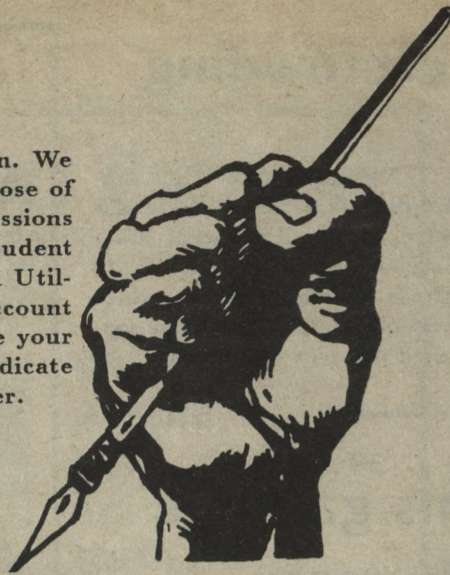


Letters...

THE LETTERS page is your forum of discussion. We print all to letters to the editor received except those of a personally vindictive nature. Deadline for submissions is Monday, 5:00 pm. Drop your letters off at the Student Union office in The Barn, at the Gem office Rm. 01 Utility Building, or send them through VAX MAIL to account GEM. Your submission must be signed and include your telephone number or it cannot be printed. Please indicate if you do not wish your name to appear in the paper.



Dear Editor:

Last year, as well as this year, there has been a large number of times when the Kelly Micro Lab was locked when it was scheduled to be open. This problem is especially annoying to students who have driven in the country and who have assignments to complete. In fact, there are many instances where assignment due dates have had to be extended because of the locked lab.

This past Saturday evening Jan 16/88 the Kelly building was locked—so much for working on various projects. Now I realize that supposedly all one has to do is call Security to get it open; however, two difficulties arise:

First you have to have money on you to call them from Kelly, especially on weekends. (Imagine an emergency and no direct line to campus security—anyone got twenty cents? If not then what?

Second, even when one does call Security, the wait goes on and on.

For example, if you arrive at the lab at 8:30am and it is locked, you get Security and by nine it should be open. Of course, if you have a class at 9:30am that doesn't leave much time to work on your project.

Major points revisited:

The Kelly Micro Lab should be opened "on time and as scheduled" and students should not have to telephone (especially without direct phone lines) the Security department. The onus is on the Computer Center to manage the lab properly, not the students.

A final comment: no one is going to give back, to the student, the time lost during the wait for the door to the lab to be opened. If anyone

has complaints call the director of the computer center if you have the twenty cents.

Tired of waiting

Editor's Note: I forwarded a copy of the above letter to Scott Cudmore in the Computer Centre who is in charge of scheduling the microlab and overseeing the advisors. He replies below:

We have written to Security asking that they open the Kelley Microcomputer Lab during the following hours:

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 11:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Although it may happen on occasion that the lab doesn't get opened on time, we sincerely want to make it as available as possible to students.

Scott Cudmore
UPEI Computer Centre

To the Editor:

I am disappointed that an article I left for The Gem, on Monday morning of

last week, was not published. The article was important for two reasons: 1) it was a welcome back to the mature and part-time students, from MAPUS, and 2) it expressed the full support of MAPUS for the Week of Action which will be almost over by the time this letter is printed.

Did I miss some special formula that is required to have an article printed? Perhaps the Gem should list what is required for articles as they have done for letters.

Jackie Schofield
Pres. MAPUS

Editor's Reply— Nothing pisses me off more than when an article doesn't get into the paper or that an important date gets mixed up and such. The Gem tries to be reliable and reasonably error-free. I can only say that your MAPUS article appears to have gotten lost. It happens very rarely and I apologize that the hard work you put into the article did not make it into print.



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This Week's Contributors:

The History Society, Vivian Huizenga, Robert McNeil, Malcolm Gorrill, Laurie Reeves, Nancy Lovering, and so very many more talented scholars.

Anyone can contribute to The GEM: announcements, short stories, poems, letters, or just plain ideas can be dropped off at the Barn, sent through VAX MAIL to GEM, or stuck on our door down in the basement of the utility building.

We cherish typed and double spaced submissions and submissions on computer disk or through VAX mail. For legal reasons, all submissions must include the author's name and phone number. However, names will be withheld from publication on request. There is only one more issue of The Gem this term.

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