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We love to hear from you! Send your questions and comments to voice@ausu.org, and please indicate if we may publish your letter.

Thank you again for publishing the articles on convocation. After reading it makes me want to attend more upon my own graduation.

I found it interesting when Debbie Jabbour talked about bringing Athabasca home to Athabasca, and that this might have had an effect on Athabasca's ability to compete in the global marketplace. When I originally investigated attending AU, the fact that it was in such a remote location actually enticed me to attend.(I live in Ontario) I figured if these people are in such a remote location then they're going to have a better sense of distance education. Had it been in Calgary or Edmonton my thoughts would have been it's just another University.

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Life During Wartime: How to Survive in Politically Dangerous Times

El-ahrairah Jones

Don't associate with undesirables. Stay away from the ugly and the weak.

Don't rock the boat if you can help it. Stay on the good side of those who are in positions of power. Be helpful and cooperative. Keep your opinions to yourself.

Believe whatever you are told, and try to buy what everyone else is buying.

Try to lose any unusual character quirks or eccentricities that you may have. Be on the lookout for the danger signs of creative thinking or other attention-drawing characteristics in your children. Consult your family doctor for possible pharmaceutical options.

Buy a vehicle large enough and heavy enough to easily drive over anybody who may try to stand in your way.

Always marry for money.

Lower your expectations. Numb any personal pain. Be the best that you can be.

Make a list of whom the powerful Hollywood stars are sleeping with. Memorize the list.

Teach your children to be *very* afraid of strangers.

Research all of the personal security options that are available to you.

Surreptitiously listen in on conversations. Report any suspicious goings-on that you notice around you, especially if the activities involve dangerous-looking Middle-Eastern types of people.

Read magazine articles and watch television shows that help you feel good about yourself and the great democracy that we live in.

It's perfectly normal to vomit, but resist the urge until you're behind closed doors.

Stay indoors as much as possible.

Keep all of your doors locked and your car windows rolled up at all times.

Don't cry or scream, and for God's sake don't laugh when it's not appropriate.

Wash everything repeatedly.

Be ready to change your opinion quickly.

Be flexible in your understanding of whom we are at war with. Be aware that this can change on a moment's notice.

Don't let others see that you are afraid.

Be proud to live in a free country, but remember that safety is always better than freedom.

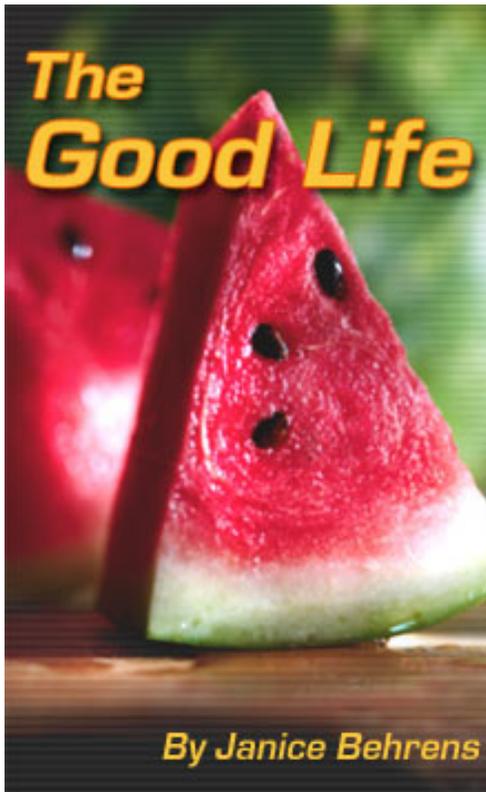
Be prepared to sacrifice your life and the lives of your children, if so instructed.

Make sure you always have a loaded gun or a can of mace within reach.

Lather. Rinse. Repeat.

Shoot first and ask questions later.

Above all, no matter how much you may worry, always put on a happy face. Just the other day, they came looking for dark-skinned people in my neighbourhood. But I wasn't alarmed, because I'm not a dark-skinned person...



