

## Sternlicht raps

"OK. Like in Cuba they find out what their revolution is by working it. They're a bunch of crazy spics who try it first and then see what it is. If something's no good they change it. But say Fidel has a plan. The lesson is not that our revolution must be like Fidel's. The lesson is that it must be our own revolution. Dig? I'm gonna answer your question. Your question is tactical. Fidel bounced his revolution off some fifth-rate spic gangster and the United Fruit Company. But we are in revolution from this ... corporate liberalism, and George Washington and the fag peace movement and big money and hardware systems, and astronauts. We are in revolution from something with a pretty fair momentum of its own. And you're not going to bring it down by going into the hills with some rifles. OK? The only people in the U.S. who know they're slaves are the black people. The spade kids today don't have to be organized. I mean they are born with absolutely no tolerance for shit, they are willing to die. And the white dropout children, the derelict kids, the whole hippie thing, the free store, is a runaway slave movement. It really is. So maybe they know it. But the rest — the kids who go to school for careers and the blue-collar sellouts and all the suburban hustlers in the land who make the hustle system work, who carry it on their backs and think they're its beneficiaries — I mean it's a double-think system. It is not ordinary repression, right? My country knees you in the neck and you think you're standing upright. It presses your face in the muck and you think you're looking at the sky. I mean you cannot make connections between what you do and why they hate you in Chile. You are hung up on identity crises. You think you are a good guy. You're not prejudiced. You believe in making money honestly. You believe in free speech. You have allergies. You have strokes. You have mortgages. Your lungs are garbage pails. Your eyes go blind with the architecture. You think the white folks are learning. You think the black folks are lifting themselves up. YOU THINK THERE'S PROGRESS. YOU THINK YOUR CHILDREN HAVE IT BETTER. YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING IT FOR YOUR CHILDREN!!"

"Hey Sternlicht, shut the fuck up!"

"Sternlicht Raps," reprinted without permission from E.L. Doctorow's "The Book of Daniel."

## Congratulations

The Gateway editorial staff (and many others, I'm sure) congratulate Nolan Astley, Darrell Rankin, Kris Farkas, Jan Byer, Pat Haws and Mary Ann Gillies for their SU election victories Friday. Though it wasn't the most controversial of campaigns, SU elections are not usually the most pleasant experiences for participants.

But, guys, if you thought campaigning was difficult, wait until you're in office...

# the Gateway

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It was Gateway party time again Monday night as Cherise Sabey and Greg Harris shared a flask of Yuckapoo. Mike Walker poured Marni Stanley a stiff Scotch and slipped Mike McKinney a few reds. The other Reds at the part, Dick Encock and Nina Miller, played records at 33 revolutions per minute and gulped Alberta Vodka. Sue and Russ looked longingly at Karlos Hunter's nubile body, while Ian Hunter drank Perrier in righteous dismay. Peter Michalshyn snoozed loudly in the closet, Dave Marples stepped gingerly on spilled peanuts, and the rest of the staff slobbered drunkenly over lithe, brown Marushka. It was a great party...Come out of the closet yet, Keith?

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## Political Olympics

In response to the editorial of February 5th, entitled "Boycott Boycotts," let me first say ... bullshit!! The Olympics are now, and have always been, a political as well as a diplomatic device.

Hitler choose to use the Olympics as a gigantic coming out ball for Nazism, a bestowment of respectability on one of the most hideous regimes in history. Make no mistake, the Soviet Union is using these Olympics for precisely the same aim.

The question is not whether Canada should boycott the Olympics, but whether Canadians, as a people, have the backbone to stand up, look the Soviets in the eye, and say enough is enough.

Mr. Wilberg is sadly mistaken if he has underestimated the Soviet actions of late. Invasion of a sovereign territory cannot go unanswered, for to do so would only invite further annexations.

Moscow has spared no expense in seeing that these Olympics project the illusion of communism in its finest light. A boycott would serve notice that "business as usual" cannot continue in the face of oppression, invasion and outright lies.

At this very moment in time,

## No issues in campaign

It's all fair in love and war, but whoever said anything about politics? I mean what does it get you to run a clean campaign — to bring forth issues that you really feel strongly about — not just "platitudes" to gain votes?

Coming down the home stretch, it was not so much Astley's platform that got him elected, but rather his tactics. Starting on Wednesday with the Forum, he came off with a good image by avoiding direct confrontation to any questions, and immediately beforehand, came out with pamphlets denouncing the Thorkelson issues before they had any time to recover. So for any future Students' Union hopefuls, remember, it's not how you play the game, or what kind of issues you come out with — it's winning that counts.

