

dian universities were concerned they could have posters around their campuses just like we find sexual harassment posters all around U of A campus. Some students may feel they are the utmost losers should they raise their concerns publicly, because personal sentiments may override justice.

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Mixed missles

Mr. Shipka says that the two-track strategy came as a direct result of the Soviet deployment of nuclear SS-20 missiles. When NATO decided to deploy 572 Pershing II and Ground-Launched Cruise Missiles (GLCMs) these missiles were already invented and waiting for an excuse to be deployed. The two-track strategy might more aptly be called the forked-tongue strategy. In his open letter of May 9, 1983 Trudeau admitted that the two tracks were "to seek to negotiate the removal of the Soviet SS-20s and, at the same time, to prepare for the deployment of new U.S. missiles in Europe..."

Mr. Shipka has confused GLCMs with ALCMs. The cruise we are testing is an air-launched cruise missile. A cruise missile can be air, ground, or submarine-launched. The first cruise missile was the German V-1 "buzz bomb". Today the cruise missile of the U.S.'s independent strategic arsenal represents a new turn in the arms race providing first-strike capability to NATO. However, it is naive to suppose the Warsaw Pact will not follow suit and develop a similar weapon.

The SS-20s are intermediate range theatre forces while the ALCM is counterforce weaponry. Long before the deployment of the GLCMs and Pershing II NATO had its own arsenal of intermediate range theatre forces which included plenty of 100-1000T bombs (Bullpup or Walleye nuclear air-surface missiles or nuclear depth charges) on strike aircraft to counter any of the Soviet's SS-20's SS4s or SS5s.

To compare the cruise to the SS-20s is to compare apples to oranges. It is not surprising that Mr. Shipka is confused — reading the Edmonton Journal and the Reader's Digest is not sufficient.

My sources are the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the *Military Balance* of the London International Institute for Strategic Studies (which enjoys great credibility in NATO), *World Military and Social Expenditures 1983* by R. Leger Sivard and the Washington-based center for Defence Information whose staff includes Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll (ret.).

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McKillop innocuous?

I was rather disturbed by Mr. Cochrane's editorial of Feb. 26. There is no doubt that men such as Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel are blatantly bigoted and anti-semitic. To apply such terms to Duncan McKillop based on the comments that he had made, however, is both unfair and highly irresponsible. McKillop did

not at all deny the reality of the Holocaust. He simply suggested that it was truly impossible to determine the number of Jewish dead and that the number could range from 3 million to 6 million. According to Ulrich Trumper of the U of A's History Department, authorities on the Holocaust place the number of Jewish dead at around 5 million, with the low estimates being 4½ million and the upper limit 6 million. To suggest that McKillop's too-low estimate makes him a bigot is utterly ridiculous.

The question of whether McKillop should have said anything at all is a different matter. At the very most, his comments were unwise, given his position and Alberta's unfortunate reputation as a center of anti-Semitism. Perhaps, too, they were insensitive. The survivors of the Holocaust suffered enormously and are understandably sensitive to anything that they perceive as belittling their suffering. Nonetheless, McKillop has said what he has said; those of us who are not emotionally involved in the issue should try to keep the situation in perspective. Instead, the Gateway has simply added to the hysterical overreaction that McKillop's statements has generated.

Finally, I share Mr. Cochrane's concern over the apparent upswing in anti-Semitism in Alberta. Bigotry of any kind, however, is best fought through education, exposure, and civilized dialogue. Creating an atmosphere of fear and repression in which such attitudes are driven underground does nothing to resolve the problem and may actually make things worse. Anti-Semitism must be fought in a rational manner. Persecuting Duncan McKillop for his rather innocuous remarks casts a great deal of doubt on the rationality of his critics.

Shaun Narine
Arts II

Hate literature?

"Man's discovery that his genitalia could serve as a weapon to generate fear must rank as one of the most important discoveries of pre-historic times, along with the use of fire and the first crude stone axe. From prehistoric times to the present, I believe, rape has played a critical function. It is nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear."

(From Susan Brownmiller's introductory chapter to *Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape*. Available in your local bookstore—along with equally vicious books by women like Andrea Dworkin, Susan Griffin, Mary Daly, Marilyn French, Robin Morgan, etc. etc.)
Should books like this be banned in Canada? If they made similar charges against Jews, women, or nearly any other group besides men, they would be. Yet the radical feminists on campus, in spite of their avowed opposition to sexism, stereotyping and hatred, haven't made any public denunciations of this literature. If they're so anxious to censor someone, let them begin by burning a lot of the books in their own libraries.

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SECOND WIND

by Peter Smyth

... A third interprets motions, looks, and eyes;
At every word a reputation dies.

Alexander Pope

Seventy-six per cent of the people that voted February 7 in the campus election decided against the Building Policy that gives the Students' Union a mandate to prohibit "sexist, racist, and otherwise offensive" material or events from the SU premises (*Gateway*, Feb. 12). The SU shouldn't have to be our moral dictators, or as VP Internal, Gord Stamp said, "baby-sitters."

Unlike the students who were taught anti-Semitic views by Jim Keegstra in the small Alberta town of Eckville, we should be mature enough to decide whether or not something poses a threat to the well being of society.

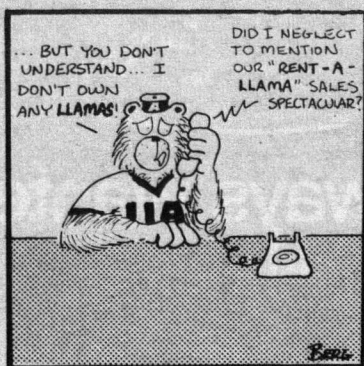
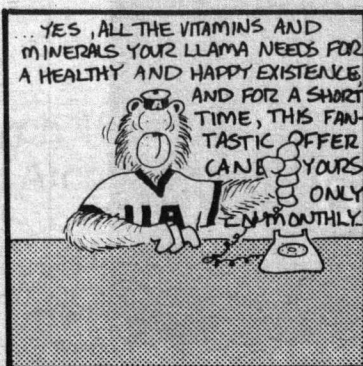
If the RCMP don't feel a group or an event is "promoting hatred" enough to press charges, students should be free to boycott (or support, whatever the case may be), or protest it without having to wait for the SU to announce that it is immoral or unethical. There are laws for advertising racism (whether they

are strong enough to be included in the Criminal Code will become clear at the conclusion of the Keegstra trial that starts in April) and the police should not be afraid to step in and enforce the law rather than leaving it up to student politicians.

There aren't too many "radical" groups with anti-social views who are ready to promote their beliefs publicly. The few that have attempted to, such as the Alberta Chamber of Commerce president (toward the Jews and the holocaust of World War II), have been ridiculed by opposing opinions that represent the majority and by the press. Most anti-feminist organizations, if there are any, would likely think twice before presenting strong opposition toward the women's liberation movement.

We should be thankful the SU will no longer have to censor what takes place in the university. However, if "sexist, racist, or otherwise offensive" groups do take it upon themselves to "promote hatred" we should refrain from being apathetic and not fighting back. After all, the students of the U of A did vote against this form of censorship. With this must come responsibility. We had the chance to let somebody "babysit" us.

Bear Country



by Shane Berg

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