

Council denounced

I would like to commend Jan Grude and other council members who supported his principled motion calling for a boycott against the sale, distribution and advertising of South African products on campus. The amended motion that was eventually passed is a very weak statement that calls upon people to use individual conscience in boycotting these products. As such, it evades the central issue of the source of South African capital (i.e. the exploitation of the cheap black labour) and the consequent penetration of that capital into the political economy

of Canada. The motion, does, however, mark a starting point in the political consciousness of local consumers who are everyday encouraged to be abettors of the apartheid system in South Africa.

It is hoped that those few persons who intentionally entrapped Grude's original motion in a morass of bureaucratic procedure to ensure its defeat will seriously reassess their position on this issue. If the Gateway's article (March 22) accurately reflects the arguments presented, it should

be clear to all that the objections raised were totally ad-hoc and flippant. Sudden concern for the Helsinki Agreement and "all other forms of oppression" is entirely gratuitous comment in response to the specific and well-documented motion presented by Grude. It should be noted that Grude canvassed RATT and Friday's (HUB) customers before presenting the motion; he found general support for the boycott in both locations.

These objections not so cleverly attempt to conceal one basic fact that renders these other issues extraneous: the

Students' Union have already taken a political position in that Rothman's and Carling O'Keefe products — both controlled by the Rothman's Group of South Africa — are presently being sold, distributed and advertised on this campus. The boycott issue does not ask Students' Council to move into a new arena of politics; it asks that Council take a humane and progressive stand by reversing past policy. To encourage the sale or purchase of these products is most definitely a political act.

The reasons behind these

obstructionist actions are not altogether clear. Whatever the reasons, it should be made clear in no uncertain terms that these persons are openly endorsing the most brutal and vicious regime imaginable when they refuse to endorse a corporate boycott against South African products. They are acting against United Nations sanctions, against the resolutions of national and international church organizations and, most importantly, against all organizations and liberation movements that represent the aspirations of the Black majority in Southern Africa.

The fascist regime in Pretoria has been likened to national socialism in Germany in the 1940's by none other than the present Prime Minister, John Vorster, who, by the way was arrested in 1942 for his pro-Nazi sympathies. It is this system of institutionalized fascism that is supported by those persons who opposed Jan Grude's original motion. They may pretend otherwise, but it is precisely that — a pretense.

The apartheid Boycott Coalition has already received a very positive response from most consumers who have passed our informational pickets at liquor outlets and Safeway stores. As well, many persons on campus have readily signed our petition for a corporate boycott of South African products at this University. Canadian people are beginning to realize that they do have a crucial role to play in the struggle against apartheid.

Ken Luckhardt
Member

Apartheid Boycott Coalition

Ed. Note: Gateway readers should note that the policy of the Gateway has been for the past two months to refuse any Rothman's or Carling O'Keefe advertising. The ad boycott was begun after a staff decision, and until such time as the staff decide to run such ads, the boycott will remain.

Religious readers protest

I would like to reply to your editorial of March 22, 1977 regarding the "religious types on campus" and social issues. I agree with you that "there are too many people — many religious, many simply apathetic" who do not care about very much at all. However, there are many Christians on this university campus, including those who sponsored the forums on Creation and Van Daniken's theory. We are very concerned about social issues. These people have spoken out against issues vital to preserving the dignity of man. Some of us were members of the Edmonton 61". Others are involved in the boycott of South African goods. Many of us are working and have been working to stop the exploitation of human

beings through pornography and such ventures as "restricted adult" massage parlors. Several of us are involved in the upcoming School Board elections. We do care, and we are doing something about it.

However, we as Christians also believe that many of today's social problems are a result of a lack of "clear analysis and careful thought about human values."

Through our forums and other activities we hope to help our fellow students to understand the basis of all values. Those of us who are Christians have discovered that only through developing a relationship with the Creator of this universe can we truly care about and be concerned about our fellow human beings. That is why we do everything we do — including

involvement in social issues.

Karl Mueller
Education

Ed. Note: Of course, I mentioned in the editorial that I was not referring to socially-conscious Christians and "religious-types," but to the many religious-types who prefer academic debates (i.e. Coffin's talk, Wilson's) to socially-relevant ones.

I am writing in regards to your editorial on Tuesday, March 22. I understand and share your belief that "religious types," and I am referring to Christians, should become more involved in contemporary issues. Christians have access to the resources and wisdom of God and therefore should be very active in decisive activities.

I do feel, though, that you would be overgeneralizing by stating that the people who turned out to these "religious" activities were "re-affirming" their faith. Faith was indeed reaffirmed, by the way in which God would bless the efforts of such a small group of people as were involved with Dr. Wilson. A lot of prayer, fasting, and effort

was invested, and these "religious" speakers, and God does respond. But there is a lot of interest even from non-Christians. In issues such as "the Curious of the Gods," and I do not think that there was such a majority of "religious types" in the Wilson audience.

