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The Moro rebellion is on hold. It is now possible to travel with relative safety to the Gulu archipelago by boat, which was not the case several years ago. Marcos had come to an accommodation with the Moro leadership. The main source of unrest in Mindanao is now from the NPA, mostly in the Agusan valley in eastern Mindanao, where the dispute seems to be over logging rights. There is also the factor of the vendetta between the NPA and certain right-wing extremist religious groups who have taken it upon themselves to fight "Communism".

Cory's biggest problem over the next few months will be the refinancing of the foreign debt. The IMF wants a major devaluation of the peso, which will probably result in another round of high inflation in the Philippines, and a loss of support from the "middle class", whatever that means in the Philippines, which is Cory's main base of popular support. Marcos had successfully resisted pressure to devalue drastically. It will be interesting to see if Cory will be as successful.

Another problem in need of immediate attention is the crisis in Negros. Again, it will be interesting to see if Cory will go against the interests of her family, the Cojuangco's, who have extensive holdings in the sugar-growing area in central Luzon, mainly Tarlac, to reopen the sugar mills in Negros. The NPA currently is very popular there because they have taken the side of the unemployed sugar workers. If Cory gives a larger share of the sugar quota to the growers in Negros, it could cut into family profits.

Just a few thoughts you might be interested in hearing.

Don Pirot
Office of Administrative Systems

Fuming fan

Re: Greg Halinda's record review of Gary Moore's album, *Run for Cover*, Tuesday, February 25, Gateway.

In addressing your review of Gary Moore's album *Run for Cover* Mr. Halinda, you, sir, "don't know from whence you came."

Firstly, as any Moore fan knows, Gary was only briefly in Thinn Lizzy and not their guitarist. That distinction was held by many men including Eric Bell, Scott Gorham, Brian Robertson, Snowy White, John Sykes, and most notably for one tour, Midge Ure.

Secondly, Gary has upwards of ten items of product available on assorted labels, import or domestic. So the fact this is his second effort is unfounded.

Thirdly, Gary has grown up musically and emotionally in Ireland and I believe that he is qualified to write lyrically about his homeland as are U2, etc. Also, he did not borrow Phil Lynott (R.I.P.). Phil was his friend.

As for the rest of your joke (review), Mr. Halinda, I attribute it to an uninformed mind more than anything. Next time, know what the hell you're talking about before you borrow an etch-a-sketch. By the way, how do you print off of one of those things.

Jim Dykeman
ASA 86-87

Future what?!

Dear Editor,

We were sitting in RATT admiring the lovely architecture around campus. We have one question on the education building. What is the reason for the one picture or mural, whatever it may be, on the north face of the Ed. North building? Is it satanic or just pointless?

Future educators of
your children

In defense of age

Shaun Cody's article "Methuselah" (Mar. 6 edition of the Gateway) expresses both disrespect for elders and restricted vision.

Abolition of mandatory retirement involves considerably more than the reduction of available jobs for young people. Self-fulfillment via employment is a valid need. Should this be denied anyone entirely on the basis of age? Furthermore, Mr. Cody fails to acknowledge the wealth of experience the older generations possess. People approaching retirement may require little financial security from their jobs but we need the years of experience they offer us.

The knowledge of university graduates is, indeed, a powerful tool. Given time and experience these people will contribute much to society. But if experience and education are valuable commodities, does not the elder group have much to offer?

Health, with respect to job performance, is a concern in a few occupations. In addition, poor health is not an inevitable, all inclusive element of old age. There are many healthy senior citizens. In fact, my former driving partner on a 1983 trucking job is fitter than me at 25. He is 66 years old.

Tuesday, March 11, 1986

The continuance of work by our elders does decrease the available jobs for young people. Yet this should not be viewed as a negative. Underemployment within one's field provides an experimental backbone on which to rest future decisions.

Be patient, Mr. Cody, every dog has his day.

Susan Huxley
Home Economics I

Religious Studies

Announcement to all those who participated in the following issue and to all students concerned and interested:

The academic year of 1984/85 had aroused disagreement between students and the management of the Department of Religious Studies that concerned

- the proper balance between courses of all religious directions, especially those concerned with East Asian content and
- the retaining of Dr. Lawrence Lau on the staff of the Department of Religious Studies.

A petition of the students may have raised attention to a difficult situation and may have had some impact on it. However, there is hardly any concrete evidence that the student concerns have been taken too seriously by the Department of Religious Studies and therefore, their concerns in regard to equal opportunity in religious studies persist.

As far as the second point of contention is concerned, we must admit that it was unsuccessful.

Nevertheless, it should be announced to all interested students that Dr. Lawrence Lau has been teaching in the Department of History since September 1985 and that we sincerely hope to have the opportunity to continue studies under him, as he is a valuable and appreciated teacher in that department as well.

On behalf of all students who participated to bring the above matters to the attention of the higher administration, we thank each and everyone who gave their support. We also, thank those who lent an ear to the students concerns and those who did and will lend a helping hand in improving the above situation.

The student committee concerned with continued course offerings in the study program of East Asian religions within the Department of Religious Studies

Stinky stuff

Dear Stinky Gateway,

Sometimes I respect the moves you make regarding what you print and by whom the article is written. HOWEVER, giving sportswriter Tim Enger the boot in favour of the degenerate NuVinyl "comic" was a most stinky, foul, and rude move!

Enger's articles showed proof of intelligence... interesting subject matter, good writing style, and even (GASP!) correct grammar! He has hope which Nu Vinyl does not.

I READ about HOCKEY, I BEGAN to LOVE FOOTBALL... and then my senses were offended by the stench of smelly, smelly work.

SHAPE UP, or you'll be lucky to be used for wrapping fish.

Marina Pidruchney
Arts II

P.S. What also stinks is how you won't publish letters unless they are full of criticism in four-letter words. I ask my grandmother and my English prof to still respect me after this.

Editors note: Tim Enger is still writing for The Gateway as apparent in his two articles on page 21 of this issue.

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