

# Perspectives



## Poor living

Being of reasonably sound mind, I could not face the sanity-destroying prospect of dormitory living or fraternal incarceration. So, the only alternative for housing for me was to try my luck with that ruthless breed of social Rasputin known as the Pullman landlord.

Being a poor student, money was an object and finding suitable housing for less than a Boeing bribe was a priority. Alas, the search ended at a week-choked gulch on College Hill where a snug but reasonable little bungalow is located.

The decor was early Pasco Gothic and the furniture was vintage World War II army surplus. Looking down at the house from the street conjured up images of a corn-cob-pipe-smoking grandmother, rocking in a rickety rocker in Appalachia. The house would probably be condemned if the health department got within 40 feet of it, but the choice lay between renting or camping out in a tent.

The house had a genuine look of squalor that appealed to me, so I took it. Things went well until winter.

Cold arctic air began to whistle through cracked plaster and gaping door-jams in November, freezing the electrons to a screeching halt in the wiring. I tried sleeping in the gas oven with the heat turned up to 350 degrees, but the sound of frozen propane dropping to the floor kept me awake. I thought of tearing up the rug to block the cracks in the wall but realized the first blast of cold air from the basement would launch every unbolted piece of furniture through the ceiling, complicating an already difficult situation.

The holes in the structure not only let winter zephyrs howl through the house unimpeded, but let in tiny rivulets of water. When the monsoons begin to pour, I'll be able to shower in any room of the house.

The holes are also an open invitation to any rodent tired of roughing it on the outside. Little black quarter-moon mouse slivers began to appear in the cabinets. I can live with mice very nicely because keeping them out of the food is no trouble, and besides, they are kind of pitiful.

One day, however, I found a dropping eight times bigger than any other I had seen, and shuddered, RATS. Just as I shuddered, an icy wind roared through the house, scattering rat droppings to Josh knows where and the landlord showed up telling me that the rent was going to be doubled next week.

I told him I wouldn't give him an extra shilling for this rat infested, crumbling, refrigerator. He smiled and said that when the rains got heavier, all the rats and mice would be drowned by the water gushing into the basement through the strategically placed holes in the structure.

I guess one must pay for the modern invention of architectural rodent control. Progress marches on and you can't argue with logic, never mind progress. Meanwhile, the rent goes up.

— Knotso Bright

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## —To the editor—

### Referendum, candidates 'plugged'

This letter has three purposes: first, to offer a word of caution to all those who attend the Political Union's forums on homosexuality, beware of indoctrinators who sell their wares under the guise of education. Should the forum proceedings be carefully examined, one would find them based on the assumptions of liberal sexual permissivists with moral values based on inconsistencies which will be unable to stand the test of time.

My second purpose is to remind people of the upcoming referendum (concerning funds and committee status for the Homosexual Awareness Committee, or as it will be worded on the referendum, the Gay Awareness Committee) to be voted on in the general election. I would

that I could persuade all of you to vote YES, but since that is at best unlikely, I would like to urge all of you to just vote — YES or NO, whichever way suits you. As the chief underwriter of the referendum I have my own reasons for desiring the referendum to pass, but since you've undoubtedly heard them, I shan't belabor you with them here. (If by chance you haven't heard them give me a call — after 10 p.m. please — my phone number is 5-4258).

My final reason for writing this letter is to put in a plug for the Bernard/Rasmussen Pres./V.P. ticket. In my personal dealings with Mike and Neil I have been more than mildly impressed with their interest in students, and in seeing student

government work for students. Of all the candidates for their spot, their personal qualifications clearly show them to be a cut above the rest of the crowd. Finally, I see in them a conservatism open to differing viewpoints, but inflexible when assailed by excessive compromise; it is a conservatism not based wholly in sentimentalities, but rather based on wholesome presuppositions and concerns for this microcosm of the world in which we live. I therefore fully indorse (sic) Mike and Neil as the only real alternative in this election. And I will remain firm in this conviction regardless of this fine piece of journalistic crudity's endorsement.

—Robert E. Booth

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## Wrong again, guys

I was happy to see the prominent coverage given in Wednesday's Evergreen to the survey of student's needs conducted by Student Services Research. I hope concerned students will support Student Services in acting on the findings. I appreciate your candid reporting of some criticisms of your paper though it is ironic that your reporter misconstrued and quoted out of context several sections of the survey report. These distortions do violence to our findings and a disservice to your credibility. The most damaging inaccuracy I must try to correct.

RAs were not, as was asserted, "particularly hit by the students surveyed." They came in for a

small share of strong criticism among many other groups criticized. Readers were given a totally invalid impression by the article's quoting only the critical comments without including the preceding sentence in the report. This noted that "only about one in fifteen (respondents) expressed dissatisfaction" and only some 15 percent of those, in turn, added comments about RAs — a tiny fraction. Some half of the respondents indicated satisfaction with advising, counseling or help with problem-solving in the residence halls.

— Tom Greenfield  
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