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## **A Bug In Your Ear...**

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

#### **Respect and the Police is a two way street**

I am not one for a lot of respect for the police, but drawing a conclusion as to their actions from one clip on the television news is not fair. We have no idea what happened prior to the 10 second clip of that young fellow on Whyte Avenue. We have no idea if he had just thrown a rock at the same police that were seen pushing him. We have no idea if he hadn't been part of the mayhem prior to the clip and had been ordered to disperse.

A riot or gathering such as the one on Whyte Avenue has a completely new set of sociological and psychological rules that are put in place by the very nature of the group growing from two to one hundred people. Add alcohol and you have 'instant asshole syndrome.'

This is the same for the police, as the stress and adrenalin increases in the blood flow. Don't forget we hire these police to go in a make peace, and to do that we need them big and strong, and forceful when needed. You can not expect a police officer to turn this off and on because someone feels they must be in dealing with some poor kid that happened to wander into an area of strife that someone with some brains would have thought to avoid. Yes, add adrenalin and stress, and their are police officers that are inflicted with the same 'instant asshole syndrome.'

As for the handcuffed gentleman, it is policy for police who are taking someone into custody to put handcuffs on them for the safety and protection of both the person being detained and the police officers.

What would have the reaction to the scene have been if the suspect had not been handcuffed and managed to wrestle the officer's weapon from him or her and shoot the police officer and or an innocent bystander?

Would we want someone that has just hatcheted their family to death be lead out to the police car with kid gloves on? I am sure the police officer would have been pilloried for allowing such a thing to happen.

I do agree there is a substantial amount of disrespect on both sides of the 'blue line,' and it exists for many real and imaginary reasons. What might help is if we stood back and realized that there are legitimate reasons for both protestors and police to be present. What is not legitimate is the rioters that persist in pushing the limits of society in trying to get their position across. The police are there to maintain the peace, quiet enjoyment of life that we are allowed for in our laws, and the protection of private property and the lives of innocent people.

In the recent World Petroleum Conference held here in Calgary the police went to great lengths to protect the meetings from the protests, which I found to be offensive.

In Quebec City I found the treatment of the lawful and peaceful demonstrators disgusting.

What the planners of these conferences need to do is set aside an area for legitimate protest and agitation to take place. This area can be accessible to only legitimate protestors who have proven in the past that they can be trusted to not be violent and are there for actual protest and agitation rather than to just create mayhem.

That is what democracy is about and that is why I thought our forefathers and mothers fought in two world wars.

What we cannot allow is anarchy. This does not do democracy and the pursuit of freedoms for those that do not yet enjoy those same freedoms we have them, any good.

If we suppress legitimate protest as was done in Calgary, Quebec City or Seattle then our governments should find it difficult to point a finger at supposed undemocratic governments such as the Chinese and Cuban examples.

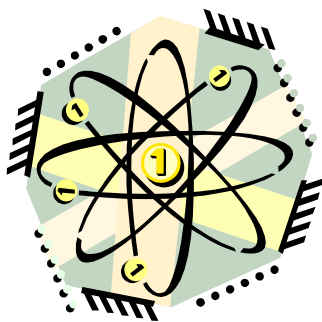
Sincerely,  
Norm Greenfield

**PSYCHOLOGY CLUB.** Are you enrolled in the Psychology program? The Athabasca University Psychology Department and AUSU are in the process of collecting information to see who is interested in a Psychology Club, who is interested in organizing it, and what you might want out of such a club. We are looking for participants, volunteers to run the club, and ideas as to what its purpose should be. Some great suggestions have already been made, for example, an interactive forum for psychology students to chat online, with occasional guest 'speakers' on the forum. If you are interested and want to be part of the Club, please email [pennyh@athabascau.ca](mailto:pennyh@athabascau.ca).

## **PRESS RELEASE**

From: Student Services Committee, AUSU  
TO: The Voice  
Date: July 5, 2001  
Re: Call for Proposals (Student Clubs)

The Student Services Committee of the Athabasca University Student's Union is issuing a Call for Proposals for the establishment and operation of Student Clubs. Approved proposals may receive annual funding for the club budget. For further information, please contact the Chairperson of the Student Services Committee, Mark Gueffroy, by email at [mgueffroy@ausu.org](mailto:mgueffroy@ausu.org)!



