

Editorial

Desperately stupid

Bill: I was thinking: stupidity. It's something that adversely, wait, how about *other people's* stupidity? It's something that adversely affects our lives and we can't control it.

Mike: Yeah, I know what you mean. Just the other day I was forced to spend at the very least a half an hour with a man whose dental hygiene was so horrendous that I thought he could singe the hair off my eyebrows with a sneeze. Now if that isn't stupid, I don't know what is. Good oral hygiene is very important you know.

Bill: Mike, that's exactly what I'm talking about. You've just wasted five minutes of my life by typing the stupidest, *dullest*, most redundant editorial anecdote I've ever seen in this paper. If I had a chainsaw I'd cut your fingers off.

Mike: Yeah? Well my dad is bigger than your dad and he hunts and has all kinds of implements of destruction and if you get home some night and feel a hard, triangular piece of metal for chopping wood nudging your head, you'll know who's come to visit.

Bill: I refuse to believe your dad has dangerous weapons. If he did, there'd be no reason for you to be alive as we speak.

Mike: *Bouque la madonne!*

Bill: Flaunting your pseudo-intellectuality again?

Mike: What the hell. Do you really think you know how to drive in the snow?

Bill: I refuse to answer that on the grounds it may tend to incriminate me. I heard that on a *Miami Vice* episode once. It sounded cool then so I thought I'd use it now. Don't you just love that show? The cars, the clothes, the alligator, the shooting, the killing....

Mike: And you were giving me hell about sounding stupid. Oy vey! Hey, that's three different languages in less than a page.

Bill: That just goes to show your comparative lit minor is worth something Mike. It's obviously never going to get you a job.

Mike: At least I don't have to say that I worked in the mud and the musk as a foul-smelling forester. Say, what about the women on *Miami Vice*?

Bill: For one thing Mike, you've never had to work. Period. You've always been a parasite on your parents. And as for women on *Miami Vice*, sure I noticed 'em, but we can't talk about 'em: that would be sexist and we're a Canadian University Press paper. We have our standards to maintain. We can only talk about killing. Or the alligator. And even then only if it's from a politically correct perspective.

Mike: I have too. Yes. I have not. So what. Screw the standards. Killing's clean? Make luggage. Screw politics. *Dosvedanya*. Ha. That's four. Ciao; five: salut; six: aloha; seven.

Bill: I guess that means we filled the space, huh? Can we go home now?

Mike: How come you get the last word?

Bill Doskoch and Mike Evans, at two a.m. this morning.

A quote used in the Oct. 16 Gateway, "Use the weapon the Tories think they own - VOTE!" was mistakenly attributed to Caroline Nevin.

The person who actually said it was Peter Fleming of the Dandelions.

DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT (D.I.E.) DECISION

Re: Request for Enforcement by Floyd Hodgins As Filed with the Students' Union Concerning Article VIII, Section w., Subsection (b), Point (i) of the Students' Union Constitution

The request for enforcement made by Floyd Hodgins is denied. The following reasons are given for the decision reached by the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board at its meeting of 15 October 1985:

(1) The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board interprets the phrase, "... for post-graduate or professional diploma,

..." as lesser fee to only those student within the Faculty of Education who are entered in a post-graduate and/or professional diploma programme.

(2) The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board recognizes that the intent of the subsection is to allow a reduction in fees to those students who are entered in a programme only after completing studies in another previous programme.

Respectfully submitted
DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Lance L. Yuen
Chairperson (1985-86)

YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE GRADUATED WITH HONOURS, YOU NEVER PASSED YOUR WRITING COMPETENCE EXAMS! NOW, GIVE IT BACK!



Letters to the Editor

The Grind takes a beating...

I am shocked that anyone would threaten to impeach an executive member over releasing audited statements of the 1984-85 fiscal year and thus correcting the misinformation which had been printed in *The Grind*.

Mr. Liukko stated that by printing these statements I was committing "gross negligence".

On the contrary, it is my duty as V.P. Finance and Administration to let students know how much money they are putting into these services.

Mr. Liukko misinterpreted these audited statements by making the mistake of thinking the "1985" column was a projected figure. This is not the case. The "1985" column is the actual figures for the fiscal year ending April '85. In my previous letter, I compared the level of subsidization by students in *The Gateway* and *The Grind*. These figures remain \$598 for *The Gateway* and over \$2,000 for *The Grind*.

Mr. Liukko also makes an assumption that the \$18,514 grant came from the Student's Union. That is not true. This money came from the University's Board of Governors.

The bottom line of this issue is still facts. Mr. Liukko made the same mistake as *The Grind*. He wrote what he believed was true, rather than what he had confirmed to be true. I have no bad feelings towards Mr. Liukko or for that matter, *The Grind*. I just wish people would get their facts straight before they promote slander.

That's how lawsuits are prevented, right Floyd?

Rob Splane
V.P. Finance and Administration

P.S. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to talk to me before you try to impeach me. It'll save you some embarrassment.

... from our readers...

Letter to the editor:

I notice that *The Grind* is now attempting to force the S.U. to provide it with more operating support. I find the logic behind this demand for increased funding most suspect. *The Gateway* has been the official newspaper of the S.U. since November, 1910. While it has at times been criticized for insufficient coverage,

Alex Miller and Rob Schmidt expressed an extreme distaste for bottled fermented oyster saliva when served the same by Siobhan Hanley at Gary Dhillon's. Elaine Ostry concurred and ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with Tim Hellum, Greg McHarg and Don Teplyskye. John Charles said, "Yum, yum," drank a gallon and turned into Pat Maguire. Rod Campbell simply didn't believe it was happening. Glenn Hamilton laughed.

and "inappropriate" editorial perspectives, or amateurish lay-out among other things, it is and has been a better than average university student newspaper by Canadian Standards. I believe that it is a better paper now than it was 10 or 20 or 30 years ago. Any improvement has been due to the continuous support of the S.U. and the hard work of the students involved.

The Grind on the other hand, is perhaps a good newspaper by high school standards but it doesn't compare well with *The Gateway* just yet. By supporting this unproven newspaper, the S.U. would in the long term be taking away financial and manpower resources away from *The Gateway*. Despite the argument that "the competition will do *The Gateway* good", the opposite is true if the S.U. supports *The Grind*. If one publisher supports two competing publications, it will eventually come down to a choice between the two. It may well be the ultimate goal of the Grinders to destroy *The Gateway*, not to improve the quality of *The Gateway* through competition.

Students should know what they are doing when they sign petitions. *The Grind* petition is an ill-disguised attempt to replace *The Gateway* with an unproven high school rag. If *The Grind* wants to compete, let it compete.

Stuart Mackay
Graduate Studies

... and again

To, *The Gateway*:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the editor of *The Grind*. I have no idea if they will print my viewpoint but I thought you should be aware that it was written - free speech etc. as advocated by *The Grind*.

Questions I have for *The Gateway*:

When are your papers put out? The dates are Tuesday and Thursdays but I have been unable to pick up Tuesday's issue until Wednesday and I search for a Thursday copy after the weekends (I don't come to the university on Friday's). Have you cut down on the number of issues printed or have you not increased issues to meet demand? Why are there hundreds of "Grinds" and no Gateways to be found?

I am not your biggest fan but I do appreciate the real information received from your publication - keep on letting me know what's going on in the university - thanks.

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