

Letters.....



AVC SADISTIC TOOLS

Mr. Editor,

I have never found real reason to comment on the contents of the GEM, up until now...

I would like to make reference to the Open Letter to: ...Dean of AVC by a fellow "student" (and I use that term lightly) regarding the "primitive Vet. impliments" displayed through "the only open door in AVC".

AS a fellow HISTORY student, I would like to think that Miss., (or Ms.) Manderson would have realized

UNFRIENDLY BOYFRIENDS

Editor:

Friday night, a friend and I recognized these two girls we had seen previously and went over to ask them to dance. Their reply was: "Well I don't think our boyfriends would like it". So we said: "O.K. so have a nice evening, and talk to you later".

Later that evening I go back to my vehicle with the guys to give them a ride home. What do I see on the windshield but a little note that said: "You should find out whether a girl has a boyfriend before you ask them to dance". Well I found that remark a bit bizarre. So this is what I say to you girls: "Your boyfriends are very possessive, if they wouldn't like you to dance casually with two guys who just asked you politely, and I don't think it very intelligent that when someone wants to dance with someone else he must first say: "Excuse me do you have a boyfriend? -no? Would you like to dance?"

So grow up girls this is the eighties!

(signed)

LATER

REPLIES TO "BEST LEGS"

Editor,

Oh come on, only people with a warped mind like you would think of the article (Mary Brown's Fried Chicken, best legs in town) as having a sexual connotation. How would you feel, Miss Heckbert, if the advertisement read: Mary Brown's Fried Chicken, best breasts in town? So what,

the significance of this exhibit. 'Educating the Ignorant' is what I would call it. Most people are unaware of the wonders of Vet. medicine that have evolved since the days of the use of the tools on display. I most definitely agree that the tools are crude but I thank technology and science that they have been improved.

In regard to Ms Manderson's blatant attack on the integrity of the Security Guard, this is what I find "very

chicken legs are called chicken legs, and chicken breasts are called chicken breasts.

Furthermore, I'm sure that if other people would have been offended by this form of advertisement, they would have made their feelings known. Would guys have thought of this advertisement as sexist if it read: Bob Brown's Fried Chicken, best legs in town? Why set a double standard?

Finally,

I think you should have your head examined, as there may be a few screws loose.

Sincerely,

A reader

Dear Editor:

In the previous issue of the Gem, there was a letter complaining about sexism in an advertisement. I don't think there is any sexism in this advertisement. Complaints of sexism are the result of an incorrect attitude towards life.

Humans are merely nothing but a special kind of commodity. Females and males trade in each other for the mutual benefit of propagating their genes. If we were to look upon ourselves as precious commodities, we would not do things that would reduce our exchange value, such as smoking, drinking, and dating people of questionable value. If we were to view ourselves in this way, we would try to maximize our perceived value, until we found the highest qualified bidder through market exchange mechanisms.

In this context, complaints of verbal sexism in a mere advertisement is of little consequence to the advancement of our lives. This complaint seems petty and trivial.

disquieting"! What is her recommendation to cure his boredom? I cannot understand why she finds it so hard to see someone doing the job they have been hired to do.

I would encourage anyone to find further fault with Jill Manderson's letter and make the public aware!

Signed,

Carla, with a 'K'!

Surely there are more pressing problems to be dealt with in life.

(signed)

A Mere Commodity

Dear Editor,

This letter is written in response to the "Sexism in the Gem" article in last week's Gem by Lori-Anne Heckbert. I support the argument of Ms. Heckbert and urge The Gem to pull the ad from future publications.

It does not take an in depth study or a lot of imagination to determine that this ad is sexist. There is no reference made to chicken in the graphic (a rather eager looking man) or in the slogan. The word chicken only appears in the name of the restaurant. If one was to delete the name and rely on the ad copy for information it is clear that the business was selling sex- the best legs in town-etc. and not chicken.

As a full time student I pay for this student newspaper and do not find it unreasonable to expect fair standards for promotions in the issues. The advertisement in question should be pulled and only allowed re-entry when it is cleaned up.

Sincerely,

Lisa Murphy

WARNING FROM SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Recently, some of our students decided to pull what they considered to be a 'prank'. This so-called prank consisted of tearing a signal light bar from the roof of a motor vehicle belonging to the RCMP. There was considerable damage to the roof of the vehicle and resulted in two of our students being charged under the Criminal

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The gem cannot be polished without friction,
nor man perfected without trials.

— Confucius

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