Being Wrong

A young acquaintance of mine says that her interactions with the rest of human society can be roughly split into three disproportionate categories. First of all, there are about ten per cent of the people she meets that she takes an instant liking to. These are "her kind of people"--individuals who share similar values, passions, temperament, outlook and interests. From this pool of humanity will come all of her close friends and lovers. A second group of individuals consists of another ten per cent of humanity whom are relegated to the category of people that she has an almost instant and visceral antagonism towards. These are the people whose attitudes, opinions and characteristics will forever be pushing her buttons and causing the corners of her mouth to shape themselves into a sneer of contempt. The final group of individuals consists of the remaining eighty per cent of humanity. These are the people who she comes into contact with that invoke a neutral response (neither a strong positive nor a strong negative reaction). She may not form strong and lasting relationships with them but, for the most part, she is able to "work and play well" with them. Furthermore, she insists with all of the confidence of the young, she can tell within a matter of minutes of meeting a new person which of these categories he or she will slot into.

I remember a time in my life when I had similarly staunch convictions about the people that surrounded me. From childhood onwards, I considered myself to be a swift and accurate judge of character and believed strongly in the accuracy of my first impressions.

At a former job, I worked with a man whom I took a quick disliking to. He was, it seemed to me, a smart-alecky and conceited sort of individual. He appeared to be incapable of taking anything seriously and was one of those people you just know is ready to make snide comments about you behind your back.

Because his roommate was one of my closest friends, we all wound up spending time together at a lot of the same bars and parties. As far as my shallow twenty-five year old self was concerned, he had weird taste in music, a bad haircut, and a seemingly endless collection of the ugliest ties and Hawaiian-style short sleeve shirts on the planet. On the plus side, though, he could cook, he loved to dance as much as myself, and we shared a passion for the music of *Sly and the Family Stone*, the film *A Christmas Story* (Clark, 1983), and Roald Dahl's children's novel *James and the Giant Peach* (1961). On the basis of this shaky foundation, we began to build a lasting and true friendship that eventually morphed into a romantic relationship and finally a marriage that is well into its fifteenth year. As it turned out, I have rarely, if ever, heard him make a snide or unkind comment about anybody.

Besides my ability to make accurate snap judgments about people, I have changed my mind about a great many other things over the years. Although my core values have remained relatively constant, I have shifted my ideas and perspectives in numerous areas of thought and taste, including food, music and politics. I'm hoping that it is a sign of slowly gathering wisdom that I am now able to admit when I am wrong about something (an occurrence that truly happens on a daily basis), without having it negatively affect my feelings about myself. I am no longer so tied to my opinions and judgments that they define who I am. I no longer feel incompetent or that I am losing face when I admit to making a mistake or changing my mind.

After all, Stephen Hawking, arguably our most revered living physicist, recently reversed his theory with respect to the capacity of matter to reemerge from inside a black hole. This reversal, of course, is consistent with the whole history and process of science, which is based on the perpetual discarding and realigning of ideas and theories as information comes to light. If only this open-mindedness were as commonplace in politics, religion, and our everyday lives, things might run a whole lot more smoothly.

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Dear Barb,

I have never discussed this with anyone before. My husband and I have been married for five years and we have a three-year-old son. Just before I became pregnant with my son, my husband and I were having marital problems and separated temporarily. During this separation, I had a brief affair with another man, which I never told my husband about. As far as I know, he did not see anyone during this time. My problem is I became pregnant with my son soon after and now I'm not sure whose child he is. I feel confused and guilty about this situation. I was raised in a strict Catholic home, so I don't feel that I can talk to my family about this. I want to tell my husband, but I'm afraid of his reaction. Barb, do you think I should tell my husband or should I just let sleeping dogs lie?

Anonymous!

Thanks for sending in your question. Fortunately, it seems that you and your husband have been able to work through past marital difficulties. At the current time, I can see where it might be easier to just "let sleeping dogs lie." However, since you feel you are being deceitful and are unable to live with these feelings, I would suggest you disclose this matter.

The manner in which you discuss this with your husband will be pivotal to his reaction. Perhaps a counsellor will be able to help you sort this out and suggest the best way to tell your husband. You could choose to disclose this information to your husband at the counsellor's office. This way the counsellor may be able to help your husband defuse some of the intense feelings he will undoubtedly experience.

Since you know your husband best maybe you can determine a better way to tell him. What is the preferred form of communication in your marriage? Do you feel he would prefer to be told something like this in private, or would he appreciate having a neutral party there as well? Also, what are your preferences? Do you want to tell your husband privately, or do you feel having a counsellor available will be beneficial?

No matter what route you take in telling your husband, be prepared for his reaction. He will most likely be devastated, angry and probably withdraw from you for a while. Do you believe he has any inkling that you were with someone else during the separation? If so, maybe the possibility of your son not being his child has occurred to him since you became pregnant so soon after.

