

forget what man is capable of doing to his fellow man. If we forget what we can do and what we have done, then we have made a fatal mistake by forgetting what peace holds.

In the morning they returned with tears in their eyes, the stench of death drifts up to the skies. A young soldier so ill looks at the Sky Pilot, remembers the words, "Thou Shall Not Kill".

'Sky Pilot', Eric Burdon and The Animals.
Trent Tucker, Science III

Leftover culture

I'm writing in response to Kent Cochrane's recent anti-American blast, "style over substance," in which he implies that our neighbours to the south are a plastic people because they are mainly influenced politically, by how a man appears publicly rather than how well he performs in office.

Well, I am certainly no Reagan lover, but I will never use him as a model citizen to put down the people of the United States.

I agree the Americans are greatly influenced by Reagan's macho-manliness - take-a-tough-standiness appearance. People like that in a leader.

But let's not pick on our friends and fellow North Americans, because we make the same mistakes here in Canada.

It's a sad thing, but in politics the one who talks and looks coolest gets the votes.

Does Mr. Cochrane remember Pierre and Joe Who?

Trudeau defeated Clark because he was smooth and quick-witted, whereas Joe appeared a bumble-head.

The media did much to assert that, and it fooled most of us Canadians into choosing the wrong man because he looked better. So Mr. Cochrane, don't give me that "they deserve him" attitude until you look at your own country too.

We're the same as them - We make the same kind of mistakes under the same kind of misguided influences.

So, if the U.S. is the plastic culture wrap, we're the leftovers.

Wes Johnson
Science IV

Arrogant campus PC's

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of giving a brief talk on the NDP's nuclear arms control policy at a forum organized by the Students' Union.

Also participating were speakers from the Liberal Club, the U. of A. Disarmament Group, and the East European Solidarity Committee.

Conspicuously absent was a representative of the U. of A. P.C. Club, which, I am informed, had been duly invited by the Students' Union and, indeed, had been advised of relevant details on several occasions.

It is bad enough when a political club deliberately ducks out of a public forum dealing with an important political issue. It is a sign of supreme arrogance when that club is a branch of the very party that today is in power in Ottawa and is responsible for shaping our nation's policy on the issue.

P.S. If the P.C. Club is not interested in defending its party's policies in public, just what is its purpose?

Stephen Phillips
Arts

Thank you

I would like to thank Gateway staff, in particular Neal Watson and editor Gilbert Bouchard, for their prompt and courteous response to my recent concerns over Gateway reporting of my Students' Council presentation.

There is no doubt in my mind that the original error made, and the subsequent mispositioning of the correction, were entirely inadvertent.

It is not how day to day events are managed that

shows the worth of a business, but rather how a complaint is dealt with.

The response of Gateway staff to my concerns was most professional and a clear indication of the integrity of those who are staffing the paper this year.

I appreciated their willingness to hear me out, and their honourable actions in response to my concerns.

Linda Long
Law III

"... to promote discussion and heighten awareness about the nuclear issue." That's what it says in the Nov. 6 issue of the Gateway - "The Student's Union sponsored week will attempt to promote discussion and heighten awareness about the nuclear issue."

If this is, indeed, the purpose of Nuclear Awareness Week '84, then it is the most useless waste of time and money since the Student's Union's condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Let's take this step by step, shall we? "... to promote discussion" of the nuclear threat existing in the world today; oh goody! It isn't necessary to bring in speakers and to run films to promote the discussion of nuclear issues. Get two human beings, with at least three brain cells working, in the same room, at the same time, mention those two magic words "nuclear disarmament" and BINGO - you have a discussion on the nuclear issue.

Most public discussions on this subject, however, whether resulting from a speaker's lecture or a difference of opinion, is useless as it is filled with half-truths, inaccurate statistics, and downright falsities.

So much for the usefulness of discussion "... and heighten awareness about the nuclear issue." I can't speak for everyone, but I've had my awareness of nuclear issues heightened to my eyeballs. I am now so aware of nuclear issues, thanks to media hype and televised terrors (remember "The Day After"?), that I have nightmares.

While society must not be allowed to fall into a state of apathy, neither must it be constantly battered with the same issue, lest society accept that issue as commonplace and unalterable.

So, aside from promoting useless discussion and heightening our "awareness" yet again, what else will this Nuclear Awareness Week '84 accomplish?

Protests: Yes, protests and demonstrations: Goody x 2: Masses of mindless marching morons disrupting traffic and trying explain to the public the obvious and merely obvious.

Let's examine my definition of a demonstration. Masses and marching are undeniably key elements of demonstrations. As for the mindless and moronic, where would demonstrations be without them? Who else would keep bombarding the public with such quaint phrases as "Heck no, we won't glow!" and "Refuse the cruise" - all painted on pieces of old cardboard boxes and displayed by people wearing last year's Hallowe'en costume?

Who else would fail to see that after 25 years of demonstrations against nuclear arms, the world's armouries contain more nuclear weapons than ever? Who indeed?

"Ah," say the demonstrators triumphantly, "but at least we're doing something."

Repeatedly bashing your skull against the Tory Building is also doing something.

It is, however, pointless and futile. So, who is smarter: the mindless moron who repeatedly bangs his head against the Tory Building or the person who watches him and laughs?

John Beaumont
Arts I

Correction

In the November 6 issue of the Gateway, the Student Counselling Service was incorrectly identified as handling 1231 personal problems out of 1353 total cases last year. In fact, the service handled 2109 personal problems cases out of a total of 7196. Still, cases classified personal outnumbered cases in other categories,

Bear Country

by Shane Berg



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