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Soviet schoolchildren are being shipped out of Moscow, so they will not be tainted by chance Western influence during the Olympics. Dissidents are being harassed, arrested and removed from the Olympic city, in order that the world be able to witness only what the Politburo deems suitable for viewing.

The statement that "Canada could appear like a Hitler, who didn't like the way the game was played," obviously was given, little, if any, thought. In actuality, the situation was, that Hitler loved the game as it was played. He realized that politics could successfully merge into the

Olympic framework with little, if any, outside protest. The Soviets hope to accomplish as much.

Let's be realistic, no action short of military force will move the Soviets out of Afghanistan. They are in there for the duration. The free world must however, emphasis in the strongest of terms that the price for Afghanistan will be high.

Boycott the Olympics? You better damn well believe it. It is time those who profess to believe in freedom, democracy and the sanctity of individual rights, stand up and be counted.

Doug Ford  
Arts II

## Reviewer sleeps through dream

I feel compelled to offer a defense of *Eraserhead* in light of Turtle's inane and scathing attack of it. I can only assume that he slept through most of the film or heard of it through a lobotomized friend or most likely of all that he has little in the way of cinematic perception.

*Eraserhead* was Lynch's attempt to put to screen a recurring nightmare of his. If the film is put into terms of being a dream from beginning to end, it may be seen as quite the achievement. Never has such an accurate rendering of the dream process been put to film. It follows all the rules of dream logic and stands up under Freudian dream analysis marvelously.

Stylistically it is fascinating as its base is still photography. Each frame is composed more to the aesthetic of the photograph

than to cinematic tradition. The use of black and white enhances this particular aspect as well as supporting the dream structure. Check out the work of British photographer Bill Brandt and you will see the connection.

At \$30,000 this film was made for 1% of the usual film budget these days of \$3,000,000. And by god, it's equal to any of them. Though it is not receiving the proper distribution, it may break through and ease the way for other independents. Thoughtless reviews by such as Turtle do little to foster the acceptance of low budget attempts and only serve to further entrench the positions of the major studies and their, for the most part, insipid production.

Paul Bergen  
Grad Studies

## Vp wrong target for editorial criticism

In all fairness, I feel called upon to respond to the recent editorial and letter to the editor in these pages criticizing Chanchal Bhattacharya.

Unfortunately many students are not aware of all the things Chanchal has done for them. Obviously the *Gateway* isn't. But I think those of us closely involved in faculty associations and departmental clubs are.

Chanchal has used his position and experience to go out on a limb for associations and clubs. He has given us support and advice and more importantly he

has acted when we needed help. He has been our strongest advocate in Student Union and at the senior levels of university government, all to the benefit of students.

Nobody's perfect. But Chanchal has worked hard for us and I think it's unfair to criticize him harshly, especially those who haven't worked with him. Chanchal has shown more commitment to students' interests than a lot of elected officeholders on this campus in a long time and I for one appreciate it.

Maggie Coates  
Arts IV

## Peaceful life not found in res

The door to the real life movie, *Animal House II*, has been swung wide open, just waiting for the wild antics and Stereo "Star" Wars, that was quite prevalent in earlier years at Lister Hall. For the past two years, a security staff has been reasonably effective in performing their duties and conforming to a policy, of which has been changed and thought over to death by someone other than security. Well, that policy did die last week, thanks to the Lister Hall Students' Association, whose fierce power struggle against Food and Housing Service has virtually demoralized Security in the crowd fire of their victory. Now here's what the victory provided us who live in

res: Instead of having the resident phoning Security with total confidentiality about a noise complaint, the student must follow these simple(ton) steps:

- i) go to the noise and "ask" the party to quiet down
- ii) if no result, try to find a chairman
- iii) if no chairman can be found or you're given an "it's all right, they'll quiet down in an hour or so," then call a hall president
- iv) if all three presidents are unavailable, then you may call Security, but only as a last resort. This is absolutely absurd! How is a timid 4' girl or a foreign student who can't speak English suppose to tell a bunch of drunks to cut it out? And there are cowards like me who rather not be ostracized as a party Pooper for the rest of our

lives. And even when you haven't given up by the time you reach step four, a brainwashed-scared security force will tell you they can't go on the floors, because the LHSA and/or/each/neither F & H said, "Don't!"

Also security has been told to slack off on the checking of ID, so now its quite easy for unwanteds to wander in. So what's the purpose of security now? Hell, if I know. It appears to this fourth year veteran in res, that there is no difference now, then when they didn't have any security two years ago. Just one final thought, why don't we keep security and depose the LHSA or F & H. We don't need power struggles.

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