

## No line-ups to vote

I would like to express my dismay, disgust, discouragement and disillusionment at the latest campus fiasco, the election that was held on Friday.

As an election officer I watched gobs of students pass by the voting poll without the slightest sign of interest. Many stopped to inquire as to what I was selling!

I must admit some knew there was an election, but few knew for what, and who was running.

From ten o'clock a.m. until four-thirty p.m. a grand total of 30 (thirty) persons voted, which was indicative of the turnout at most polling centres. How could this be allowed to happen, why wasn't the student body more informed, and why is this not an isolated incident?

We can only blame the apathetic student if she or he is informed and then chooses not to participate.

This is not the first time this has happened but I sincerely hope it is the last.

Inflamedly  
Roy vanHooydonk  
Ed. III



Two of the thirty students

## In the name of Terry

To Brian Lang-Hodge's letter (concerning the Gateway's recent insult to Terry Fox) let me add a heartfelt "Amen!"

I too am shocked, disgusted, repulsed, nauseated and appalled that you could malign this incredible, warm, sincere, respected, dignified, heroic, utterly fantastic human being.

The fact that you could stoop to using His name in an irreverent manner reveals your lack of taste,

judgement, ethics and intelligence, and like Mr. Lang-Hodge I feel "You owe a very sincere apology to the memory" of our Terry.

I therefore suggest you write His memory immediately, or at the very least give it a phone call to express your regret.

In the name of  
Terry Fox our Hero  
Scott Rollans  
Arts III

## Subhuman thoughts

I read the record reviews in the Oct. 27 Gateway (X and the Subhumans) and I simply couldn't believe it. At first I thought all the bennies had driven me over the edge, but a week has passed and I see I wasn't hallucinating, so it is time to respond.

Now I see how the Gateway gets record reviewers — it lobotomizes them. Mr. Jens Andersen (whoever the hell he may be) says the only way one could avoid dancing to X would be to strap oneself to a chair. Well, I wish someone would strap Mr. Andersen to a chair and give him 50,000 volts.

Frankly, I really couldn't give a shit how many old records you know by heart, Mr. Andersen. Actually, perhaps Mr. Pompous Ass is more appropriate. Most, (if not all) modern music is 'hopelessly derivative', and in the cases which you cite, I think it is deliberately derivative.

Go listen to Robert Rental or some other electronic bullshit if X and the Subhumans with their 'uniformly simplistic music and its almost uniform freneticism' (god, what pompous crap) turns you off. Or more likely, go listen to your 1960's ancient history, which you know so well (you impressed the hell out of me, anyway).

Actually though, I should praise you for an amazing feat. You reviewed 3 albums in 4 paragraphs, spending most of the time talking about your 'creeping arteriosclerosis' (to which I wish all success). This act is especially appreciated considering X is coming to town and their records are not available. The stupid drivel you wrote will really help most people decide if they should invest \$7.50 of their scarce entertainment dollars in these bands.

Well, here goes, I think the Subhumans are the best band in

Canada, and X is my favorite band. X in Dinwoodie is a once, in a lifetime chance. I hope people decide to go, not having been given much to decide upon by Mr. Andersen.

If you need directions to the high-level bridge, Jens, please don't hesitate to ask me. Or maybe directions to the Edmonton Sun building is what you need?

John Koch  
Engineering 4

## Ignoring the facts in Namibia

In response to Roy Farran's column of 24, October 1981 in the Edmonton Journal.

Roy Farran was not kidding when he admitted suffering from weaknesses in his views of "Namibia's Role".

Mr. Farran is most probably not part of an advertising pitch by the South African government which has employed prominent persons, companies and media to further the illusion that things aren't so bad there.

Instead, he is simply ignorant of basic, well documented facts. Most Namibians and South

Africans have been classed as a lower form of life and are victims of a repressive regime partly a remnant of German fascism and partly a reflection of a universal "the way things are". Hitler's birthday is still a big celebration.

Hitler's picture hangs in people's homes, beside Jesus Christ's. The acceptance of the "solution" in WWII was subtle and the subtlety carries on, now without ovens or Jews. Think about it!

The white in Namibia and South African enjoy the standard of living they do directly at the

expense of the native people they subjugate.

Canada is right on the front lines through corporations, government inactivity, personal misinformation and apathy.

Think of the Bay and the bad treatment its metes out to our northern natives and to Namibian people as it illegally plunders this land.

Things are really rough for people over there, believe it, do something about it, pray for them.

Kurt Klingbeil  
Edmonton, Alberta

## Refusing terrorists' demands

We would like to ask Brian Cohen (Letters, Oct. 29) two questions:

1) If 50 million Britons "dictating" to 3 million Republicans is *ipso facto* fascism, then does not 3 million Republicans attempting to dictate to 1½ million Unionists not fall into the same category, and if not, why not?

2) If Mr. Cohen is working himself up to such righteous indignation about Irish peasants dispossessed in the 1600's, and still "exploited," then *what* is he doing living on the fruits of land stolen from the Indians, who are in a far worse state than the Irish (and who would probably welcome a chance at self-determination)?

So only a "hardened Scottish

Presbyterian mind" could conceive of Ulster as democratic, eh? Well, that would make them the last democrats left in the world, as anyone who listened to the facts, instead of propaganda emitting from certain cells in certain of HM prisons. As they carried through one of the first popular revolutions in Europe (ahead of the French by 160 years), then maybe it is quite fitting that they should be the last democrats in a world where sections of the press consistently

make concessions to terrorists. Refusing to yield to the outrageous demands of terrorists can in no way be called "cruel policies devoid of human sympathy," and it is to be regretted that after the collapse of the hunger strike, the British Government is still negotiating with them.

Yours,  
Archibald Strachan  
Johnston Warriston  
David Dickson  
Andrew Melville  
Religious Studies III

## "X" zone off limits

Permit holders and others who park in "X" Zone are reminded their permits are not valid after 6:00 p.m. since the contract between the University of Alberta and the Northern Alberta Jubilee only authorizes parking between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A complaint has been received from the Manager of the Auditorium that vehicles are not clearing the lot, contrary to posted

instructions.

Any vehicle parked there after 6:00 p.m. is liable to tag and tow by the City of Edmonton Bylaw Authority, the consequences thereof being more severe than an infraction against University parking regulations.

Operators are cautioned to remove vehicles from "X" Zone by 6:00 p.m. or face possible prosecution.

W.F.G. Perry  
Director  
Campus Security

## Sick and tired of blather

Dear Editor:

I don't know if I speak for many other students at this university, but I for one am getting sick and tired of the endless repetition of blather concerning such "issues" as Ireland, the Middle East and earwax.

Why don't students care

about the *real* issues any more?

An what about the number of aborted minds the arts faculty keeps churning out?

Those of us who have our heads up our buttocks depend on *The Gateway* for progressive, forward tilting journalism. Let's get off the stick here, Eh?

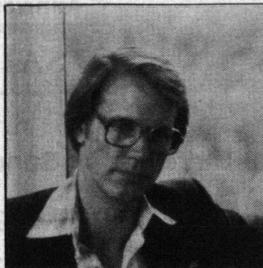
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