

## Letters cont.

by your comments that you missed the entire point of what I wrote.

As I am not the victim, it is hard to see how you can think I am indulging in a "self-pity kick". Also, I never suggested my friend would lose her identity through losing her material possessions. (note correct spelling, Kay!) I said her faith and trust in people would be eroded, not lost completely. Hopefully, someone else will justify and build upon her trust. My friend is able to deal with her loss. She's not going to fall apart. But she doesn't have to complacently accept her loss, either.

My letter was intended to be a commentary upon a sad situation; just because theft is a fairly common occurrence, does that mean we have to accept it? Many crimes are common — where do you suggest we draw the line? Unlike you, I get no satisfaction from a "well-chosen word or two" — it just isn't enough, and impotent rage is just that: impotent. So if I can stimulate thought about a negative aspect of society, I'll write a letter.

Personally, I'm well able to deal with the "realities of life", but I'm now cowed into submission by them. I believe individuals can have a positive impact upon the quality of life in society. If you don't even try to improve the quality of life and human relations, you're as much a part of the problem as anything or anyone else. You fiddle ("get on with life") while Rome burns. You leave it to someone else, and say that you're just an innocent bystander. There are no innocent bystanders, Kay. Just more victims.

I admit I'm an idealist. But I know that society is capable of achieving a higher quality of life than we "enjoy" today. Ideals and dreams such as liberal humanism, democracy, and racial emancipation have done much to improve the quality of life, which is more than can be said of cynical, defeatist attitudes.

Leave me to my dreams; I'll leave you to your despair.

M. Levenson

## Hamburger hacks

The other night I thought about what wonderful representation the Student's Union Executive had provided the students over the last year. Though there are many praiseworthy individuals on council, I couldn't help thinking what a fine job the SU President had done. I revel in the delight that a foaming mug of rootbeer gives me. I feel safe and secure with my SU insurance coverage. I truly appreciate the high level of fairness and representation the SU executive demonstrated in ensuring the maintenance of alternative coverage of events from our second newspaper.

I woke up.

In reality, I never wanted hamburgers, french fries or root beer. I believe this belongs to the private sector, not government. In reality I knew that it would not come about, nevertheless Mikey, where's the root beer?

Instead of hamburger politics, I'd like to make some campaign platform proposals for the current herd of hacks who are at this very moment preparing for that lying, deceitful springtime ritual called election day.

How about a reformed Election ballot which is straight forward and understandable to the average

student. If you insist on the present ballot structure, how about a mandatory cause in Electoral Representation so the students really know what their votes count for.

How about increased government lobbying towards an increase in the student income tax credit.

How about the establishment of an alternative information source that would ensure a fair and equitable presentation of the facts to the students.

How about improving the representation of the students with the adoption of a question and answer board much like Rutherford library's Sounding Board.

I could go on for days, instead, I would really like my fellow students to look around them at what they feel could be improved and suggest these things to our hackish hopefuls.

Towards the death of hamburger politics,  
Andrew L. Zebak

## CANSAVE thanks

Dear Sirs:

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Your,  
N. Parker-Jervis  
(English Dept.)

## Chickengate

Now that this Chickengate Scandal has come to a nest, did anyone notice who really suffered? Is it a coincidence that CAB cafeteria had a special on Teriyaki Chicken on Friday January 17/86??!

G.K.

## Letters

Letters to the editor should be no more than 250 words long, typed (or at least neatly written), and include the writer's name and program to be printed. The Gateway reserves the right to edit for libel and length.

## O Sole Mio!

Hey!  
Mama mia!

Julio Iglesias

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