

# EDITORIAL

## Terrorism arrives

Over the past few weeks, this newspaper has run numerous articles on the many anti-nuclear and anti-cruise demonstrations taking place here and throughout the country.

The testing of the cruise is something, for many, that should be abhorred by the Canadian populace and banned by the Canadian Government. It's a wicked weapon and its wickedness will bring death and destruction down upon us. Amen.

In western Europe, the people are marching against the Reagan administration's toy, the Pershing missile. I actually have much more sympathy for the Europeans because they really are very close to a messy situation.

Hundreds of thousands of people marched down to the UN to protest nuclear arms proliferation. Why in the world they would approach that impotent organization is beyond me. Let's face it, the UN has lost, or perhaps never even had, the power to influence the thinking of other countries (i.e. the Soviets and the Americans).

The gist of these last couple of paragraphs being that the people in this province and in this country and throughout North America have the right to protest and march and yell and rant and rave and carry on. A luxury not enjoyed in the eastern block countries, but that can wait.

No law enforcement agencies are going to descend upon people marching in protest. No one will persecute them, stone them, hiss, boo or even ostracise them. Not publicly anyway.

We enjoy such freedoms only because we participate in a peaceful manner. I think that if we started to get rough those freedoms would be in danger of being yanked from underneath us.

Well, guess what? Some so-called peace-loving individuals have disturbed the very peace they desire. I am of course referring to the Litton explosion of a couple of weeks ago.

Now we all feel disgusted by their actions, right? We all think that what they did was nasty and they should never do it again, right? If the responsible parties were in front of us, we would wag a finger at them and scold them, right? These people don't belong in the same league as the other peaceful demonstrators and no similarity should be drawn. Well, why haven't I heard anyone belonging to anti-nuke groups come out vocally against the party responsible for that explosion? Surely they can't condone such actions?

This is the first time that I have heard of a peace-loving organization detonating a van to demonstrate their love for peace. Eight people were injured in that explosion and only luck saved someone from being killed. But they never meant to hurt anyone. Aw shucks.

I marvel at their motive for their act of peace. Litton, of course, are building the guidance system for the controversial cruise missile. What better way to show their displeasure than to blow up a van on Litton's doorstep? Great! I can just imagine them discussing the situation:

"Hey, what do we do about Litton?"

"I know, let's blow up a van!"

That is about how much logic must have been used in arriving at that course of action.

I really don't care what kind of work Litton were engaged in. Many companies perform acts distasteful to many people every day. To vegetarians, an abattoir performs a perfectly ghastly function. But I have yet to hear of a vegetable loving group exploding a giant tomato at the gates of a slaughter house.

What these people have done is to endanger the very rights and freedoms we enjoy when we march in protest against something. Do you really believe that the police are going to continue to allow any demonstrations at all if terrorist acts like the one at Litton continue?

Wait! I said the magic word, didn't I? Terrorist. Well, I can see of no other word to describe what was done.

Guess what folks? We have terrorism right here in good old peace-loving Canada.

Andrew Watts

## Note on creationism

The objection sometimes put forward (against evolution theory), that no one yet professes to have seen one species pass into another, comes oddly from those who believe that mankind are all descended from Adam. Has any one then yet seen the production of negroes from white stock, or vice versa?

Moreover, is it absolutely necessary to have watched every step of the progress of a planet, to be justified in concluding that it really does go round the sun? If so, astronomy is in a bad way.