Ultimately you will probably choose to have DNA testing done to determine who is the biological father of your son. If the biological father turns out to be the other man, you will then have to consider telling him as well.

Your situation is a difficult one, but my belief is that "honesty is the best policy." You can "let sleeping dogs lie," but ultimately you must live with the possibility that they may awaken at any time.

I don't know if I have been able to help, but I wish you the best of luck.

E-mail your questions to dearbarb.voice@ausu.org. Some submissions may be edited for length or to protect confidentiality: your real name and location will never be printed. This column is for entertainment only. The author is not a professional counsellor and this column is not intended to take the place of professional advice.

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AUSU Course Evaluations

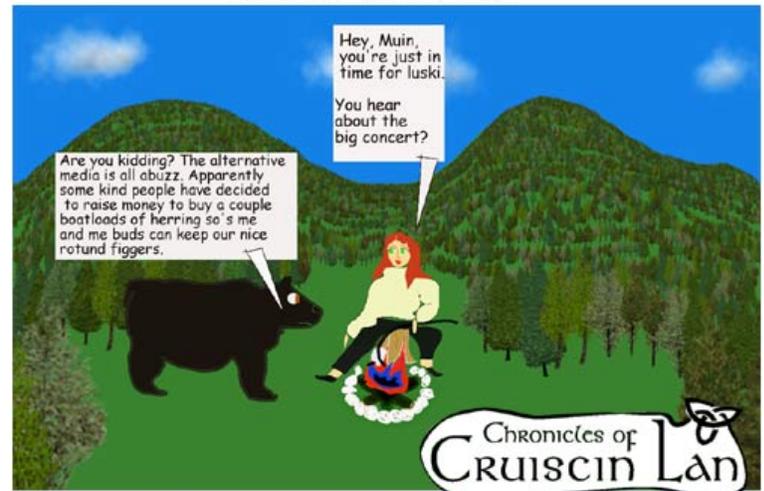
Would you like to know what your fellow students have thought of an AU course? If so, you are not alone. Many students find the input of their peers invaluable when selecting courses or a program of study. AU students may not have cafeterias and hallways in which to share this knowledge, but AUSU has provided an alternative: AUSU Course and Program Evaluation surveys. Accessible through the "Course Evaluations" link on the right side of the top bar of AUSU.org, these surveys ask a series of questions about AUSU courses and programs. Each student many rate each course or program only once, to ensure the validity of the results, so you must be logged in to access a survey form. Anyone, however, may view the results. If you haven't already, please rate some courses you have taken so that others may benefit from your experience. Note: these surveys are not the same as the ones that AU distributes with their course manuals. No AU staff or faculty member has access to the AUSU website, nor can they determine who has filled out a survey. Your anonymity is assured.

AUSU Discussion Forums and Chat

Looking for a way to interact with fellow students? Check out the AUSU discussion forums and chatroom, accessible through the top menu bar of AUSU.org. The forums contain many sections to address a wide variety of student interests. You'll find the most students in the General Student Chat section, but you may also wish to use one of the province or city-specific forums to speak with AU students in your local area.

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By the Pricking of my Thumbs

Driving through Manning Park last Sunday afternoon, I'm one of the first dozen or so vehicles to arrive on the scene of a fatal highway accident. No emergency vehicles have arrived yet. There is a silver thermal blanket, the kind that comes in roadside emergency kits, that is shrouding a dead body. There is a man walking around zombie-like in a state of shock. He steps out in front of a slowly moving tractor-trailer, very nearly getting knocked over. There is a long bloodstain smeared along the black asphalt paving.

At one o'clock on the following morning I'm sitting in my attic giving in to insomnia. Having an important appointment at eight o'clock in the morning, I had gone to bed fairly early for once in the hope of getting an increasingly rare solid night's sleep. (Insomnia is something I've battled with all my life, but lately I've begun to feel a bit like Lady Macbeth with a cola addiction.) My wife and daughter are over on the island, visiting relatives, so the house is creepily quiet. I had tried drifting off by setting the sleep feature on my clock radio, but the news was filled with disturbing reports of suicide bombings, missing persons, missing boats, missing nuclear material... I'm missing the snoring and farting (the night sounds of my sleeping family). Even the cat seems to have

decided to stay away on some kind of feral feline all-night bender.

Up in the creaky sanctuary of the attic, I've got a water glass filled with Glenfiddich and a nicely burning hash joint. I'm going through soggy, mildewed cardboard boxes filled with long-playing record albums. The best way to spend my sleepless hours and to shake the day's scene of horror is to make a good old-fashioned mixed tape. I used to spend hours making these tapes before the ability to download thousands of songs on-line screwed up all the fun of sharing a personal mix of music with people.

