

more than 7,000 copies of the September 5 issue of the Gateway still on the loading docks and still not distributed for the students. I feel that in the near future there may be another attempt to fire the editor-in-chief of the Gateway. If I am forced to follow this avenue and Gilbert Bouchard still has his job, I guarantee that the Gateway will no longer exist.

Finally, if any Gateway staff member had taken the time to come to my office, they would have found out that there were four other people paid by the students who no longer work for us because I felt that they were not worth keeping; also I would have told them of some other people who may be out of a job before I finish my term of office. The students voted me in to straighten out the Students' Union and I will do it no matter how biased the reporting is by the Gateway.

Yours truly,

Gord Stamp
VP Internal

Competent Incompetency

During registration for the Bachelor of Education/After Degree program I was surprised to learn that I was required to take a writing competency test.

Apparently this test is designed to prove that prospective students' writing skills are adequate for university-level work.

To require that such a test be administered to recent graduates of its own programs is not only an insult to the graduate, it is also an act of hypocrisy by the University of Alberta. If the University does not take stock in holders of its own degrees, why should anyone else?

Peter Wilson B.A.

SECOND WIND

Second Wind is an occasional column of opinion by Gateway staff.

by Nate LaRoi

RE: Four more years of fascism...

As a firm believer in starting the year off wrong with the eventual goal of setting things right (as if I could do that! And who defines what's right anyway?), I should like to draw your attention, if you don't mind, to the Steve Chamchuk quote ("Tory, Tory, Tory... it's four more years of fascism, folks") sitting above the first edition of our beloved student newspaper. (There, that's long enough for a first sentence; now you know why they call this column "Second Wind").

Anyhow, what I'm wondering about, in my usual Monday morning haze, is the eternal question "What is right?" Or, to clarify the matter, if Canada is fascist, just what was Hitler's Germany or Mussolini's Italy? Would you believe ultra-right? Or should we call Ronnie pseudo-right and leave it at that? Boy, the way people fling about terms like communism or fascism just read *Homage to Catalonia!* There's such a thing as precaution and there's also such a thing as paranoia (just read *Peter and the Wolf*).

The proper thing for me to do at this point would be to define "fascism" in a clear and concise way. That would no doubt satisfy certain members of society who would like to see everything reduced to two times two is four. But only lawyers and such are so silly as to accept definitions as absolute truth (profs, in contrast, recognize the "universal truth" that all meaning is indefinite, that all definitions are tentative).

So, instead of providing a personalized definition of fascism, I shall simply convey the commonly

accepted manner in which the term is used on the street. And while I'm at it, I might as well do the same for communism. Okay, here goes. A fascist is someone to the right of you; a communist is someone to the left of you. (A poor joke but I won't scratch it out; how I love Dostoyevsky).

So next time you read this distinguished publication and come across a letter calling our student government "fascist" and student newspaper "communist," consider the possibility that it could be the view from a projection screen that hasn't made the jump from black and white to color.

As a final point to consider, let's examine the larger question "What did Steve Chamchuk mean by the statement in question?" Well, I'm sure you *think* you know what he meant. But what can you be sure about anyway? It might have been the frustrated cry of a New Democrat; it might have been a joke not meant to be taken seriously (and don't take this editorial too seriously either); or it might have been a bit of excess sarcasm.

The spoken word, after all, does not always translate so well into print. A quote may or may not represent "naked truth", once it is stripped of all meta-communications (tone of voice, facial expressions, gestures, etc.). The speaker's true meaning may lie in the words themselves or may lie behind the words. Keep this in mind the next time you read a quote in this or any other publication. In the meantime, let's not pull quotes from their context; let's not separate the person from the situation. Get my meaning?

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by Shane Berg

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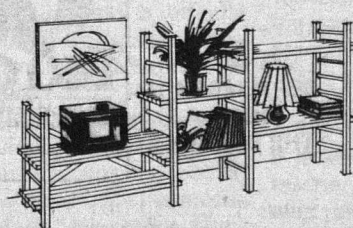
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