

Letters cont.

abstract sense, awarding a small victory to the potential rapist/killer". Kathleen, no feminists, or any woman we know for that matter is daft enough to take a "stroll" at midnight across the High Level Bridge. No one is suggesting to any women that we attempt to take on men who quite likely have more physical strength than ourselves. One of us works part time at the Faculty Club and would hardly walk across campus at one or two in the morning just to prove a point. We do not think our ideas are "twisted"... perhaps your concept of feminism is.

However, we are not going to stop working towards the goal that someday we will have the freedom to walk into a well lit parking lot to get into our car without being murdered. To "accept life's limitations" is to give up. If we were to passively accept all the limitations in life there is a good chance that you and I would not be able to vote. It sounds extreme, but people fought for that right, it did not just materialize out of nowhere.

You do not seem to understand that the incident Brenda encountered is not a woman's problem. It is a man's problem. It should not be the women locked up in their houses and apartments, they are not murdering people. It is men, and if the majority of men do

not want to be identified with these few, then we would appreciate their support in stepping up their responsibility by writing letters for stiffer legislation, and to walk alongside women in support of them, not only in protection of them. We would also appreciate the same support from the media; as this has yet to be achieved.

One example we can give you of the media making rape and murder a women's problem was found a few days ago in the *Edmonton Journal*. On the second page, a reporter was discussing the discovery of Brenda McClenaghan's corpse. He wrote Brenda had long weeks and years ahead of her, but on this night (and we quote) "she made one mistake. She walked to her car alone". *Brenda's mistake?* Surely this reporter is not saying that Brenda was at fault... or was he? You can now see how easily the blame can be placed on the victim. What about the killer? He abducted her, he raped her, he tortured her, he murdered her. Who made the mistake?

What about this reporter's wife, or girlfriend, or children? When they walk from the mall to their car at night by themselves, are they making mistakes?

You accept life's limitations Kathleen Beechinor, but rest assured that we will not stop fighting for you.

Colette Leisen, Education IV
Howard Kruschke Arts III

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Attention!

All Gateway staffers:

There is a very important meeting Thursday, February 6, at 4:00 p.m.

Among other business items, we will be selecting Gateway representatives to the Media Selection Committee, which makes recommendations to the Gateway staff regarding all Editor-in-Chief candidates. If you have any suggestions for what the committee should ask the candidates, please drop off your questions at Rm 282 SUB by Thurs., Feb. 6, at 4 p.m.

The Students' Union requires a **Gateway Editor**

The **Editor-in-Chief** shall:

- be responsible for supervising all aspects of the editing and production of *The Gateway*.
- submit the annual budget of the Gateway to the Administration Board in compliance with Bylaw 700.
- ensure the smooth operation of the Students' Union newspaper.

Salary: \$800.00 monthly (salary under review).

For further information, please contact: **Suzette C. Chan, Editor in Chief, The Gateway, rm. 282 SUB, 432-5168.**

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