

Gateway makes omniscient threats

I take grave issue with a comment you made in your previous issue, concerning the kidnapping of the Gateway by the engineers, in which you stated that "since we would lose our advertising revenue ... we would cancel the Engineers' Thursday

cabaret." Who is this omnipotent "We?" Since when does a student newspaper hold power over student social activities? Since when does the position of Editor give you control over what we can or cannot do?

I admit ignorance concern-

ing the structure of the Students' Union and the Gateway, but certainly not apathy. I would like to think that the Gateway is published under Students' Union funding (and commercial revenue) as a voice of the students, and as such I think it does an admirable job of bringing campus issues to light. However, the statement made above smacks of something less than proper.

Certainly, the Gateway has a duty to its commercial clients, and should the engineers decide to spirit away an entire printing of the Gateway, they might be taken to task for the consequences of their actions. The method of distribution of the paper, however, would serve to leave the Gateway with little course of action since, after all, the issues of the paper are left in boxes in public places for any or all to take at will. To deprive the campus of its regular bi-weekly might be little more than a crime against common decency.

These issues notwithstanding, though, I point out that my concern is not with the technicalities but with the statements made by the editor, and his grounds for making them. I challenge you, Mr. Gillese, to

1. Defend your threats, and your supposed right to make them, or deny making them (with particular reference to your concern for "reverence for facts").

2. Make clear to all the connections between the Gateway and the Executive of the Students' Union.

I consider it necessary, es-

pecially during these weeks of election campaigning, to examine the question of the limits of power of the Executive and how they choose to use their power, when it seems that individual rights are being threatened. *Debile fundamentum fallit opus.*

David E. Yates
Law

Ed. Note: *Ne quid res publica detrementi caparet* is what we always say in situations like this, though old M.T.C. probably rolls in his grave to hear such pompous stuff from the likes of student journalists. In any case, Mr. Yates, let me answer your "demands" and allay your fears over the "power" of the SU exec./Gateway oligarchy.

First off, we made the threats to the engineers *on behalf of* the Students' Union. Gateway is a service of the Students' Union and we are answerable, on financial and legal matters, directly to the SU. Our threats to the engineers, that they would pay \$1,500 in foregone ad revenue plus \$1,000 in printing costs, as well as lose their Thursday cabaret and have their bathtub races cancelled if our paper was not returned, was made on behalf of the SU, our publishers.

Without advertising revenues, Gateway would receive \$80,000 per year in SU subsidies, so you will perhaps understand why the SU would not like to see us lose our printing costs and ad revenues. (By the way, this arguement/rebuttal ignores entirely the time and efforts

of Gateway volunteers and staff which would have been wasted entirely had the paper remained "stolen." Of course these same Gateway staff could have paid the engineers to have their paper turned over to the public but would that have been a fair trade, Mr. Yates?

Secondly, the connection between the Gateway and the exec. is not an easy one to explain, but, put simply, the Gateway editors and staff determine all aspects of the paper other than financial.

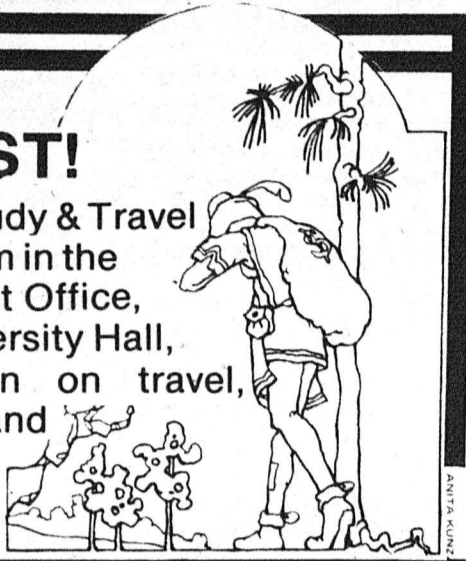
The SU management and we live up to the financial allocations of our yearly budget as approved by Students' Council; the Gateway staff determine the editorial aspects of the newspaper, from choice of subjects and style to page design and headline sizes. This is as much an autonomy as we can have at the time, and under the requirements of student administration about as much as we can hope for in the future.

And another thing...

An editor who must resort to the use of Editor's Notes to correct the content of his editorials does not do well to seriously reconsider his ability to write editorials. B. G. Science

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JOBs evening not intended as recruitment session

RE: Reply to J.O.B.S. letter in Feb. 2 Gateway.

Upon reading the criticisms expressed by one guest of the J.O.B.S. evening, in the Gateway it became evident that proper clarification of certain elements was in order.

The evening, sponsored by

AIESEC, was designed to inform students of various specialized areas of the business sector in which a university degree can be beneficial. One of the fundamental goals of AIESEC is to stimulate interface between students and business persons. "J.O.B.S." allowed the student to

speaking to firm representatives at a level where all "barriers" are dismantled and replaced by personal one-to-one basis.

This allowed the student to acquire valuable background with respect to suggested conduct during an interview, proper procedures for application in a firm, and required or beneficial experience before one's entry into a firm. The J.O.B.S. evening was never intended to be a recruitment night for the firm. It is well noted that informal interaction was beneficial to our critic, as the evening demonstrated that a ple of various backgrounds and degrees can be successful in the business world. As indicated by many representatives, the evening also provided the opportunity to ascertain how today's university students' attitudes are inclined towards business and our suggestions on how to increase their acceptability to the public they serve.

Currently AIESEC is conducting a survey among students and firms who participated, in an effort to obtain constructive criticisms to be used in next year's event. Any helpful suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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