I put my weight on the top step of the rickety ladder and suddenly there's a knock at the front door that scares the shit out of me. The frightening sound nearly causes me to lose my balance. I narrowly avoid becoming a broken heap on the floor below by miraculously still managing to balance the pile of records in the crook of my arm. The knocking at the door comes again, gentle but insistent, like the tapping of a gloved hand. For some inexplicable reason, the sound of it fills me with a completely irrational sense of dread. I have this wild feeling that there's something awful waiting for me on the other side of the door. At the same time, I'm ashamed by my feeling of groundless fear, so I force myself to pull the door open without bothering to first look through the peep-hole to see who's out there.

When I open the door, the ugliest and most enormous flying beetle that I've ever seen comes winging in through the open doorway. Its wings make a whirring sound as it starts clacking and banging against the paper shade of a table lamp.

Have you ever had a nightmare in which a seemingly simple and harmless object -- a spoon or a box of matches -- takes on, for no apparent reason, a dimension of inexplicable dread? Has that dread ever overtaken you in your waking life? Somehow, the stupid, insensate lumbering beetle, now scorching its wings against the light bulb, seems like a malevolent omen. I feel it is a harbinger of something dreadful. Leaving my record albums lying on the couch, I walk into my bedroom, close the door, and fall into a troubled sleep.

The next morning, amazingly, I wake up feeling completely refreshed! The cat is scratching at the screen door, so I let it in and pour it a dollop of cream. There's a Ferron song playing on the radio and a shaft of sunlight falling on the floor. My wife phones to remind me to pay the gas bill. The beetle of my dread is nowhere to be seen.

COOL TOOLS

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I've been using both these services for quite some time, and find them both easy to read, use, and understand. Neither site requires you to know any coding or install any software on your own machine, and best of all, they're both free!

Women You Should Know

Compiled by Barbara Godin

Marie Curie was born in Warsaw on November 7, 1867 as Maria Sklodowska. The premature death of her mother and one of her sisters is said to have caused her to become agnostic. This agnosticism would later encourage her faith in the sciences. Marie was a brilliant student with an unwavering focus. She secretly dreamed of becoming a scientist, however this was considered unattainable for women during this era. Marie pursued studies and received degrees in both physics (1893) and mathematics (1894). Shortly thereafter, she met and married Pierre Curie. Pierre worked along side his wife sharing her interest in physics. The Curies' determination and tenacity resulted in the discovery of radium that paved the way for nuclear physics. Radioactivity is also renowned as the starting point for cancer treatment. As a result, Marie was able to fulfill her real desire of easing human suffering. Together with Henri Becquerel and her husband Pierre, Marie was awarded a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903. Pierre died in 1906 as a result of a tragic carriage accident. Marie continued her research and in 1911 received a Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her work in radioactivity. Marie's daughter Irene shared her parents' love for science. Irene, along with her husband Frederic Joliot, discovered artificial radioactivity and were awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1935. Marie Curie died of leukemia in July 1934. Her illness was likely accelerated by her exposure to radiation.

Source for additional information

Marie Sklodowska Curie: The Woman Who Opened The Nuclear Age. *21st Century*.

<http://www.21stcenturysciencetech.com/articles/wint02-03/MarieSklodowskaCurie.html>

If the Shoe Fits



From
Where
I Sit

Hazel Anaka

Is there a woman alive, over the age of say 25 or 30 who doesn't have a love/hate relationship with shoes? Is there a woman alive, of any age, who hasn't bought the wrong shoes for the wrong reasons? Is there a woman alive who hasn't suffered excruciating pain as a result of wearing poorly designed shoes?

We know the girls of *Sex in the City* fame loved their Manolo Blahniks. At a cost of several hundred dollars a pair, and their sky-high heels, next-to-nothing straps, and embellishments of all sorts, these shoes are cruel. They also happen to be verrrry sexy. Fashionistas have long maintained that high heels elongate the leg and thrust the pelvis forward as the body tries to remain upright in these shoes, making for a very sexy gait.

Sexy, that is, until you hobble into the podiatrist's office. If I had a nickel for everyone I know who either has or needs an orthotic device, I'd be one rich woman. At \$325 and up per pair, this is not a cheap fix! But without mine, I would be unable to walk. With flat feet and plantar fasciitis, I need both arch and metatarsal support. Like every other woman I know, I squeezed my foot into shoes that were too small, too pointy, and too high, all in the name of fashion. I believed, incorrectly, that they would *stretch* to fit.

