail Pharoah!

It comes to mind that we should remind the S.U. media investigation committee of a portion of the story of the Exodus. That portent wherewith Pharoah demands that the same number of bricks be produced by the Israelites while, at the same time, cutting off their supply of straw. (Exodus 5).

That's just what they're doing in limiting Media's serviceability and consequently, it's revenue. And, as a final point, we, at least, the students, all know what happened to the land of Pharoah.

Keith Miller

Make all students pay

The provincial government has one of the strongest economic bases of any government in Canada. We Albertans can afford to buy the third largest airline in Canada with petty cash for no particular reason as far as anyone can determine. Yet a low ceiling of 11% has been imposed on grants to universities and colleges.

The big point of excitement is the proposed fee increase. Our fees would go from \$400 per year to between \$500 and \$540. This would still leave our fees here far below those at

other venerable institutions in this country. We have an excellent school here and it is unreasonable to expect to get a top school's name on your diploma for a pittance. We have had a bargain for the last few years and I am sure the Wage & Price Review Board would support the increase. Any student

who really wants to attend school will not be discouraged by \$100 or \$150 increases. Whatever happens over the next few months, fee increases are likely inevitable - if only because the wage rates paid to student employees are going up. We students are going to benefit from our education and I do not think this increase is out of line with the general trend of our economic lives today.

A more important problem raised by the ceiling is not due to the 11% per se but is due to the fact that the B.C. government has given increased funds to Education enabling them (and likely others are doing this as well) to attract some of our illustrious professors. To maintain its high quality, the U of A must remain competitive and an increase in students' fees will not enable this. Our school should be examining qualitative not quantitative improvements as the 1970s progress. Perhaps in this time of limited funds the U and provincial government can get together and re-establish priorities in our university system while the pressures of money exist.

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Editors needed!

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