

We students are the future of this society. We want to educate ourselves so we can participate in and contribute to our society. If we are to be successful contributors in the future, the time we spend now does not include time for bitchin' and complainin' about the way our society is behaving right now.

Deanna Matzanke  
Tric Walker

### Get the facts

The letter by Marc LaGrange, published October 23, contained a rather curious premise amidst the rather phenomenal rhetorical excess. Mr. LaGrange seems to think, as well as feel rather passionately, that any inquiry into actual institutional practice constitutes an attempted subversion of the democratic principles held by an institution. To the contrary, I would suggest that only by frequent inquiry is the relationship between principles and actual practice assured.

I am certain that Mr. LaGrange is sincere in his passion for democratic values. Such a passion will undoubtedly evoke a curiosity regarding the extremely low level of participation in the Student Union exhibited by his constituency. He may also entertain the notion that emotive and irrational response to inquiry is detrimental to the maintenance of democratic values.

I attended the student council meeting which evoked such moralistic outrage from Mr. LaGrange. If Mr. Davies is to receive "what he deserves" as LaGrange suggested, it should be for his patience and maturity which contrasted notably from some of his opposition.

Pat Maridin



### Holy Fascism

When this Paul Coffey soap opera began over a month ago, Paul made it clear that his main wish was to play with the Edmonton Oilers. Since that time, Paul's agent Gus Badali has done everything in his power to make sure that this wish would not come true. Badali has carefully orchestrated this Coffey crisis in such a way as to make it nearly impossible for his client to remain with the Oilers. Gus may have scored his coup de grace on Oct. 22 when he took Peter Pocklington's words during the heat of negotiations and relayed them, out of context of course, to his client. The result, which was very predictable, was that Paul Coffey vowed never to play for the Oilers again.

Why does Gus seem to want Coffey traded so badly? Could it be that an unhappy Paul Coffey making \$700,000 a year in New Jersey is worth more to Gus than a happy Paul Coffey making \$500,000 a year with the Stanley Cup Champs? Nah, Gus couldn't be that unscrupulous.

The fact remains that Gus Badali is the main obstacle to an agreement between his client and the Edmonton Oilers. I hope that Peter Pocklington, being the gentleman that he is, will "have the guts" to apologize to Paul for something that really isn't Peter's fault. If he can do that, Paul Coffey's best interests may still be served, despite the man who calls himself Coffey's agent.

K. Mark McCourt

### Gus the Fuss

Once again I risk being branded a pervert in order to express my opinion. (Re: Don Maxwell's appeal for action against the sale of indecent products on campus?)

My God, he's talking about greeting cards and magazines that these stores are perfectly within their rights to offer for sale! What Mr. Maxwell and people like him can't seem to appreciate is that a definition of what constitutes "indecent material" is subjective as hell; there are no definitions handed down from the heavens. Why should the store owners remove material that is NOT ILLEGAL to satisfy some uptight people who complain whenever they encounter material that they personally view as "indecent"?

As for little children seeing the products: kids don't get offended by anything until parents make it clear to them that a word or picture is "dirty", and get all upset around the kids whenever a "dirty" word or image appears. For gosh sakes, in this manner you can train your kids to find bananas and cabbage to be "offensive material", but why the hell should you? All that does is make the child seem ridiculous in later life, asking the grocer to stop selling those "horrible, dirty bananas." The same goes for so-called dirty

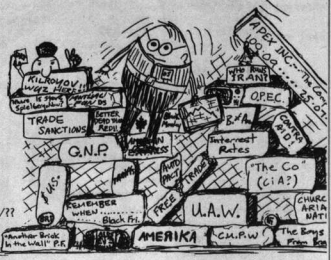
Dow Jones sat on a wall that American men had built too tall.

He slipped, he slid, he fell to the ground and all of the brokers just stood around.

Reagan's too busy with the newsmen's feast of Contra Aid and the Middle East.

So, All the Free Markets in all the Free World tried to raise Jones piece by piece.

— Would Gorbachev help??



words and magazines. Stores shouldn't sell what's "not good for people"? Then ask them to stop selling salt and cigarettes — these things KILL people, dammit!

Mr. Maxwell's last paragraph of his letter scares the hell out of me. We should be "pressuring... businesses into responsible sales and conduct in all society"? Holy fascism, Batman! He's not talking about telling them to stop putting enough salt to choke a horse in the processed food I eat, or telling them to stop poisoning my air and killing our poor ozone layer with an encyclopedia of pollutants — no! He wants them to stop making cards and magazines with naked people in them — what a guy! Here's our next prime minister!

In closing, let me applaud the store owners/managers for giving people the choice to buy what they wish — even if I never buy an issue of Hustler, I appreciate your giving me the choice.

Ron Lalonde

### LaGrange's passion

Re: "Indecent Sales" Gateway, Oct. 29  
I would like to begin by saying that I in no way like or support the production of what I deem to be sexually explicit material. But just because I don't like it, Mr. Maxwell, is no justification for oppressing others from enjoying such material. I respect your honest effort but strongly disagree with the methods you are using.

You see, the key to achieving a decent working society is to educate the masses and certainly not oppress them. By attempting to oppress such material, you are in fact infringing on other citizens' rights and freedoms.

Rod Vidal

Do you feel like really looking into things? Write feature for the Gateway.



### Involvement Opportunity

#### Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board

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The D.I.E. Board:

- (1) Acts as administrative tribunal for Students' Union Constitution and Bylaws
- (2) Has "court-like" powers
- (3) Investigates and tries alleged breaches of discipline
- (4) Interprets Students' Union Constitution and Bylaws

Applicants must be in their second or further year of studies.

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- Qualifications:**
1. University of Alberta student preferable.
  2. Typing and clerical skills.
  3. Ability to deal effectively with staff, students, and the general public.
  4. Interest in the promotion of the arts on campus.
  5. Public relations experience an asset.

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Application forms available in Room 259 SUB Info: 432-4764  
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### Gateway Staff Meeting



Thursday  
November 5  
4:00 p.m.  
Rm 282 SUB  
All volunteers please attend!