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### The Rodeo's over, Gateway

I just recently picked up a copy of the Gateway and came across the Valentine's Day Massacre article (re: "The Gateway's Valentine's Day Massacre (sans massacre)," 13 February). After glancing it over in dismay, I felt a real sense of embarrassment to be a student at the U of A, a school where this display of perversion is considered acceptable, publishable material. I cannot believe that this article is not considered offensive ... where I come from, the situation termed "Rodeo" would be considered rape and definitely not a laughing matter. Not only was the article disgusting, it was also incredibly demeaning to women (and quite obviously written by men). I am incredibly disappointed in your newspaper as I would have expected a much higher level of professionalism from you.

BUFFY DEBREUIL  
Via e-mail

### V-Day page impure indeed

You may have crossed the line ... with the "Alternative" love techniques presented in your latest issue. I thought that perhaps I was just being a prude; however, I passed it around to our helpdesk consultants (who are all students) and they all thought it was seriously pushing the limit of considerate journalism. As an employee and past student, I am very proud of the University of Alberta for many reasons but due to this incredibly despicable article, the Gateway is no longer one of these reasons. It is a shame, as it is these types of articles that remove credibility from your paper and, even worse, from your legitimate and talented Gateway journalists.

ALANNA COLLICUTT  
Via e-mail

### Conflicting missionary statement

(Re: "Gateway comic sets a double standard," 13 February). The letters to

the editor may not be published due to racism, sexism or general hatred. However, the Gateway cartoons are a completely different matter. Most of them manage to cram racism, sexism and hatred into the same panel. They've certainly published far more offensive cartoons in the past (see any "Mich Mich" or The "Blowie Show" for examples), and you haven't complained. Are we to take it that writing about snorting cocaine off a dead hooker is okay, but expressing honest indignation about the aggressive and often highly ethnocentric practices of some Christian missionaries isn't?

I don't feel that missionaries who knock on my door are evil or wrong *per se*. In fact, I love them for their mistakes. I just feel that their choice of lifestyle does not represent an appropriate way to live and could negatively influence impressionable young children to grow up and become missionaries, too. The minute they renounce their lifestyle, enroll in a six-week reorientation camp, lose their flamboyant garb and start acting "normal," then I'll be there to embrace them with open arms.

ERIC CHAMNEY  
Science IV

### Bottled-up rage for BeerFest

On hearing about the first [Edmonton International BeerFest], I rushed out and bought two tickets for a total of \$36 (with Ticketmaster booking fees). There wasn't much information on which breweries would be there, but beer festivals are generally a great way to sample beers from local microbreweries and this sounded like a good night out.

On arriving, we were told to join the end of a lengthy queue, with admission on a one-out, one-in basis. A second queue comprised non-ticket holders. Unsurprisingly, at 8:30pm on [a] Saturday evening, nobody was leaving. Evidently, more tickets had been sold than the capacity of the Dinwoodie Lounge. Ridiculous! So the organizers make a big profit by selling extra tickets and we don't even get to enjoy an event we've paid for?

The organization of this beer festival was amateurish, but with a bit more effort could have been an event to remember. As it happens, having heard of the overwhelming presence of the

big brewers (Coors, Molson etc) with relatively few local breweries, we were happy to have our Saturday evening beers elsewhere.

If the organizers would like suggestions as to how this event can be improved in the future, I would be more than happy to make suggestions. Unfortunately (to quote a British proverb), these guys couldn't organize a piss-up in a brewery!

LORNA FRIIS  
Via e-mail

### Well's all but dry for solution to water crisis

(Re: "Water, water, everywhere," 6 February). While I applaud and admire Kori Chilibeck's initiative to help those far less fortunate than ourselves who live with plenty of this most precious resource, I'm not convinced that by extracting water from a local water supply is the answer. Where exactly is this supply? One only has to read *Whose Water Is It? The Unquenchable Thirst of a Water-Hungry World* to realize that we must be aware of rapidly diminishing water supplies all over the world. One chapter, entitled "Bottling a Birthright?" by Robert Glennon, should be mandatory reading for anyone buying bottled water.

So how should I now feel? I feel the utmost concern and despair for people all around the world who do not have access to water yet I do not know if this initiative is the answer. It truly is a huge dilemma.

CAROL TRACEY  
Via e-mail

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