The Soviet destruction of Afghanistan has resulted in more refugees from this country alone than there are refugees from S.E. Asia, the Middle East, and Central America COMBINED! (UN High commissioner for Refugees, June, 1984). As with the manmade Ukrainian famine, Moscow has also refused to allow journalists to "legally" enter Afghanistan to report on their horrifying tactics. They hope, no doubt, that the media will instead focus on, and criticize, the Americans for their attempts to stop the spread of communism . . . a scheme that is apparently working.

Perhaps it is time we spoke out against the spread of what a Hungarian exile described to me as "the most spiritually and physically devastating system on earth."

> Ken Shipka Business IV

## Count on the Commerce

This is a letter of public appeal to all those who currently hold accounts at the BANK OF COMMERCE in the Students' Union Building. Previous experiences of my friends and myself have seriously put to question the competence of the management of this bank.

Point one: This Bank of Commerce absolutely refuses to grant anyone a convenience card who does not possess an account with funds over \$2,000, or if one has not retained a lengthy banking history with this branch. Any other bank, through their appreciation, gladly grant convenience cards almost immediately to promote accessibility 'to personal accounts. Not the Bank of Commerce!

Point two: The Bank of Commerce allows only two free withdrawals per month; supplemental withdrawals are subject to a service charge of \$1.25. the philosophy behind this policy is to force the student to carefully budget his/her money. If students are incapable of budgeting their funds at this point in their life, then they might as well learn from their mistakes. Who gave the right to the Bank of Commerce to act as a parental surrogate anyway?

The continued arrogance and selfishness of the Bank of Commerce has forced me to make this appeal. Anyone who finds they are subject to these types of injustices, band with me and ask others to completely withdraw all remaining funds from personal accounts. Students should support students! Martin Schug Arts IV

## Are we not vermin?

It was with dismay that I read the Saskatoon Cup item on the front page of the October 10, 1984 Gateway.

In the thirteenth paragraph of the news story, it is stated that "Reineke was neither a resident ... nor a U of S student." The following paragrah beings "He was not the only student..."

Are you an editor or are you an earthworm (contrary to popular opinion, earthworms do not know how to edit)?

Elsewhere in the same issue, why did the Vancouver band, Animal Slaves, rate more space than the discovery of preserved bodies on Beechey Island by University of Alberta professors? National Geographic, Time, Paris-Match, and Stern are not rushing to Edmonton to cover Animal Slaves. Did you know, dear editor, that all of these magazines have expressed interest in Amy's and Beattie's discovery?

You have missed the scoop, the boat, the train, and your job description.

Gary Genosko President GSA

## What's this 60's s——!

John Algard, what kind of holiday from reality are you on? Your editorial on Tuesday Oct. 16 is devoid of fact and supports my notion that the Gateway is a useless rag. Fairly strong words, but save for 3-4 interesting articles a year, the only worthwhile reading is Bear Country.

Back to your Oct. 16 article — there is no way you could ever substantiate your claims, and that crap about the sixties is so over-generalized and Americanized that you must have absolutely no journalistic integrity.

Your editorial has so many points that deserve contesting, but I shall have to limit myself to a few. For example, "The largest growth sector in our modern economy is not industrial or technical, it is artistic. Cottage industries, operated by local artists, writers, and craftsmen are expanding rapidly..." Since when? I think the recession — since the latter part of 1981 has pretty well bankrupted the majority of artisans. You must have been watching 60 Minutes again and stolen one of their story lines.

The landslide victory of September 4, in which there were no Green Party seats won, and Ronald Reagan's imminent re-election certainly points towards "the governments of yesterday now find(ing) themselves struggling to survive..." because "without large corporations ... they will no longer have the level of control they currently enjoy."

Just for legitimacy, Stats Can indicated, aside from the public sector, 50% of all employees are employed in companies of 14 employees or less, and the remaining 21% in companies of more than 14 employees. Since the second world war the ratio has increased between small and large companies, in favor of the larger companies.

So John, your entire article is a fabricated piece of garbage. Do not be afraid to succeed, if your cop-out of volunteerism does not work, try the real world where you may be forced to prove yourself among the leaders of politics and commerce.

Bill Dahmer Agriculture III

P.S. You're reminiscent of Timothy Leary - dropout, tune in, and take L.S.D.

## LITERARY COMPETITION

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