Thomas Henry Huxley, 1892

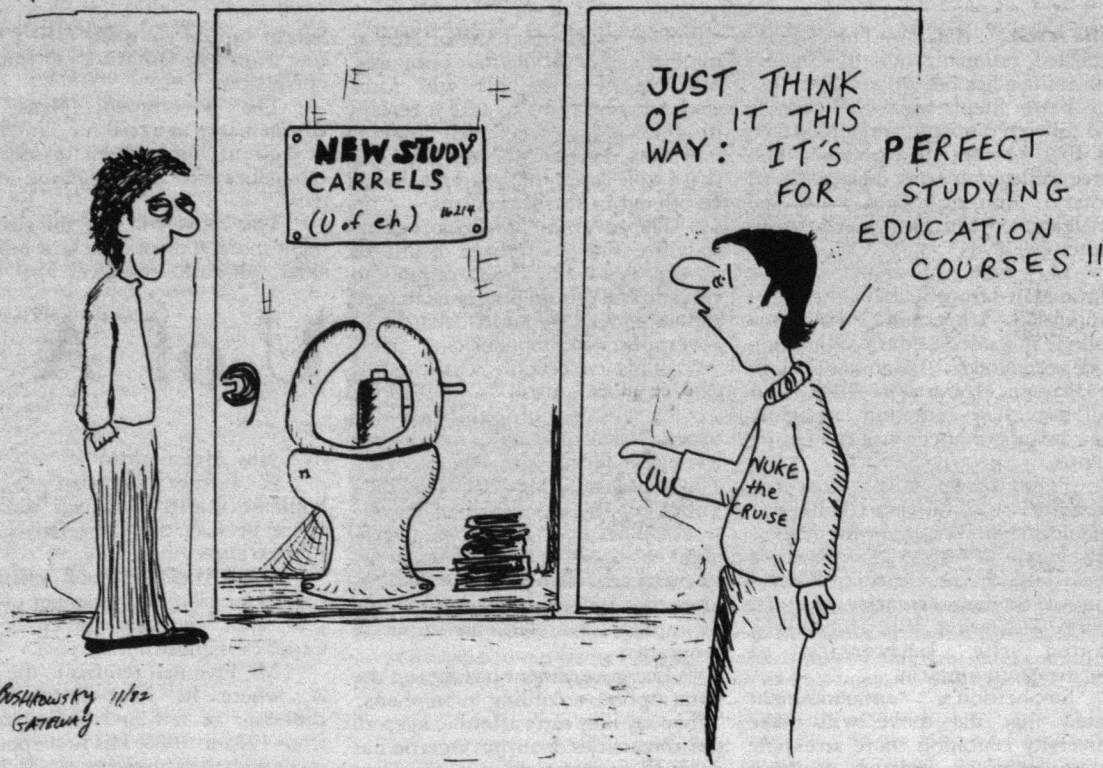
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Staff this issue:

Investigations by intrepid reporters Mark Roppel, Catherine McLaughlin and Adam Wessel have produced evidence that one staff member is actually a liberal. Teri-Lyn Paulgard is appalled. Aaron Bushkowsky and Jack Verme are interrogated by Martin Coutts and Margo Schmitt. Benoit Robert, Alain Lauzier and Bruno Couture confirm that the individual being sought is not bilingual. Bill Inglee and Martin Beales identify the culprit as John Roggeveen. Zane Harker is appointed prosecutor; Heather-Ann Laird is the court reporter; Dan Leskiw is set to defend the ignominious Roggeveen. Court is in session, the honorable John Algard presiding, as the clerk Tom Hayward rises to call the next witness.....

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## « LETTERS TO THE EDITOR »

### Gateway reporters deaf?

CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR

Considering the number of retractions the Gateway has printed this year, I would think that your editors would become a little more responsible in researching the facts of their stories. However, it would appear that responsible journalism is a very low priority of the Gateway this year. On numerous occasions, I have been misquoted or quoted out of context.

Your front page story of November 9, 1982, "SUB BECOMES ATHLETES VILLAGE", proved to be no exception to your inaccurate reporting habits. Please allow me to clarify this information for your readers.

Your reporter has written that the Students' Union and Universiade '83 have completed a deal for use of SUB during the games — wrong! Your reporter was told that the Students' Union Executive and Universiade '83 had finally agreed upon a price to be paid for the use of portions of the building and SUB Theatre. I was very explicit in pointing out that contractual arrangements have yet to be discussed and voted on by the Executive (Students' Union) and the Universiade Finance Board. In addition, conditions of this contract will probably have to be debated in Students' Council before any final decisions are made. Your reporter has also written that the payment will be made in a lump sum as a donation to SUB Theatre — wrong again! Your reporter was told that "we hoped" we could arrange to receive the money in the form of a grant and, in particular, the money we were to receive as rent for the theatre. Again, no agreement has been made concerning how the money will be paid to the Students' Union. Last but not least, your reporter has written the donation will be matched by the Provincial Government — you guessed it — wrong again! Your reporter was told that if we received the money in the form of a grant, we intended to apply to the Provincial Government for a matching grant for the Theatre. In fact, we have not even had an initial meeting with the Government concerning matching grants.

The next time you assign one of your reporters to interview me, I will make sure I have a generous supply of Q-Tips on hand so that they may clean out their ears.

