

Very aware of Christians

Re: "Check out a Church" and "Christian Awareness Week" (Jan. 28, Gateway)
 After reading Mr. Cenkner's letter and listening to a "guest speaker", I for one, am glad Christian Awareness Week is over.

First of all, regarding said letter, in particular the line, "Every Sunday I treat myself to some of this fine, nourishing material," while it is evident that Mr. Cenkner is a devout Christian, he also sounds like brainwashed. Of course, that is his opinion of a book and he has the right to voice it.

Whereas, I chose to read said letter, I did not choose to have a guest "preacher" in class. In a class that is already a load of bullshit, this speaker made it even more so. The prof announced a guest speaker, so I assumed he really was until c.a.w. pamphlets were distributed throughout the class. I chose to stay in the hopes of getting into an argument, but what he spewed wasn't worth a reply. I could have gone downtown and heard the same thing from Debra.

I must admit that I have friends who attend church and they are in fact, stable. Other friends of mine, and myself (who do not attend church, nor have any desire to do so) on the other hand, hang outside elementary schools saying "Hey little girl, would you like some candy?"

P.S. My dog treats our garden to some fine, nourishing material.

Sunil Bagwe

Christianity not shameful

"Yes, Christian Awareness Week is over! Thank goodness, now maybe those religious freaks will leave me alone!" Is that what you are thinking?...

I'm a Christian and was handing out flyers. I'm very sorry if you were disappointed that I wasn't more like your stereotypical view of a Christian, let's say... Pee Wee Herman!

And sorry to those whom I greeted who just weren't interested, but could you at least walk 20 paces before crunching the leaflet into a little ball, please? Thanks.

Now seriously, I really enjoyed meeting people this way and found people to be very friendly and open minded. One thing I noticed was a sociological phenomenon. People don't like to be DIFFERENT. I'd hand out a flyer and people would glance at it and perhaps show interest but quickly tuck it away in fear of someone noticing. Heaven forbid (no pun intended) that someone might catch you being interested in something to do with the spiritual side of life. And to read a leaflet or even participate in a lecture! What would the neighbors think, or worse yet your friends?

It may be hard to believe but there is

something to be said for being different. At the U of A, with 20,000 students, it's so easy to feel like just another nobody in a great big crowd. At least I'm somebody to Someone.

I also really appreciate my friends who accept me for who I am and what I stand for.
 Gina Carmichael

Hillel actions surprising

The Hillel network/Jewish Students' Association on campus ran two consecutive ads in The Gateway January 26 and 28, 1988, with the headline "Are you Puzzled by Palestinian Propaganda?" The same ads (and footnotes) invited U of A students to join "Jewish students from all over Canada" at a weekend convention featuring Israeli journalists, etc. Among other events, one session was to be a forum dealing with Middle East issues. I was interested in meeting some Israeli journalists, so I called for further information. The person I spoke to informed me of a fee at the door and that it was not necessary to register if I was planning to attend the Middle East forum only. It was very clear from the ad in The Gateway that this was not limited to Jewish students, and that, in fact, this would be a good opportunity for everyone to "separate myths from facts".

The exchange that took place during that call would be of interest to many students. He asked my name. When I informed him (my name being a Palestinian Arab one), he seemed at a loss for words. Then he proceeded to tell me that the session was actually "restricted", but he would allow me to attend if I was "civil" and "did not ask any questions". I was truly shocked at his comments and replied:

"Pardon me?"

He said, "You're an Arab student, aren't you?"

"Yes... so?"

"Well, you must be civil at these things."

I suspect that these rules I was to adhere to did not apply to others who called with names like "John Smith". Keep in mind that the headlines in the Hillel ad read "Are you puzzled by Palestinian Propaganda?"... and "Do you want to separate myths from facts?" Well, if truth was on their side, why were they afraid to permit questions? One wonders who is truly involved in propagating. Executive members from the Jewish students' organization in Winnipeg attending the convention seemed genuinely puzzled that this ad was even placed in The Gateway, since it was their understanding that this convention was for Jewish students only. They were, as well, very dismayed by the treatment I received over the phone.

What is at issue here is, first of all, misleading advertising. The footnotes boasted "Come join us" and "lots of fun!", and yet there was an attempt at censorship of who

was to be allowed in. Secondly, and even more important is the assumption that as an Arab student I would necessarily disrupt the convention and display otherwise "uncivil" behaviour. Perhaps their ads should have read "Come join us... Palestinians and Arabs need not apply." The irony in all of this is that one of the convention's goals is to "combat anti-semitism on campus". I want to make it clear that I, myself, am against anti-semitism in all its forms. However, I do not think that criticism towards Israeli policy should be dismissed as anti-semitism. How can we expect an honest dialogue if we are not allowed to speak and raise our concerns?

It seems that some members of Hillel on this campus do themselves and other Jewish

student groups across Canada a disservice by such action. Perhaps a good place for the University of Alberta's Hillel group is to determine whether or not they, themselves, are practicing racism. To those students in Hillel who are interested in pursuing an honest and open dialogue with Palestinian students and others concerned with peace in the Middle East, we invite you to contact us and arrange informal discussions and/or a public debate.

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Important Gateway Staff Meeting

Friday 5th 12 noon Room 282 SUB

It's decision time friends... Potential staff candidates for next year be sure and air your views.

Agenda:

- What should be done about CUP?
- Select delegates for the Feb. 12 CUP Conference in Saskatoon.
- Choose selection committee for next years Editor-in-Chief.
- Decide on a parody for the last paper of the year.

The following have voting privileges at Gateway meetings. If your name is missing please contact Rod Campbell Room 282 SUB.

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