

Perhaps Ms. Collins this wasn't an oversight. Do I smell conspiracy?  
I would like to point out that as people become more involved with the Student Union they are obviously going to get more coverage in the Gateway. After all isn't the Gateway's purpose to report on student affairs? Are not those persons you mentioned involved in student affairs? Possibly the reason others haven't gotten any Gateway coverage is because they haven't done anything that warrants coverage. Like I said I find your lack of insight distasteful. As the saying goes "Don't read the writing on the walls unless it's there."  
Wade Cummings, Business III

### Pay pornography

Re: Feb. 1 Second Wind by Ken Lenz.  
I was torn between replying to your column or not because I wasn't sure if you were serious. The controversy over airing pornography on pay-TV is not a "non-issue" but part of an on-going fight for women to be rid of such degrading pornography.  
It may be true that there is no evidence that pornography and rape are not correlated, but it is true that viewing violence on television and increases in actual violence/rape is included as an act of violence are correlated. One of the pornographic films that will be shown on pay-TV is about the American Revolution and in one scene a black woman is brutally raped by a number of cavalry men. The reason for the protest of pornography on pay-TV is because it is believed that scenes like this one could lead to an increase in violent acts against women. Thus, your premise that "all men (upon viewing pornography) will run into the streets raping and chauvinising" is more valid than you believe.  
The other issue you made mention of was the potential influence this programming will have on children's "moral education". I think you are correct when you say programmes such as 'Dirty Harry' and 'Different Strokes' are obscene. I also think pornography is obscene and that there is no benefit or usefulness in viewing any of it.  
The protest against pornography (any type of it, involving either men or women) is not only "a struggle of women for equality" as you say, but it is part of the strife to eliminate all degradation of the sexes.  
As to your final request for "the majority of women (to speak) up against the radical publicity-seeking minority", I don't believe that there has been opposition to these views because most women support them.  
Carol E. Hays, Arts II

*Managing Editor's Note: First Choice has denied that the movie referred to above will appear on their station.*

### Boycott the reds

"As human we are morally obliged to condemn this (the South African system of apartheid) every way we can". This was a statement recently made by David Cox in a Gateway article where he supported the Students' Union's boycott of South African products. I, as I am sure most other reasonable people, support such a view. However our criticism should not be restricted to one nation. Why for instance doesn't the Students' Union condemn and boycott the USSR which certainly doesn't take a back seat to South Africa when it comes to repression and racism. The USSR not only repress, but has another solution for those who criticize their regime, or belong to certain "dangerous ethnic minorities." It's called "removal of anti-Soviet elements." Examples can be seen in the Soviet prison system, the use of slave labour, torture, and

the imprisonment of political prisoners who are absolutely sane in Special Psychiatric Hospitals (S.P.H.'s).

The S.P.H.'s use neuroleptic drugs (ie. aminazin) "to inflict suffering on them (the patients) and thus gain their complete subjugation." The "patients" of these "hospitals" are also "tortured by various injections". The S.P.H.'s also use insulin shock, wall therapy, beatings, "voluntary" work therapy and the wetpack - a restraint/torture device. (For further information, check Harvey Fireside's *Soviet Psychoprisons*, WW Norton and Company, 1979).

Student Union Records are selling recordings produced in the USSR. CJSR airs Radio Moscow's "Soviet Press Review" to present it's listeners with a "reasonably balanced view of world events." I do not consider material that is given out by the Soviet media, all of which is censored and controlled by that government, to be a reasonably balanced view in any way shape or form. It's called "propaganda". Would CJSR air programs that give the South African government's propaganda?

If the Students' Union continues it's boycott of South Africa products, it would be hypocritical and "evading the force of conscience" not to do the same to Soviet propaganda and products that they are now selling. If they do not respond in kind to the Soviet Union, then we should stop the South African boycott. As it stands now the Students' Union is boycotting one repressive racist regime, while supporting another which has invaded, occupied, and virtually enslaved many nations that we all know of. This is clearly hypocrisy; let us not be a part of hypocrisy.

