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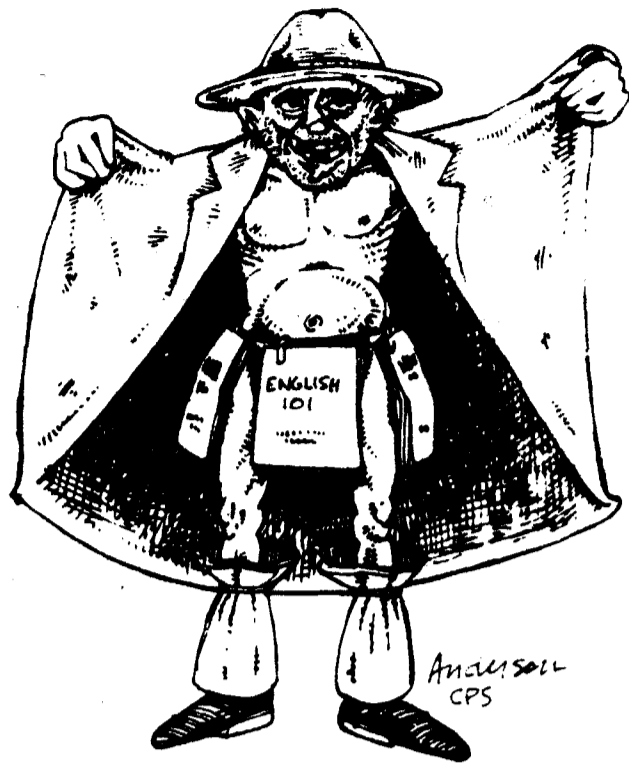
To bad the AMA didn't set up a rating system for apartments - you know the 2 star - 3 star - 4 star and 5 star systems.

I'm sure the one I live in wouldn't even rate a 1/2 star!

If people can have non-smoking sections in trains, buildings, etc, why can't we have non-brothel and non-alcohol apartments?

Honest to God, I got the shock of my life when I found out where I was living.

Signed,  
Couldn't believe my eyes!



### Pen pals please

I am a young South African bachelor (32), living in London and very interested in the theatre, cinema, music, literature and in interesting, aware people.

I will, therefore, be glad to hear from students at your University for the purpose of exchanging ideas.

So, perhaps you can publish this letter in your student newspaper.

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### A gracious greeting

A hale and hearty welcome to all the freshmen here on campus - simple-minded bimbos one and all, but nice to watch as they stumble blindly around.

Mind you, they've become slightly more intelligent since last year's herd - they no longer bump into poles, walk through large window panes or fall down the stairs in CAB. This year they're prepared - mothers by the thousands are following the little turkeys around with name tags and rescue ropes in hand.

One first year had wedged himself under the stairs in SUB while looking for the Ice Arena, and dear old mom pried him out and soon they were both on their way.

The Students' Union has even provided a free service to those freshmen who had the misfortune to leave their mothers in Two Hills or Trochu - they'll provide an elderly lady to follow you through registration, clucking and cooing and admonishing you for not entering 'something nice at NAIT'.

There's also talk around the registrar's office that next year freshmen will have to take a basic recognition test in order to gain admittance. Something along the lines of being able to distinguish between open and closed doors, vending machines and fire extinguishers, and CAB and Bio Sci.

Naturally these students will be given the chance of repeating high school before re-entering.

All in all, it looks like I'll be spending the first four months of term telling yet another crop of bright eyes how to get from CAB to Central Academic.

John Normal  
Grad Studies

This space is reserved for you - staff, student, reader, whoever. It's a place to express opinions and encourage public debate about issues. Use it...

## Suckers warned off deadly fish hooks

Did you know that one of the deadliest products currently being sold to the unsuspecting Canadian public is the seemingly harmless fish hook?

Independent consumer study on the subject establishes the incontrovertible fact that the consumption of eight small fish hooks can be as injurious to the human digestive system as the consumption of two ounces of ground glass!

And yet, in thousands of retail outlets, fish hooks are being sold openly, across the counter, to young children!

Also, did you know that laboratory mice, force fed the equivalent of one half their body weight in seedless raisins, showed evidence of extreme discomfort immediately after ingestion?

Raisins are readily available, nationwide, without prescription, and are even found in some

prepackaged dry cereals without any warning notice appearing on the package referring to the effects of raisins on mice.

Did you know that there is enough toxic material in a highball containing as little as two ounces of paint thinner to kill six grown men?