## What you see is getting smaller and smaller By Audrey Balay-Karperien

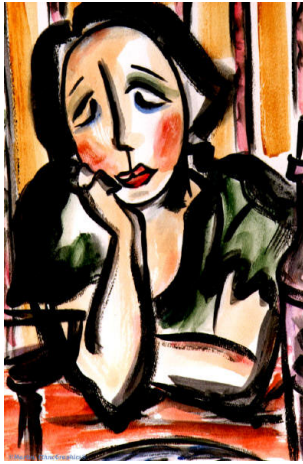
Stopped in his tracks, eyes growing rounder, he spoke clearly. It might have been Yoda. But I'm pretty sure it was the brain surgeon. He said, "Hear me, young (mid-thirties is young to some people) graduate student: when choosing a thesis topic, look to the future". Then he swiped his restricted access card and led us into the MRI unit.

I was afraid. But I knew that fear leads to anger; anger leads to hate; and hate leads to suffering. So I started looking into the future. As I gazed at the high resolution, glowing brains, as my mentor pointed out the different biochemical events and precisely localized them within the brains, all I could think was that the future is looking smaller and smaller.

Ushered through the Gates of Microsoft, I saw that the Imaging Revolution is upon us. Digital imaging technology is evolving and merging with other aspects of computing, chemistry, physics, and biology. Emerging technologies are bringing us imaging at resolutions previously believed impossible (by *those* people, of course, never by visionary distance ed types). We can see and analyze smaller and smaller things. To illustrate, going that extra step beyond just modelling molecular events with visual simulation programs like you might use to visualize stereochemistry in a [chem course](#) researchers have made images of actual electron orbitals and "X-ray movies" of molecular events in chemical reactions.

Nanotechnology is another field being developed by university and corporate researchers around the world. Researchers already use nanoendoscopes that explore and manipulate their environment using [atomic force microscopy](#). Some of these tools act directly on [chromosomes](#) (chromosome are pretty small; they reside within your cells, within the cell nucleus).

But smaller is bigger. In keeping with the multidisciplinary movement of the 0s, this whole rapidly increasing resolution phenomenon is really based on the bigger picture. In biology, it integrates information at the atomic, biochemical, cellular, organ system, organismal, and environmental scales. As technologies merge and the Incredible Voyage unfolds, for instance, tiny nanobots will eventually be used for rapidly identifying and despatching the bad guys (viruses, bacteria, out of control cells), or helping out the good guys (immune cells, cells involved in reconstructing tissue) within our bodies. Trekkies, get your [nanoprobes](#) here: Lord tunderin' Vader, b'yse, wud'll dey tink of next!



## Women's Shelters: Mixed Blessings?

By Tamra Ross Low

It was recently revealed that Calgary's women's shelters are full. Some women are on waiting lists for months, others have been referred to temporary half-way houses. Still others have been turned away. There is a call for donations, so that more shelter space can be built. This is not a unique situation. Shelters in many cities are bursting at the seams, and it seems like there is a call for more space every year. Personally, I have mixed feelings about this. Of course I want to see more shelter space made available for women who are in danger, but I also think it is about time that we actually started to take more constructive action to help battered women (and men) and their children.

Spousal abuse is the only crime for which the victim is more likely to be incarcerated than the perpetrator. Make no mistake, life in a women's shelter is a form of incarceration. I do not doubt the dedication and compassion of shelter staff, nor do I doubt that women in the shelters receive counselling and resources that may be unavailable elsewhere. Nevertheless, the main purpose of the shelter is to provide a place where battered women can hide from their abusive partners. The need is clear. A very high percentage of abused women continue to be abused even after they have left their partner and moved to a new location. Sheltering the victim has become the acceptable means of assuring her safety.

