

extremely strange illusions? Might I ask whether these illusions are chemically inspired? Please don't be paranoid. We are not formulating any plans to do away with you but from the reaction you have provoked, a fan club is definitely out of the question!

I was so glad that you checked the meaning of some of my words in your dictionary. It is always a pleasure to learn that Dr. Seuss is still popular among small children! Can you say C-A-T I-N-T-H-E-H-A-T, Skip? If not, you should look up these words also. You may be right in your assertion that I misconstrued your letter. If this is the case, it is due to the fact that your letter was misconstrued to begin with! I hope that these comments are not too injurious to your character. So that your expected trip to the dictionary will be quicker: injurious comes four pages after INFANTILE and three pages before INSANE!

It seems to me that you felt compelled to make yourself feel superior by dumping on others. In doing so you invited criticism. Now that someone has reacted adversely to your comments, you are angered. That is quite a double standard; if you ask me. Sir, if you can't take it, don't dish it out!

Paul Simao  
Arts I

## Discrimination

There was a quote by myself on the front page of the Gateway (Jan. 12) which I feel needs some clarification.

I believe that affirmative action is discrimination against young, healthy, white males. The Government of Canada has stated that discrimination in hiring for government jobs is mandatory to correct the previous discrimination the government has done to disadvantaged groups and individuals. This means that if there are 10 engineering jobs being offered, at least 5 women must be hired. If there are 100 secretarial jobs being offered, affirmative action does not guarantee that any men will be hired. This same approach is being used to correct the previous injustices done to groups because of their race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability.

This reverse discrimination is WRONG. I feel that disadvantaged groups should be given the opportunity to educate and upgrade themselves BUT jobs should be given to those with the best qualifications and who could best perform the job. If discrimination has occurred in a department, the government should fire the person who has done the discrimination and take them to court. This solution is realistic, proper and just. The government's affirmative action program is not.

Gord Stamp  
VP Internal

## Towards equality

To the author(s) of "Declaration on Men's Rights"

While agreeing fully that there must evolve "equal rights and dignity for all persons," I find your methods of promoting this goal disturbing, particularly your contention that pornography is a legitimate form of sexual arousal. The hypotheses you use to support this conclusion are unsound. I am offended by the suggestion that women have stunted "sex-drives," which "denigrate men's sexual feelings," and that "women's romance movies, magazines and novels ... merely reflect their sex-related needs and feelings."

I would be interested in knowing what your definition of pornography entails. There is a great difference between erotica and pornography. The filmed rape of a 10 or 12 year old child, pornography at its purest, ought to arouse nothing but nausea. Any other response is unhealthy. I know females who find pornography attractive, I don't consider them any less aberrant.

I believe you are struggling under a misapprehension in stating women's "sex-related needs and feelings" are represented by Harlequin romances. How stereotypical can one get?

You're right, there needs to be much greater understanding between male and female. I find it hard to understand how this can be achieved unless one abandons the belief that men's sexuality is irretrievably linked to pornography, that women

respond only to romance at its most ridiculous, and that women cannot understand male sexuality. It might be helpful to lay aside prejudices and work towards dealing with other people on an individual, flexible basis.

C. Nelson-McDermott  
Arts I

## Idol money

In response to your article "profits over Patriotism," what is wrong with your staff? What type of left-wing editorial staff do you have? I hope you all enjoy vodka very much, however, I avoid it as policy.

The article stated "(they) chose to put profits before patriotism." Well, international conglomerates cannot afford to be lead by either nationalistic policy or ideological fantasy. Such blindless leadership is corporate suicide.

As far as the "fraternity" seeking fascist domination, I doubt this very much. For only in a system like we now enjoy could they be allowed to expand their markets to include the "enemy."

Just as it was America's duty to rid the world of everyone else, it was James D. Mooney's duty to make the General Motors European division as prosperous as possible.

Standard Oil being responsible for the bombing of Pearl Harbour is a crock.

Members of the fraternity returning to the "patriotic fold" when this was deemed necessary is only natural. Figures show that all major corporations fund both major parties in the U.K. and Canada in equal amounts, yet tend to be just flotsam on the political tide. Only occasionally changing the flow.

However, I do agree that tax exemptions should never have been granted. These rebates should have been paid out as war reparations. As a perfectly legitimate cost of rebuilding Germany's industry.

With what is now known about WWII, perhaps the companies would have chosen to distribute their resources differently. Yet we are all gifted with 20-20 hindsight.

To most reading this retort you would find me "somewhat" right-wing. Yet ask yourself why did the editorial staff choose to print this slanted article at this time? The pro-socialist unbalance of this rag is evident at all times. I hope you will take the time to recognize it.

Peter Beach  
Business I

## McDonald House

Each year the Education Students' Association during Education Week chooses a charity organization to support. This year we have chosen to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House to be built here in Edmonton.

Education Week will be held between January 21-25. During this time we will have information booths in CAB, SUB and HUB, plus the Education building. Donations will be accepted at all of these locations as well.

Other fund raising activities include the No Class Bash to be held at the Convention Centre on January 25. Tickets will be \$7.00 advance and \$9.00 at the door with all proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House.

We have set a goal of \$25,000 but it can only be attained with your help and support. Please be generous and let's help stop the pain.

For more information, please contact myself or Kim Abbott at the Education Students' Association office, ED N1 - 101 or phone 432-3650.

Chris Smeaton

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## Bear Country

by Shane Berg