Tom Wright  
 Business Manager, Students' Union

*New's Editor's note: Contrary to what Wright says, the story stated the Students' Union executive had completed a deal, and it was stated the deal would have to be approved by Students' Council.*

*Secondly, no mention of contractual arrangements were made in the story.*

*Thirdly, the reporter was told by other sources that the payment would be made in a lump sum.*

*Fourthly, and the only valid criticism of the entire story, the story stated the grant will be matched on the grounds that... Even though the sentence was a quote the sentence should have read, "the grant could be matched".*

*Fifthly, SU Business Manager Tom Wright was not the only person questioned about the arrangements. Other people made statements about the Students' Union Building being leased to the Universiade.*

*Finally, we appreciate the thought behind the Q-tips, and if we ever need any we will come to you.*

### Secrecy will be debated

The new executive of the U of A Debating Society begins an ambitious year on Saturday, November 27, as host of the annual Huggill Cup Tournament. This event decides the U of A student debate championship and is open to all U of A students.

Over the past few years the debating society has become a small and increasingly inactive club, hosting few tournaments. It is expected, however, that with a fresh executive and ambitious planning the society will be revitalized.

The society is one of the university's oldest, and has periodically increased and decreased in its prominence since its beginnings in 1910. The Huggill Cup tournament began in 1936; this year's resolution for debate concerns whether or not the state should have the right to conceal information from its citizens in the interest of the national

good. Debate will take place between two-person teams, in a standard style.

Entry forms and rules are available from room 120 of the Administration Building. As well, the entry deadline has been extended to Friday, November 19. All interested are also invited to attend the debating society's general meetings, held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in room 2-44 of the Tory Building.

Helen Ward

Publicity Director, U of A Debating Society

### Communist plot for sure

To those individuals who wrote the so-called "Anti-Socialist Manifesto" in the Nov. 9th Gateway, we make this response: we are in perfect agreement with you about those damned Artsy-Fartsy and Education students. It's bad enough that they piddle around all day with really dumb concepts like comprehensive learning and personal expression; but on top of all that, they're also a pack of Godless, subversive, pinko socialists. You may think that they're just finger-painting or blowing hot-air philosophy around, but actually they're ALL PLOTTING TO UNDERMINE OUR WHOLESOME CAPITALIST WAY OF LIFE!! Yoy give them an inch and pretty soon they'll be goose-stepping down HUB Mall singing the Red Army Song. And don't try to kid us by saying that it's just a phase; everyone knows that they're zombies and the K.G.B. manipulates them with remote-control devices or something. All you have to do is watch them drinking coffee at the Java Jive to know that they've been programmed to talk about politics and subversive stuff like that.

Well, we say it's time to get rid of them all! We who have something to offer the marketplace should do something constructive like build ovens and throw them all in (along with the professors 'cause God only knows they're all socialists anyway.) And just in case anyone else gets it into his or her head to put on weird clothes and think subversive thoughts, we should all wear brown shirts and organize a capitalist youth movement; maybe we can teach them songs like "Heil! Heil! The Gang's All Here!" Then, and only then, can we truly sleep soundly.

Allison Colborne, Art II  
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 Betty Crocker, Home Ec. III

### Dirty old men for Cruise

Like many people I don't believe that Cruise missile testing in Alberta is automatically going to lead to nuclear annihilation, even in the long run. What bothers me is the patina of official lies covering the tests. For instance; Cold Lake has been designated for the tests since the terrain in the area is similar to that of Russia's. Terrain in Alaska or Turkey is just as similar to Russia's so why Cold Lake? Did it get picked out of a hat, or what?

In terms of the Cruise missile (and that F18) as part and parcel of Canada's "defense", I should like to point out that the Avro Arrow was a more effective defensive-strategic weapon than the Cruise (which is faulty) and the F18 (which is over-priced) COMBINED. Yet the Avro Arrow; Canadian designed; Canadian built; was cut up for scrap.

What we're being exposed to here is the shady, shoddy world of bankrupt Cold War politics, authored by dirty old men; and THAT'S where the danger lies.

Isabelle Foord  
 BA:MA

Letters to the Editor should be a maximum of 250 words. Letters must be signed, and include faculty, year and phone number. No anonymous letters will be printed. All letters should be typed, although we will reluctantly accept them if they are very neatly written. We reserve the right to edit for libel and length. Letters to not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.