Imagine for a minute, however, that a small business owner is being robbed continuously by an employee of his company. He reports it to the police, along with sufficient evidence of the crime (say he has a video tape of the employee taking money from the cash register), but the police are reluctant to arrest the thief. Instead, they suggest that the business owner keep a close eye on his till, remove all valuable objects from the store, and run the till himself, so that no one has access to his profits. Absurd? Yes, but this is what we do to battered women. We lock them up in safe houses, where the partner will not have access to her and therefore cannot continue to abuse her. But is such a woman really helped? What are the emotional effects of living in hiding? How can a sheltered woman not feel as though she is part of the criminal activity when she is unable to leave the shelter and lead a normal life without fear of further abuse?

Women's shelters are not an ideal answer to spousal abuse. I don't think they were ever intended to be. The first shelters were not opened because someone felt that locking away the victim was the solution, but rather because the law was not sufficiently prosecuting abusers and leaving women vulnerable to further attacks. Thus, shelters were created to provide emergency care for women who were not being served by current laws. However, since that time, the legal system seems to have embraced the shelter system, with police officers often referring battered women to shelters in their area. Now it seems as though the presence of shelters is being used to justify the fact that the justice system is soft on abusers. The fact that more men are now being arrested for spousal abuse may make it seem as though more is being done, but nothing has really changed. Most of these men are released from jail after only a few hours, and in fewer than 1% of cases does the abuser spend any time in jail beyond the initial arrest" (Mitchell, D. Contemporary police practices in domestic violence cases. *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, 83 (1), 241-249; Hirschel, J. D., & Hutchison, I. W. Female spouse abuse and the police response. *National Institute of Justice*). Lawmakers seem to feel that there is little need

to change the system because they can always point to shelters as a viable option for abused women.

This solution has some insidious consequences, however. Women may remain in abusive situations so that they can avoid having to live in fear, locked away from family and friends in a secure shelter. Other women will shun shelters because the abuser has threatened to harm their parents, children, or friends. This is a very common and effective threat. Shelters provide space for women, and often, children, but not for entire family systems. If the abuser has threatened to attack other family members, should the entire family pack up and flee the country? Usually this is not possible, and besides, many women are reluctant to tell their friends and family about threats made against them as they are ashamed that they have put their loved ones in danger. So, they remain with the abuser to protect loved ones. This is not masochistic behaviour, as many believe. It is, in fact, very brave.

Clearly, though, the only answer in these cases is one which should be most obvious - the criminal should be locked up, not the victims. This is asking for nothing more than equal treatment - for victims of domestic abuse to be given the same access to justice that victims of other violent crimes are afforded. The portrayal of abuse victims as part of the problem has led to the view that they are somehow provoking or compelling the abuser to action. Locking the victims away in shame and fear adds to this notion. Too many people still believe that abused women should just leave the abuser, but do not realize that most abusers will continue to control and attack the victim in the new location. The consequences of blaming the victim are becoming horrific. Recently, an American woman had her children taken away from her after her ex-husband forced his way into her home and beat her into unconsciousness. She was taken to hospital and her children were sent to social services. Her children have not been returned because it was found that the woman had been "engaging in domestic violence." Just imagine being fired from your job after getting mugged because you had been "engaging in assault and theft." Does that one sound a little too far fetched? I don't really see the difference.



## Helicopter

By Wayne Benedict

The most rewarding, stimulating and entertaining job that I ever held was working for the BC Ministry of Forests on a helicopter initial attack firefighting crew during the summers of 1984-87. The crew was called the Northern Initial Fire Attack Crew (NIFAC) and I was fortunate enough to be one of only two people hired the first year that wasn't in the Forestry program

of the local college and had virtually no experience in the industry. I was however an addicted weight lifter and that, no doubt, opened the door for me. The work was extremely physically demanding and I had the appearance of being able to handle that. I was eighteen years old when I hired on and the rest of the crew was within a few years of my age. It was a wild time and I made some life-long friendships there. Thinking back on those days it is difficult to pick out any single antic dote that stands out because there were so many. My memories are of hard work, hard play,

hard drinking, lots of practical jokes/humour, and infrequent annoyance (as would occur to any group of twenty people living in six small tent-cabins). I only remember feeling fear on a couple of occasions. In hindsight, this was attributable to youthful ignorance, as the job was, and is, inherently dangerous. Once we talked about a crew from southern BC that crashed in their helicopter, killing all on board. There was lots of sympathy for them and their families, but the feeling of “it can’t happen to me” prevailed.

