



also becoming very, very closely linked with the United States which is now the super power of the World. So there are some new questions out there. I hope to learn about Canadians' views on these topics, by doing these consultations, which relate closely on how we develop all of these pillars."

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Now firmly rooted in a conversation regarding Canada's place in the world, I figured that it would be an appropriate time to ask the Minister about Canada's role in the unstable situation in the Middle East. In short, I removed a piece of brightly coloured paper from my pocket and placed it on the table in front of him. It was a poster that had been put up on campus a few days earlier, asking people to turn out in protest to show the Minister of Foreign Affairs that Canadians want no part in a unilateral military action against

Iraq by the US.

I asked Graham about the poster. What was his position on a Canadian military action against Iraq? – and I asked if protests like the one staged on UPEI's

## Choice Cuts

Artist: Matthew Good  
Album: Avalanche

Matthew Good may be the most misunderstood singer-songwriter in Canada. By many he has often been seen as a cynical, sarcastic jerk, albeit one who produces really good material.

After a hiatus following the demise of his band, Good has returned with a solo album that in many ways seems to contradict itself. It is an album that manages to be both political and personal at the same time, and for the most part is still abstract enough for the listener to take their own stance on the material.

Good has finally seemed to determine what it is he wants to say and is saying it with a vengeance, as is evident in the scathing "21st Century Living." Despite this, the album, as a whole, is that of a songwriter more at peace with himself than before, and the songs reflect that. Fans of Good's previous work will find much to like, and the album may attract new listeners with its less bleak and cynical outlook. If this album is any indication of what Good is capable of, then I for one will be looking forward to any future offerings.

- Jonathan Smith

campus have any influence on his foreign policy. He said, "There are lots of ways in a democracy for people to go about expressing their opinions. Protests are a perfectly legitimate way in a democracy in my view. I believe very strongly in a democracy you don't go to war unless you've got the support of your population – unless you can make a case to your population that this is something – a use of force – that is absolutely a last resort. And the population has to be committed to say 'yes we recognize the need for it.' The protestors are not going to make the government do something, but they indicate to the government where the popular opinion in the country is, so I think it's a very legitimate thing to do."

With time quickly running out on my opportunity to speak with Bill Graham, I had one last question. As Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister, I wanted to know how he wished for the rest of the world to view Canada. He had this to say: "I must

say, I am totally astonished when I travel to see the degree to which Canada is well received abroad. You just have to go abroad to realize how many people would like to come and live in this country. Most of them would move here tomorrow. And that's because the image we project is a country where we respect one another, where there is tolerance, and where immigration is respected."

With that, we stood and shook hands. Graham was whisked out the door and almost immediately departed for Duffy Amphitheatre to lead a discussion on Canada's foreign policy with the general public. I was left rather pleased with the interview, and was impressed with the Minister's straightforwardness throughout. I encourage anyone interested in learning more about – or commenting on – Canada's place in the world to visit [www.foreign-policy-dialogue.ca](http://www.foreign-policy-dialogue.ca) to have their say.

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