Pete Quily, Arts I  
Note: I agree. The Students' Union should boycott Soviet products as well.  
D.C.

### English skills report self serving blather

The Gateway front-page article on poor English skills published on 3 Feb 83 was really quite appalling. Surely a "joint committee of the University of Alberta and the Alberta Teacher's Association" should have come up with a better understanding of the nature of the problems, and a better set of recommendations for rectification of them, than the unholy mess you printed.

Communicating may seem unimportant to the ignorant, but it is not. An engineer who cannot communicate clearly, definitely, and unequivocally runs a grave risk that the bridge he has just designed will collapse because his written statements of requirements, clear to himself, are so unclear to others that grievous errors in the construction of the bridge are made.

We do not work alone in the world, and the knowledge of the individual is useless to society if he cannot communicate that knowledge to others; communicate it clearly, tersely, and effectively. As the technological level of our society rises, the powers available to each individual also increase, increasing the magnitude of problems created by errors in communication.

The sixteen "Recommendations" that you published are an apologia produced by those who are to blame for the failures of our middle level educational system. Unwilling or unable to admit the gross errors that they are clearly responsible for, they have proposed "more of the same" as a "solution."

High school students should be assigned books to read; books which are both interesting and challenging, books which stretch the mind and stretch the vocabulary. They should be closely and frequently tested on the knowledge they garner from such books, particularly on the meanings and

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*Second Wind is an opportunity for Gateway staffers to boldly say what no student journalist has said before.*

There should be no doubt that plans to fan by means of slander, hostility for the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, to divert to some extent, attention from the military psychosis that accompanies the military preparations of the west, giving rise to growing alarm of the broad masses of the population irrespective of social conviction or creed, will end in failure.

Undeniably slanted, this excerpt is also unclear in meaning. By fusing many ideas together in one sentence, the reporter only clouds the main issue, but makes one thing certain, the U.S.S.R. is being trampled upon by the aggressor, the Western nations.

The mistake that the Soviet press makes is that they don't edit their stories for the Western psyche. Although they try to sublimate us with ambiguous statements, the words they choose only serve to put Western readers on the defensive. Taken separately, words like slander, hostility and military psychosis are very powerful. Add the verb accompany and the noun the west to the end and you have an offensive assertion. Do the Soviets really expect us to reprint this crap? At least be a little more subtle.

The ignorance of the Soviet public is presumptuously applied to the Western character. If the Soviet Embassy seriously wonders why we have not reprinted anything, the Gateway is insulted, not politically, but as a newspaper.

## SECOND WIND

#### Shauna Peets

The Soviets have mistakenly been sending the Gateway news releases. At least I hope it's a mistake, because if they seriously believe we're going to reprint them, they must consider us impressionable fools.

The press office of the USSR Embassy in Canada have sent such articles as: "The Attempt On The Pope's Life- Why Was It Necessary To The West?", "50 Million Demonstrate In Soviet Peace Rallies," and "The Ball Is In The U.S. Court." Such topics are dealt with in daily newspapers, and as the titles of these articles may subtly or blatantly suggest, the aim of western news journalism, to present facts objectively, does not exist.

In a country where freedom of the press is a civil right, it's ironic that the Soviets think that we would condone news journalism that is controlled by the government. The Soviet news agency, TASS is the politically controlled service that issues the communiques to the embassy in Canada, who forwards them to the Gateway.

The issue is not that these releases are communist or Soviet propaganda, but the fact that they are simply propaganda, thinly disguised as news. A news release entitled, "Absurd Insinuations" concerns itself with the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II by a Turkish terrorist. The story claims that the Western media implied that Bulgaria, a communist satellite country, may have been involved. The Russian paper *Pravda* defends Soviet policy:

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