The most intense fear that I felt during my years at NIFAC occurred in the space of just a few seconds but the event is seared into my memory as if branded there. On the day in question, my crew had put out a fire near the top of a tall mountain that was covered in thick timber. We had hiked into the spot from a couple of miles away—the nearest place that the helicopter could put us down in the natural geography. Having no desire to retrace our journey for extrication, we had cut a helipad out of the timber near the charred area that we had worked on all day. The trees were tall and the pilot would have to descend vertically in order to land. Being a Hughes 500 (TC flew one on Magnum P.I.), the helicopter was very manoeuvrable and he landed without incident. Our crew was comprised of three men and hundreds of pounds of equipment that was packed into a belly pod and filled up most of the rear seating area. I asked the pilot if he wanted to make two trips but the hour was getting late and he seemed assured that there would be no problem lifting off. When a helicopter takes off, its downwash bounces back off the ground and provides an air cushion for the helicopter to ride on. This is known as the ground effect. Once the helicopter rises to a point that exceeds ground effect, the craft relies on forward momentum or an updraft to gain altitude. Since we had to rise vertically, the latter was the pilot’s only choice and since it was a warm summer evening, he expected one to be rising up the side of the mountain.

We rose to treetop height—the pilot, another crewmember, and I seated next to each other in the front seat—and the pilot began sneaking the craft out toward the edge of the mountain. We were at the extreme edge of ground effect and weren’t gaining altitude. He eased closer and closer to the drop-off, searching for the updraft that he knew was there. I looked down below my legs, through the Plexiglas bubble of the helicopter and saw the tip of a dead tree sliding between the landing skids. The pilot pushed the engine to its limits and at that moment a loud alarm began sounding in our earphones and the “engine out” light came on. Instinctively I reached over and grasped the leg of the crewmember sitting next to me as my stomach came up into my mouth as if on a roller coaster descending. The helicopter began plunging down the side of the mountain and the pilot frantically flicked switches. Strangely, in the midst of this terror, my mind went back to our training and I heard the instructor talking about how a “Hughes helicopter is designed to roll like an egg on crashing”. I was going over what I would have to do to get out of the wreckage once our egg stopped rolling down the mountainside when the engine re-ignited and the pilot pulled us out of the dive. It all happened so fast that I wondered if it had happened at all. But the silence amongst us, and the pilot’s white face, assured me that it had.

Of all the adventures that I experienced at NIFAC, and there were many, that one stands out the most. I often wonder if that pilot—given similar circumstances now—would make two trips.



## FED WATCH

By Karl Low

### Medical Marijuana Use put to Clinical Test

The Health Minister Allan Rock has [announced](#) a study costing \$235,000 to determine whether marijuana actually does have a pain relieving effect. The study, conducted at the McGill Pain Centre will be the first peer-reviewed clinical trial examining the effects of smoked cannabis in a non-HIV or Multiple Sclerosis population. There will also be a review of non-smoked cannabis as well.

Personally, I'm hoping they find that the non-smoked cannabis is just as effective if not more so than the smoked. The reason for this is quite simple - I don't want to be getting high from somebody else's fumes. I find the smell sickening and there have been some reports that some small percentage of people actually experience an onset of anxiety attacks when exposed to the stuff. If it turns out to be the only way to control pain, I'm willing to be flexible, but I'd definitely prefer it to be limited to in your own private home.

### Internet Not Just a Fad

It seems rumours about the number of people getting on the internet slowing down are only rumours. Statistics Canada recently put out a [report](#) saying that in the year 2000, 51% of all Canadian households now have at least one member of the family who uses the internet regularly. This is an increase of about 9% from the previous study done in 1999.