From your editorial one might imply that you feel more people should be interested in Canada's dependent status on the United States, than developing a firm concept of God, their creator. With the wide range of interests and views on campus, an issue such as creation vs evolution than a narrower topic such as aboriginal land claims?

Looking at this editorial from a different angle; if there are

so many "religious types" or at least interest in these topics why was there no coverage of Dr. Coffin, Larry Norman, "How's Your Love Life," or any other Christian activity, there were many paid advertisements, but their events with small turnouts had much more publicity. I acknowledge that Keith Miller's coverage of Dr. Wilson was very comprehensive.

I am sure that many other letters will be written in the same regard as was this one, and I do feel that something should be printed expressing a Christian view, or rebuttal. Thank you for your time and patience.

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THE WAY I SEE IT



or not civil servants are in any danger from the great piles of government publications on their desks. They have been urged to carry on as usual, ignoring everything in sight, until their desks are tested.

The Canadian taxpayer has been urged to cease reading anything from Ottawa, including **The Canada Tax Guide**. To date over 300 people have been taken ill after reading the pamphlet, and half these victims have been attributed to the carcinogenic nature of the information they had to swallow in the booklet.

If you're in possession of any White Papers on Anything, you're urged to turn them in immediately. And if you happen to own any large white lab rats, you're probably some kind of warpo.

I had a visit yesterday from five really nice kids who belong to the **Campus Crusade for Christ People** (the C.C.C.P.). They dropped in to let me know about yet another guest lecturer who'll speak on **Creation vs. Evolution**.

Next Wednesday, Dr. Hokum P. Twot will give a lecture entitled **Everything You Know Is Wrong!** He will attempt to prove once again that the sound reasonable arguments of 85 per cent of the world's most respected scientists simply don't hold water against the logic of theologians.

He claims that Darwin's Theory of Evolution was in fact a crude attempt by Darwin to explain away his congenital speech defect, and that Darwin

refused to accept that God chose him to spend his entire life lisp-ing.

"Man is not descended from monkeys in trees!" he said, "but is the product of a millenium of careful planning by the Celestial Engineering Department. God himself carefully designed us so that we could go forth and multiply. He even invented Death as a means of recalling defective units! Who would dare to suggest that we are in our present position on this planet because of the ramblings of protoplasm!"

Dr. Twot, who teaches at the **Garner Ted Armstrong University of Our Mother Mary the Chased**, will be appearing on the CFRN program for senior citizens, "Hello We're Not Dead Yet!", so try to catch it.

There's a little news item off the wire from New York City, where Pan Am Airlines has announced that pilots who play 'chicken' with other jumbo jets will risk a fine and suspension. The announcement came after the collision on Sunday of two Boeing 747's in the Canary Islands.

Apparently the pilot of a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines 747 had made reference to the sexual appetite of the Pan Am pilot's wife, and the American pilot had become so incensed that he turned his plane directly into the path of the KLM jet.

His last words were "Meet me behind the hangar, you Dutch bastard!"

I went to see **Slapshot** at the Rialto last night, since the Beachcombers episode was a repeat (you know the one—Nick opens a Greek cathouse in Gibson's Landing), and I must say that the theatre manager, **Lucian Roy**, has an original policy towards his customers.

After standing in line for two hours, we were herded like sheep into the tiny theatre upstairs (which used to be a balcony until Famous Players realized you could wall it in and show two **Grade B** flicks instead of one). Then they started the film (without even a Bugs Bunny cartoon, the bastards!) while I was trying to find a seat, and I ended up losing two teeth to a trucker whose lap I fell into.

When the movie, which has a general appeal for Neandethals and six year olds, was over, an attendant stood in the back and yelled "Fire!" I haven't seen people move like that since the Coconut Grove fire in Boston back in '53!

The only thing that really got me steaming, though, was the **popcorn**. At \$2.50 a box, it is worth roughly \$800 per pound. At that price, the Rialto should be listed on the Stock Exchange!

For What It's Worth, that Julius Schmid condom ad on page 19 really has me worked up. I figure that after writing this column for seven months the management of this paper would've given me exclusive rights on all **tasteless, pointless and assinine** material, but ol' Julius has beat me to the draw with this one.

Officials of the **National Cancer Research Council** have determined beyond the shadow of a doubt that the major cause of cancer in rats is **government research**, according to a report leaked by the CBC.

The study, carried out over the last five years by the **Cancer**

Rats Division of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, proves that large white lab rats, fed the equivalent of three government research papers per day, contracted severe cancer of the left temporal lobe in only **three** years.

Further studies are now under way to determine whether