



How We Ought To Have Done Our Editorial Duty

This year The Gateway editorial staff has missed the boat. Since the fall, the editorial page has been cluttered with a lot of dull trivia—poorly written, and of negligible interest to most of the readers.

This need not have been so. The editorial page of any campus undergraduate newspaper can have, and should have, a leading role in campus affairs. In addition to being interesting, even vital reading, it can perform a vital service; it can speak up, to the public, to the faculty members, to the administrators, on behalf of the students' interests. Indeed, this ought to be its function. The students are required to foot The Gateway's bills. Why shouldn't they have a right to see to it that The Gateway speaks up on their behalf?

Well, you may answer: on what could The Gateway have editorialized about, that it didn't? What student interests were being abused or ignored, that The Gateway did not seek to protect? What injustices were perpetrated against the students, that The Gateway did not seek to redress?

MANY GRIEVANCES

Two immediately come to mind. They may at first glance seem trivial. Perhaps they are. But they point

the way to a much larger field of student grievances and interests that The Gateway is not, at present, serving. They only head the list. They do not complete it.

First: about a week ago, one Kent Gibb wrote a letter to the Editor, protesting the fact that University students are not permitted to pay "student" admission rates to most downtown theatres. All Odeon theatres, he pointed out, make University students pay "adult" rates, while the Paramount theatres are erratic; some let varsity students in for "student" rates, others do not.

Now Mr. Gibb's views clearly had merit. Lives there a varsity student with soul so dead that never to his co-ed companion has said, "I'm getting fed up with this robbery?" It is a commonly acknowledged fact that varsity students have less money to spend for entertainment purposes than, say, High-School students; yet varsity students are required to pay stiffer rates! And in addition to that—a factor not mentioned by Mr. Gibb—at theatres where varsity students are permitted "student" status, they need to display plasticized "identification" cards obtainable only by having one's picture taken by outside photographers for the yearbook.

"CAMPUS A CARD" NOT ENOUGH

A plain "campus A" card is inadequate, (heaven knows why); yet it is the proof that one is a student, and has paid one's fees—not the plasticized card. What this means is

this: if you don't want your picture in the yearbook; or if you missed your appointment; or if you didn't want to fork out three or four dollars for a tiny plastic-coated card with your picture on it, you can't get into movies as a student! Nice, eh?

Now this may seem trivial. But it does affect the interests of many students. And by our way of thinking, The Gateway, as a representative of student interests, does have an obligation to speak up on behalf of such students. And yet, nothing has been heard on this, not to mention many other, matters. And there are further examples.

The Periodical Reading Room in the Rutherford Library is meant to serve as a collection of periodical references for research purposes, and as a collection of popular magazines for browsing.

TOO FEW PERIODICALS

Now if one discovered, at a University of this size, that the periodicals collection was grossly inadequate, poorly administered, and incomplete, that would be news, would it not? And it would also constitute something that should be brought before the attention of those in a position to improve things, in the interests of the students. We made a quick survey of the periodicals collection this week, and discovered

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

This is the last issue of the year!!!

If any of you would like to obtain back issues you may come up to the Gateway office and help yourself—we have most of them shelved.

LATE FLASH—We had scheduled a satire issue for April 8th (which would have been financed by local ads, completely separate from our regular budget, which is spent).

We have just received word that we are out to lunch. Print shop is too busy to work any more for us.

To all staffers who were working on this last project, **SORRY.**

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"EXPORT"
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or FILTER TIP
CIGARETTES

that the above description fits it pretty well.

Did you know, for example, that the mass-circulation magazines "The Saturday Evening Post," "Look," and "Newsweek," are not even carried by the Periodicals collection? The latter is a news review that sells on a scale comparable to "Time," and "US News and World Report," both carried. It has many fine, unique features in addition; but the students are deprived of them.

Left-wing political journals abound: "The New Republic," "The Nation," "The New Statesman," and "Partisan Review," and yet "National Review," a right-wing, conservative political journal, that has a circulation greater than "The New Republic" and "The Nation" put together, is conspicuous by its absence. Why should "Partisan Review," which, judging by its mere 5,000 circulation, is a journal in meagre demand, be carried, when "National Review," with a circulation of more than 100,000, is not?

The newspaper collection in the periodical room is in constant disarray. The New York Herald-Tribune, one of the foremost American papers, is not even carried. The Washington Post, another prominent paper, is—but is not displayed, for some mysterious reason. We frequented the periodicals room for many, many months before we discovered that the Washington Post was available, but hidden away in a gloomy corner.

MUCH TARDINESS

The plodding pace at which work is carried on in the periodicals room is noteworthy. All staff members move as if deep in thought. All newspapers, with a few exceptions,

are posted much, much, too late.

The most recent copy of The Times of India available is dated January 22; of the London Observer, February 17; of the New Statesman, several weeks older than is carried on the news-stands; of the Times of London, February 19; of the Hindu Weekly Review, February 18; of the Toronto Globe and Mail—in our own country—March 6: almost a week behind the news-stands!

Back to magazines: "Canada a Month," a popular monthly news review, is buried deep in the racks of obscure professional magazines. Yet at the front of the room, on accessible racks, right next to the chairs and tables, where everyone can see them, are a host of magazines that no one—we do not exaggerate, no one—has ever been seen to read: "Civil Service Review," "Chung-ang Herald," "Crocodile," a Soviet "humor" magazine in Russian; and, oh yes: "WUS in Action" (sic).

STAFF EFFORT

The upshot of all this is that the Periodical Reading Room is not being run for the students—nor, it would seem, for anyone but the staff thereof. This is but one more example of a situation existent on campus that constitutes a minor annoyance for the students if not a serious weakness in the organization of the university. Doubtless, there are many, many others.

It is not our duty to overturn and enumerate them; it is the duty of The Gateway editorial staff, this year and next year. The sooner it gets on the job, the better off we all will be. There doesn't appear to be anyone else speaking up for the students; its way past time for the GATEWAY to begin doing the job.

Committee for a Sane Editorial Policy

International Dateline . . .

U.S.A.

The United States National Student Association (USNSA) announced the inauguration of an "African Freedom Fund" to meet the needs of the numerous African students, who recently left the Bulgarian universities. This fund will be helping to pay for transportation and placing as many as possible of them in U.S. universities. USNSA will ask its member schools to conduct fund raising drives for the students.

FINLAND

The Friendship Week of the Finnish and Soviet youth will be held this year from 31st March till 7th April; practically all the Finnish youth organizations will be taking part in it.

ARGENTINA

A wave of terror and persecution is sweeping Argentina, states a letter from the Executive Committee of the Argentine University Federation. Many people including eight uni-

versity students have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from fifteen to twenty-five years. They are confined to grim prisons, among them the Puerto Desado concentration camp; a veritable Hades of the pampas. Many forms of repression are used including spontaneous arrest, police raids on private homes, the closure of FUA premises and student centres, an extensive censorship.

At the same time Nazi-fascist groups, organized, led, and armed by the Federal Police go untouched while murdering and torturing students in Buenos Aires. They have also thrown bombs and blown up the students' medical centre in Buenos Aires, and machine-gunned the FUA headquarters and other cultural institutions. Other savage deeds have been perpetrated against the population. All world students are called upon to protest these infamies. (IUS News Service)

Ed. Note: Protest telegrams should be sent to the Ministry of the Interior, Buenos Aires. Employees of Peron Inc. (Canada) Ltd., are excluded from this contest. The prize is a 1963 model armoured car.

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