In addition, those getting on the internet via cable and other high speed connections has undergone growth of 155%. It seems Canadians want their connections to be zippy. For Athabasca University students this is a good thing. With higher internet penetration rates, our on-line delivery and course communication modes become more acceptable to a wider range of people.

Surprisingly, while the internet is still least likely to be used by seniors and by households with a lower income level, it is these two categories that experienced the largest jumps in growth rate. To me this says that the internet is becoming more mainstream and, like the telephone, more transparent.

### Watch Your Step!

Canada Health is also putting \$350,000 into the Falls Prevention programs in Vancouver. Yes, these are exactly what they sound like. It turns out that falling down is responsible for over 84% of injury-related hospital admissions. Falls by seniors alone cost the Canadian Health System an estimated 2.8 billion dollars per year, with 1 billion of that being direct health care costs.

Most of the money will be spent on raising awareness of the issue, but I wonder if this means we'll be seeing a resurgence of those "I've fallen! And I can't get up!" advertisements again.

You can read about the funding and the problem at [this link](#).



The Sunday Promenade was the highlight of the fair, a downtown party where the streets were closed and hundreds of thousands of people strolled around, entire families in Klondike attire, enjoying virtually every kind of entertainment from amateur to professional, on dozens of stages - dance, country, rock, Klondike. The raft races ran simultaneously, the North Saskatchewan river filled with dozens of theme-based rafts (Desmond the Dragon was one of the most popular) competing to see who was the fastest, the craziest, and the one having the most fun!

Somewhere along the way, however, apathy set in, and dressing up did not seem the thing to do anymore. Edmonton's City Council decided to go along with the apathy and rather than promoting dressing up, began a campaign to 'dress down'. Jeans and a T-shirt with a vest or tie became 'Klondike attire'. But it still was fun, plenty of people still dressed up, and downtown was alive with entertainment, especially during the Sunday Promenade. However two years ago Edmonton City Council decided to give up promoting the Klondike Days theme. Klondike Kate became a generic lounge entertainer, wearing fancy dress and singing nostalgia by day, but turning into a country/pop singer by night. Our mayor, rather than encouraging Klondike style dress, began to go 'Western' with a cowboy theme, in a pale imitation of our neighbour to the south. The K-Days Association stopped contracting musicians, and music events became virtually non-existent.

The Sunday Promenade has become an indifferent couple of stages in front of City Hall and Churchill Square, dressing Klondike is a rarity, the only real downtown event of interest drawing a crowd being the "Taste of Edmonton", where several popular Edmonton restaurants offer inexpensive samples of their cuisine. This year the raft races were held a week before K-Days even started, with only a handful of participants, and the majority of the city unaware and uninterested.

Klondike breakfasts are still well attended and popular, and Churchill Square has entertainment all day. We have a parade (we really do!) and we have the Conklin midway (although we appear to have received a scaled-down version this year, many popular rides are missing). At the fair grounds some excellent entertainment is available, including classic rock band the Stampeders - from Calgary! The Calgary Stampede, however, had a larger assortment of visiting musicians and entertainment venues. And this year especially, we have RAIN.....lots of RAIN! Out of the ten days, only three were not marred by stormy weather that dampened what little entertainment is still going on. But to all intents and purposes, our City Government has killed Klondike Days.

In comparing the Calgary Stampede and Edmonton's Klondike Days, I find only one real difference. We both have a theme, a parade, the midway, decorations, tourists, breakfasts, beer tents, and entertainment. Calgary has the rodeo of course, but since we host the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton every fall, that's not even all that unique. It has also been brought to my attention that many Calgarians are not huge supporters of the rodeo. But in my opinion Calgary has one thing Edmonton does not - Ego!! Calgary believes that the Stampede is bigger and better, and Calgary's ego makes it so. Edmonton's lack of confidence in the festival we created has sent Klondike Days on a downward spiral. Calgary has maintained the momentum of its festival, and managed to create a "continuing legend" that keeps the Calgary Stampede a high profile, extremely popular tourist destination - and one that outshines Edmonton!