These and other well-documented cases of consumer exploitation point to clear cut incompetence by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. For just \$5.95, I will see to it that Barney Danson never walks again, and for an extra buck, I'll do grievous bodily harm to Eugene Whelan.

Send your money to the "Joe Clark Can Shove It Association", c/o Stan Schumacher, Ottawa.

Stan Schumacher  
Holiday Inn  
Regina

*Hohol blames foreign students...*

## Alta. wants ivory towers kept white

Shortly after most students in Alberta had gone off campus in April, the Department of Advanced Education and Manpower announced a tuition fee increase for foreign students in Alberta, due in the fall of 1977. The reason, according to Dr.

Hohol, is "a feeling that foreign students are competing for space at Alberta institutions" (*Edmonton Journal*). Even at a meeting a delegation of foreign students had with the Minister on May 17th, they were not given any other explanations than that undocumented "feeling", which has no support in statistics, economic or ideological facts. For as CBC patronizingly put it, the delegation had done some homework:

1. The number of foreign students at the U of A in 1975/76 was 912 which makes them 4.6% of the total student-body, and the total of visa students in Alberta

amounts to 2,741, i.e. 5.8% of the total post-secondary students in this province. There are no high enrollment figures for foreign students in critical faculties such as medicine and dentistry (1 for dentistry, 27 for medicine) at the U of A.

2. The *Edmonton Journal* whose coverage of the fee hike for foreign students has been close to sabotage, calls one of its editorials "Open-ended subsidy of foreign students is not a defensible public policy" and Eric Geddes, chairman of the Board of Governors, is quoted to have said "there is a feeling that foreign students should assume a larger responsibility for financing their own education". What neither he nor the *Journal* seem to know is that, in order to be accepted, foreign students are expected to bring into Canada: \$3,000 for the first year of studies, \$2,500 to 3,000 for

each year thereafter, \$200 per month living expenses. No visa will be issued to the student if he does not fulfill these requirements.

3. Canada claims to have one of the most generous foreign aid programmes in the world. Implementing an increase for foreign students - and Ontario has already done so - would make this claim dubious, the more so since approximately 56% of the PhD population in Canada obtained their doctorates abroad. The debt is mutual, and the modifications attached to the increase in Ontario indicate that the government is well aware of its questionable position: CIDA and Commonwealth students as well as diplomats' children are exempted from the fee hike. So much for saving the glory of Canadian foreign aid.

All other reasons having failed to prove convincing, Dr. Hohol finally blamed foreign

students for having asked for it all by not letting Albertans know who they, the foreign students, were and what they were doing in this province.

We have taken up the Minister's challenge and spent the summer talking to university representatives, church groups, political parties and labour organizations. There has been considerable support, but not enough to prevent the fact that the Mount Royal Community College has already implemented an increase from \$250 to \$750 for foreign students.

Now that the U of A students return to campus we ask them to join us in our protest against a discriminatory policy which will achieve nothing but narrow the international scope of this university and favour a rich elite.

Eva-Marie Krollor  
President

The International  
Students Organization



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serve us

"What do I get for my \$34.00 Students' Union fee?" The Students' Union Executive hopes to answer this common question (complaint?) with a column every week in the Gateway in this same spot.

Each member of the five person Executive will contribute with a column on his/her area and thus will cover the majority of programs that the Students' Union offers.

The column originated as a campaign promise for "improved communication" between students at large and their Students' Council and that is precisely what it hopes to do.

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## Little book tells all

Wouldn't it be nice to have everything you need to know about University life in one little book?

Such a "little book" exists. It is the Student Handbook for the 1976-77 school year. The Handbook is divided into seven areas that cover University regulations, academic issues such as grievances and the library system, the University and Students' Union structures, extra-curricular activities and all the necessities of life such as housing, transportation and financing education.

If that isn't enough to recommend the publication, perhaps this additional information will convince you. First of all, the Handbook is FREE to all University students and secondly, the whole thing was written and edited by students.

The Students' Union first provided a guide to University life in the 1957-58 academic year. Today the Handbook is produced by the Students' Union at an annual cost of approximately \$8,000. About \$6,500 of this is for the actual printing and binding of the 14,000 copies of the 62 page publication. The other \$1,500 is allocated to cover honoraria, office supplies and the like. An additional expense was incurred this year when the Handbook was mailed out to each of the 4,200 Freshmen students on campus. The total costs of producing the Handbook are offset by advertising revenues.

You may have already obtained a copy of the Handbook at Part 5 of Registration. If not, you can obtain copies at the following places until the supply runs out.

Information Desk	General Office
Main Floor	Room 256
Students' Union Building	Students' Union Building

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