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## Charles Ng should face the music

Convicted killer Charles Ng was ordered to be deported by Justice Minister Doug Lewis last week. In his deportation order, Mr. Lewis did not ask the United States to lift the death penalty which Ng faces when he arrives in the United States.

It is conceivable that Ng could spend a number of years on death row in an American jail. Ng is no longer fighting extradition. He is, however, fighting to avoid the death penalty. That could set a dangerous precedent in itself.

When Lewis announced that Ng would be extradited, he cited the fact that if the serial killer were allowed to remain in Canada, the True North Strong and Free would be-

come a haven for killers such as Ng. Now Ng is using Canada's judicial system to prolong his extradition just to avoid the death penalty.

Ng's appeal could last half a decade and may find its way to the Supreme Court. Certainly everyone deserves the benefit of using the system, but his case has been heard and he should face the music.

Ng committed crimes in the United States that were punishable by American laws. He should remain subject to those laws. The punishment for first degree murder is the death penalty.

Hearing Ng's case is dangerous in the very same way that Canada could become a safe haven for fugitives. First of all, if Ng wins the

case and the death penalty is lifted, he will have avoided the very laws he broke. Furthermore, the precedent set may lead to more American fugitives coming north. They would see that even though Ng was extradited he still managed to avoid the electric chair.

Even if Ng loses his case, he may have floated through the Canadian legal system for several years, thus ducking death for a longer period of time.

Both scenarios could lead to American fugitives making their way to Canada and making our country a bit of a sanctuary for criminals. A history-making decision awaits the courts. Hopefully, they'll make the right decision.



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## Gateway a decent rag

Re: Gateway Filth

We believe that the Editor-in-Chief of *The Gateway* should not become worried about the views of Melanie Rust, and Melissa Maduro on October 26th, 1989 in the Letters Section. Their view is a very conservative one that does not represent the majority in today's society. We do not see *The Gateway* as giving the University a bad repu-

tation, but rather reflecting its openness.

If Rust and Maduro are to continue on in arts they may have to adjust their outlook on life, and not judge references to sex as "filth and smut".

Ross Shaw  
Paulette Chauvet  
Rob Toonen  
Drew Tyre  
Science III

## Ha ha ha ha ha. Very funny.

Re: Nothing is sacred anymore

Hey James, I have always considered myself a rather humorous guy with a good sense of humour. However, I just can't seem to re-

member any "funny" jokes or comic situations about child molestation. Maybe you could enlighten me with a few?

Steve Twible  
Arts IV

## Turbans in RCMP not a problem

What is a racist?  
A racist is ignorant.  
A racist is intolerant.  
A racist is a bigot.  
Is opposing a Sikh's turban a racist view? Yes.

A turban is an indispensable to Sikh worship as the Bible is to Christian worship. An essential part of Sikh worship demands that the turban must be worn at all times.

Why should a Sikh be allowed to wear a turban while serving in the RCMP? The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees that everyone has the freedom of conscience and religion. Thus, a Sikh has the privilege of exercising those rights as an RCMP officer.

Why, then, are some people still opposed to turbaned Sikhs in the RCMP? They claim they are afraid of losing the RCMP's tradition and heritage. They believe tradition means keeping things the same. The RCMP uniform has changed numerous times in the force's history. Women have been RCMP constables since 1974. Not surprisingly, very few people believe these changes have undermined the RCMP's traditions.

Only a racist would view a turban as an affront to a proud Canadian tradition. Opponents of turbaned Sikhs in the RCMP are not losing tradition, so what are they really afraid of losing?

Ron Samra, Science III  
Marvin Toy, Business III

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