## **From my soapbox: Does the media make the news or report it?**

**By Derek Broughton**

With the big political story these days being Stockwell Day's problems, some people are claiming that the only problem with Day is the media. On a national radio call-in show, one caller went so far as to say that the media never act this way regarding any other party. Such a short-term memory is worthy of a politician. It's only a few months since Liberal supporters made exactly the same complaints about attacks on Jean Chretien. The media only backed off the Shawinigan golf-course story when it became clear that the public couldn't care less whether Chretien's antics were illegal OR immoral.

In the United States, on a much more serious note, Californian Congressman Condit is being hounded over allegations that he had something to do with the disappearance of his intern Chandra Levy.

Then, of course, there was the circus surrounding all the allegations against Bill Clinton. The fact is that in all of these cases, the politicians have put themselves into the situations they faced. The media uncovers a partial story and starts to dig. The politician, either believing that the media will never get to the bottom of the story or simply frightened that they will, covers up, stonewalls or outright lies, and then as more is revealed digs a deeper and deeper hole for himself (am I just missing something, or do female politicians really never get themselves in these situations?).

Stockwell Day's are the least offensive of these examples, but he set the tone by refusing to settle a libel suit that anybody could tell him (and did!) that he couldn't win and costing tax payers a fortune, and since then has continually got himself into trouble and then blamed everybody but himself for the situation. He happily opens his mouth and announces party policies (remember the leadership referendum?) without even checking with the party executive, let alone getting a consensus.

If Stockwell Day had half of the political savvy of Preston Manning, he would never have given the media these opportunities. Rather than attacking the media for covering what the Canadian Alliance considers not media-worthy, Day and his supporters should be trying to understand what it is about their actions which draw the media's attention.

## COUNSELLING SERVICES AT ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY

The student life is not an easy one, particularly for AU students who are often working full- or part-time and/or trying to raise a family while squeezing out blocks of study time where possible. AU recognizes the challenges facing its students and provides a variety of support services through its counsellors - Julia McDonald, Julia Nielsen, and Ken Dickson, as well as through its other Student Services areas.

When students have been out of school for many years or even decades, the return to formal learning can be confusing and overwhelming at times. Counselling Services has a number of Study Skills resources, which it makes available through AUSU. Students can also book an appointment with a counsellor to work through specific difficulties they are experiencing in their studies. This can be done by contacting Rhonda Guay or Monica Wolanuk in the Counselling Services intake unit either by phone (1-800-788-9041, extension 6723), by e-mail ([counselling@athabascau.ca](mailto:counselling@athabascau.ca)), or by using the Online Counselling Appointment Form on the AU Student Services web site (<http://www.athabascau.ca/html/services/counselling/apptForm.htm>).

In addition to helping students strengthen their study skills, counsellors also offer learning support in exam preparation, reducing exam anxiety, time management, overcoming procrastination and other areas of a student's life that may be interfering with greater academic success.

Proper alignment between program choice and career aspiration is important if a student is to maintain a strong sense of purpose and motivation in their studies. Career interest exploration and testing, career vision re-evaluation, appropriate program choice, and occupational information and awareness are other areas where AU's counsellors can assist students in a more rewarding AU experience.

The problems that students run into often become more difficult to resolve successfully because students do not access the learning support services available to them while there is still enough time remaining. Counselling Services is raising its profile through articles like this so students will have a greater chance of academic success by using our services as soon as the need arises. Don't ignore the problems that obstruct your academic progress. Such problems typically do not go away. Rather, they tend to get worse as less and less time remains to resolve them or learn new skills to overcome them. Call us as soon as you recognize that our learning support services could benefit you.

So, check out the Counselling Services web site at <http://www.athabascau.ca/html/services/advise/conserv.html> or contact us by phone or e-mail if we can assist you in achieving greater academic success, because your success is our goal.

