

# The Gateway

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Thanks  
 Everyone!

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## Letters

### Judge is nuts I

DEAR GATEWAY,

THIS IS A LITTLE DITTY... ABOUT A LITERARY REVIEWER WHO FOR TEN YEARS IN A ROW HAS JUDGED THE GATEWAY LITERARY CONTEST AND FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW WE HAVE SUFFERED O.K... GRANTED! SOME OF THE POEMS AND THE STORIES TOO... WERE GOOD THE MATURITY, HOWEVER, ... SUCKED AND THE GALL OF THE MAN SAYING... "THE FINAL PRODUCT IS THE BEST OF EDMONTON'S LITERARY TALENT" (JUDGE'S COMMENTS, PAGE 2 GATEWAY MARCH 27th 1986)

PLEASE... DON'T INFLECT YOUR OPINIONS ON US POOR LITERARY ISMARRANTS, WE MAY NOT BE LITERARY GENIUSES LIKE GILBERT BOUCHARD BUT WE CAN TELL POETRY FROM WORD SALADS (SOME WITHOUT DRESSING)... ENOUGH SAID!

BY THE WAY, IF YOU'RE WONDERING... THE ANSWER IS NO... I DID NOT ENTER THE CONTEST THIS YEAR SO THIS IS NOT SOUR GRAPES... REALLY!

A SUGGESTION... NEXT YEAR HAVE A COMMITTEE OF KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPERTS DO THE JUDGING. EVEN HAVE GILBERT BOUCHARD, BUT WITH OTHERS TO RESTRAIN HIS NEO-PROGRESSIVE TENDENCIES THEM... WE MAY BELIEVE THAT BUDDING LITERARY GENIUSES DO EXIST...

PS (1) HOW ABOUT CONSIDERING THE ABOVE LETTER (FORM AS AN ENTRY FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONTEST (IF GILBERT BOUCHARD IS AGAIN THE SOLE JUDGE)

PS (2) GET THE IDEA!

Dr. MAHSA SAAD  
 RHEUMATIC DISEASES UNIT - U - 1A

### King undemocratic?

Re: Edmonton Highlands MLA Dave King's ad, Gateway, March 27, 1986

Tory candidate King wants students living in his constituency to get out and vote, presumably for him. So he conveniently uses his MLA's advertising allowance to place his public-spirit ad.

Whether you live in Highlands or not, your tax dollar paid for King's ad.

How long are Albertans going to stand for this abuse of public money??

Catherine Roy

### Sinful Gateway

*Editor's Note: We goofed. We printed this letter in Tuesday's Gateway, but with a section missing. So here's the whole letter with our apologies to the authors.*

Many of you have read or know about the recent editions of the Pink Triangle. In the "Coming to grips with homosexuality", p. 10, Gateway, March 25, the author points out that until recently, his attitude toward homosexuals was one of condemnation, rejection, and ridicule. Now, however, he is much more tolerant and understanding, seeing them "as humans just like myself but with a sexual orientation different from my own." This change in attitude is very prevalent data, as even the results from a Gallup poll printed on the same page indicate. Many churches today officially accept or at least "tolerate" homosexuality and will quote from the Bible to support their viewpoint.

However, what does the Bible really say? See for yourself and decide. "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable" (Leviticus 20:13) see also Romans 1:27 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexual offenders, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. but you

were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the spirit of our God." The last passage was quoted in full to show that homosexuality is not set apart from other sins (like stealing, being greedy, getting drunk, etc.) and that it is not an unchangeable feature but can be forgiven and removed "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." What does this mean?

Jesus did not condemn the woman caught in adultery and brought before him, and he challenged those who wanted to stone her by saying, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone at her." However, he also told the woman to go and leave her life of sin (John 8:3-11). Jesus himself said that he bred people so much that he would even die for them, not to condemn them but to save them from their sins (John 3:16, 17). Galatians 2:16 tells us that no man is justified by observing the law (i.e. the Ten Commandments), but by faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8,9 and Hebrews 11:6 further explain that this faith is a gift of God and available to anyone who earnestly seeks God. If you are interested, read also Romans 3:22-24, 6:23, 5,8, and 10:9-13.

The choice is clear: either you believe the Bible is the word of God and do what it says, or you do what is right in your own eyes. And that goes not only for the homosexual but all of us.

There is a viable alternative to condemnation or tolerance of homosexuality.

Axel Dyckerhoff, Engg III  
 Brian Phillips, Engg III  
 Randy Guay, Engg III

Rosetta Voth, Engg I  
 Wally Thorson, Engg III  
 Thomas Kuelker Engg IV

### Judge is nuts II

To the Editor:

Gilbert Bouchard, the judge for the Gateway's "literary" issue claimed that this year's paper contained "the best of Edmonton's new literary talent."

Apparently, Mr. Bouchard knows very little about "literary talent." Perhaps he should cite his qualifications. I do not claim to be an authority on the subject but I have been exposed to the literary world enough to offer an opposing view to the judge's statement.

Lynne White's "A Ghoul's Passing" is an immature little story that could have possibly been written by a twelve year old. The author tries to jazz up the basically poor storyline by injecting it with double-talk and pseudo-philosophical tripe to add a touch of intelligence. The trick fails badly and the limitations of this piece of ...

Other entries suffer badly as well. "The Intellectual (A Novella)" brings new description to the word "shit". Perhaps I should say "Fucking Dildo Shit" to be more poetic, eh, W.S.?

The patchwork motif in Heather D. Muarry's "The Quilt" has been overused in poetry to the point of cliché. Murray should try reading the Western Producer's Young Writers literary page (ages 6-15). She will find in that newspaper a similar style to her own and perhaps could discover a new outlet for her material if she is willing to claim that she is nine years old. Hey, it's worth a shot!

Not every poem in this issue is crap... the majority was but not every one. My congratulations to Kim Hanbest and Robert Einarsson who somehow managed to have their talents displayed in an otherwise lacking issue.

A suggestion for next year's competition: Bring in  
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