Neil Banheghi of Sole Experience on Edmonton's Whyte Avenue has saved my life. As a certified pedorthist and certified pedorthic master craftsman, he's the man. He custom makes orthotics and has a wide selection of shoes with removable footbeds to accommodate the orthotic. He's talked to me about feet, shoes, correct fit, and the dying art of custom shoemakers. This is a man who loves his work! He even made me a thinner version of my orthotic to wear in dress shoes for a wedding a few years ago.

I'm not sure Neil would approve of my recent purchase of some dress shoes, but I do know he'd understand that sometimes a girl just has to wear something that isn't good for her, all in the name of fashion. With wedding season here, I found I needed shoes that were dressier than the sensible shoes I normally wear. As a marriage commissioner, I only need to be able to stand for an hour or so. My new gold, open-toed mules will be great for summery, outdoor weddings. The square-toed pumps with three-inch heels look more formal and will more easily accommodate the shape of a human foot than the pointed, ski-like shoes that are available. The fact that all of these beauties were all on sale is a bonus.

Experts suggest shoe shopping at the end of the day when your feet are generally their largest. Don't buy by size, but rather buy what fits. Stand up in the shoes, and walk in them. Make sure there's about a half an inch of space beyond the length of your longest toe. Don't allow your heel to slip. That's a good fit, from where I sit.

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Almost all of the world's ethnic groups are represented in Canada. As a result, most ethnic foods and recreational activities associated with specific cultures are available in Canada. Clubs, informal clubs and associations representing a multitude of ethnic backgrounds are also easily accessible. International student advisors at schools can help students get in touch with such groups. All major urban centres have a variety of shopping malls, restaurants, theatres, art galleries and museums. Canadian cities provide numerous parks, gardens and beaches for public use, as well as excellent sports and recreation facilities.

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Available each year to students in both Canada and the United States. A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required. Criteria other than strictly academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process. Contact for more information.

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Deadline: October 15

Phone: (780) 427-8640

To connect toll free in Alberta dial: 310-0000

Email: scholarships@gov.ab.ca



WIPCE 2005

Nov 27-Dec 1, 2005 - Hamilton, New Zealand
<http://www.wipce2005.com/>

Te Wananga o Aotearoa is dedicated to promoting inspirational ideas and practices from Indigenous communities that can be applied on an international scale. It is pleased to host this world renowned gathering of indigenous educators, researchers and students. The 2005 conference is an opportunity for honouring all previous hui (gatherings.) It also creates an occasion for bringing interesting and innovative ideas that evoke inspiration and pride as indigenous peoples.

Cultures of eBay

August 24-25, 2005 - Colchester, England
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2005 Government & Health Technologies Forum

August 30-31, 2005 - Ottawa, ON
<http://gov.wowgao.com>

The IASTED Conference on Computer Graphics and Imaging CGIM 2005

August 15 to 17, 2005 - Honolulu, USA
<http://www.iasted.org/conferences/2005/hawaii/c478.htm>

Wooden O Symposium

August 1 to 4, 2005 - Cedar City, Utah, USA
<http://www.woodenosymposium.org/>
The Wooden O Symposium is a cross disciplinary conference exploring Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Studies, through the text and performance of Shakespeare's plays.

3rd Annual Generic Biopharmaceuticals Global Summit

August 2 to 3, 2005 - Washington, DC, USA
<http://srinstitute.com/cs306>

Technical Scientific Workshop Series: Principles and Techniques for Basic and Applied Research

August 9 to 11, 2005 - Boston, MA, USA
<http://www.scientificworkshops.com/>

Nanocomposites 2005

August 22 to 24, 2005 - San Francisco, CA, USA
<http://executive-conference.com/>

4th Annual Executive Assistants Forum:

Maximizing Your Performance and Productivity for Professional Success
August 16 to 17, 2005 - Toronto, Ont.
<http://www.insightinfo.com/>

Cultures of eBay

August 24 to 25, 2005 - Colchester, Essex, England
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Infectious Disease Review

August 6 to 13/05 - Cruise sails from Vancouver, BC
<http://www.continuingeducation.net/>

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National Student Government Summit

September 8 to 11, 2005 - Washington, DC, USA
<http://www.asgaonline.com/conferences/national>

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