Phone: 1-800-788-9041, extension 6723

E-mail: [counselling@athabascau.ca](mailto:counselling@athabascau.ca)

## THE PARENTAL CHALLENGE

### By Norm Greenfield

I do have a wonderful daughter, who encourages me to work on my new degree at AU. My daughter has always been curious, and an animal enthusiast. The problem comes in the form of those pets she keeps coming home with. My kid is 15 and has two dreams right now, for a career. One is as a forensic scientist and the other is to be a veterinarian. Either one, I figure would keep me in a style I would like to become accustomed to in my advanced years.

It is weird that the former doesn't seem to bother me in the least.

The bigger problem lies in the fact that she wants to come live with me and bring her pets. With some of her choices of pets, you do not want to hear the words, 'oops now where has he gone,' to emanate from her bedroom or animal room.

Why?

Well in the town she lives in the kids seem to have a lot of money and a need to have the 'cool' pet of the moment. This can be a ferret, snake, hissing cockroaches, snakes, lizards, snakes, big hairy spiders, stick bugs, lizards, and snakes.

Please take note of the number of times the word snake appears in the previous sentence, it will tie into what I am about to tell you. It is not a bad thing to encourage your children to take on pets, but the problem I have is that when the pets lose their appeal, the snake had no appeal to begin with; these pets must be disposed of. That disposal method seems to have become my daughter. She has earned a reputation in her school for being the repository of last resort for these creatures. Now when I went to school this is not what was meant when a girl had a 'reputation,' so I guess I should consider myself lucky.

So the problem lays in the fact that she now has cockroaches that hiss, a corn snake, chinchillas, gerbils of some sort, two cats, stick bugs, two or three lizards, and is in negotiations for the receipt of two boa constrictors.

Help!

Her argument is that I live and work around politicians and lawyers much of my day, so the snakes should not be that much of a leap for me to accept. So what does a loving father do? Should I look at this as an alternative to her showing up with a boy friend that has forty-five rings in various parts of his body, which are not visible to the human eye? I do know that I will be unable to sleep knowing that there are two things in a room in my home that consider me dinner.

Besides what do you do with a snake? Do you take a boa for a walk with a leash? What happens when the boa has disappeared for a while and there is only one cat left? What fears go through you head when that snake is loose, and your daughter is nowhere to be found? Do boas make a good companion? Anyone with ideas as to how I deal with a daughter and her menagerie, which includes snakes and bugs?



## ENLIGHTENING INFORMATION:

### **\$7,000 in scholarships to be awarded to Métis students at Athabasca University**

Edmonton, July 24, 2001 -- The competition is now open for seven \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this fall to Métis students who have demonstrated scholarly merit in studies at Athabasca University. The awards, funded by Canative Housing Corporation, are available to Métis students who have completed at least three credits (normally, one course) through Athabasca University. Canative Housing Corporation director Herb Belcourt presented the University with the scholarship monies -- and a commitment to fund the new awards for at least 10 years -- two years ago.

The application deadline is October 31, 2001. To apply, contact:

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T: 1-800-788-9041 (ext. 6249)

E: [janiced@athabascau.ca](mailto:janiced@athabascau.ca)

### **"APPLY TO JOIN THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF AUSU OR ONE OF ITS SUB-COMMITTEES!**

The Student Services Committee, and four of its sub-committees, are currently seeking volunteers for Committee Member positions. Positions may also be available on the other AUSU committees. For further information, please contact the Student Services Committee Chairperson, Mark Gueffroy, by email at [mgueffroy@ausu.org](mailto:mgueffroy@ausu.org), or contact the Edmonton office of AUSU at (800) 788-9041 ext. 3413.

### **WHAT MAKES BEING CANADIAN A PRIVILEGE? PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRETIEN RECENTLY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, 'BEING A CANADIAN IS A PRIVILEGE!'" WHAT MAKES BEING CANADIAN A PRIVILEGE FOR YOU?**

Please send your response to [advice75@hotmail.com](mailto:advice75@hotmail.com) and your answer may be included in a future article in The Voice!"

### **GOT PROBLEMS? NEED ADVICE? LOOKING FOR AN HONEST OPINION?**

Send your comment, question, or concern to The Voice's Advice Columnist at [advice75@hotmail.com](mailto:advice75@hotmail.com)

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