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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Those who rallied around the rag tonight serving a dual nature saving yesterday's (today's) and slaving for tomorrow's (today's) were Irene (good-night) Harvie, Joe (bully for the crook) Chi, Judy Samoil, Elsie Ross, Ellen Nygaard, Barry Nicholson, Dave (our somnolent souper) Hebditch, Ron Dutton, B.(for bar)c., John Labatt (in spirit if not in body), Beth Nilsen, Winsome Winnie, our adroit (but not adry) computer, our resident (even though it's a not nice name) bull (read boy scout), and your watchful Harvey G. (for guardian angel) Thomgirt.

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What a difference a day makes by Al Scarth

Having someone disagree with an editorial is one thing. Sometimes they are even written with that specific end in mind.

Having someone call down your mother because of an editorial which has appeared is getting a little stiff.

But to imply that an election editorial which "legitimately" appears Thursday magically turns into a five-dollar bill redeemable at certain candidates' headquarters at the stroke of 9 a.m. Friday—Well, really, that is a bit much. In short, this is implying an editorial has enormously increased power because it is read on election day.

And that is exactly the implication made by those who have pushed to get the remainder of yesterday's copies of The Gateway removed from their stands by 9 a.m. today. They do not include returning officer Derek Bulmer who has been forced to carry out the letter of the concerned bylaw because of a lobby from some candidates (some of whom are supported by this paper and some who are not).

Those persons and the bylaw itself have demonstrated a complete lack of faith in the intelligence of the electorate.

Who gives a damn if posters get taken down before or after the voting? Who gives a damn if some people read an editorial Thursday or Friday?

The DIE Board found itself stymied Thursday in attempting to make a rational decision from the basis of the election bylaws and spent some considerable time in arriving at a reasoned stand. Board chairman Bob White himself stated that any route they attempted "smacked of censorship" and he also blasted the bylaw (among many others) for being virtually useless in helping the board make a decision.

There is even a bylaw governing the DIEB itself which makes it impossible for the board to be impeached says Mr. White. If the members so wished, they could remain in office for another 40 years apparently or until their arthritis got the best of them.

The board is certainly to be congratulated for its thoroughness of interpretation and its intense desire to be fair. The members of the board have admirably shown themselves to be a world away from the legalistic nit-picking indulged in by those who created this teapot tempest.

As for the paper taking a stand, we believe that to be our responsibility. The candidates themselves were given five pages to present their platforms.

Leaving that aside, the bylaws must be changed, and without delay.

When the whichness of the what is really only a well-drained drip

In anticipation of your rejection of my previous offering—Parking Problems and the Intellectual Community—I now submit a second. The title, Drainage Problems Within the Intellectual Community, is self-explanatory and needs only elucidation to

make it clear. The keynote of this treatise is eminently summarized in the words of the dramatist: *Oh woes of life so happy with us, A book, a candle and a pair of scissors.*

Romeo and Juliet II, iv, 23

What a beautiful thought! However if we are to gain any understanding of the implicitly stated moral, we must first consider the question of why Socrates took up philosophy instead of plumbing. The answer, of course, follows logically

Meno: Tell me Socrates, o wily one! Does it follow that the introspective man is one who can see the back of his head?

Soc: Why do you bother me with trifles?

Meno, 1094

Thus with a brilliant stroke Socrates disposes of the first problem inherent in our thesis. Such that it is immediately apparent that the problems of the intellectual community cannot be couched in plumbing jargon, as has been so often the case till now. Considering the second part of our thesis, we must turn once again to the immortal words of the Poet:

Public places wherein men collect Are merely channels of the intellect.

The Prelude Bk. 2

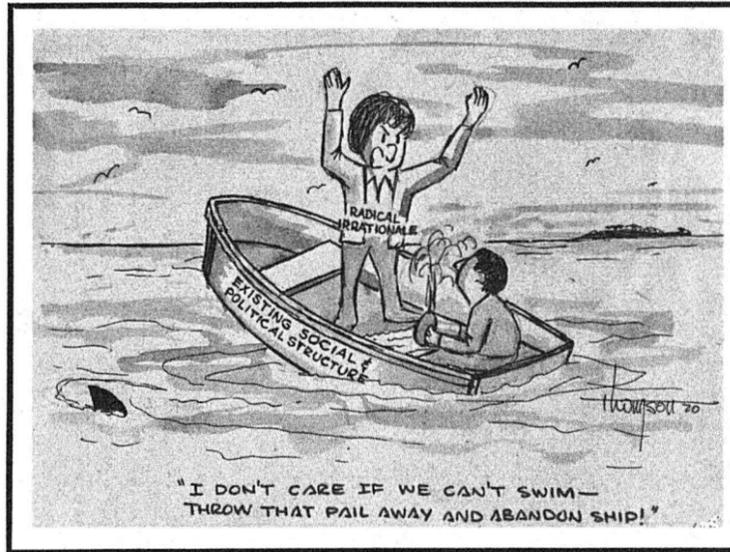
This is perhaps the most coherent statement that has ever been made on the subject. What he is saying is that there is no one answer but that the intellectual community must work these things out for itself. It now is clear that despair is not the solution, although drainage can bring on such a state within the body politic. For as Rousseau states: "Man is the source of all true living, and the cataclysm comes only when he faces the reality of his situation."

In conclusion, it can be clearly seen that it is only through a fastidious study of the eclectic wisdom of the ages that the intellectual community can purge itself of its most serious problem. Or as the philosopher states so succinctly:

Meno: Answer this then Socrates, you old termagant. Is physical reality something that we can see, feel and smell only if we obey natural law?

Socrates: Why don't you ask me a question about plumbing?

Name withheld for religious reasons



Gateway accused of loading dice in students' union election

I am very disappointed with The Gateway's recent decision to become partial in the present election campaign. Firstly, by leaving your bias for the last issue before the election, you have manipulated time to prevent any opposition to your views. Consequently, a large number of voters may be swayed by accepting your views as valid rather than by using their own rational and individual reason.

Secondly, I am wondering why The Gateway thinks itself an authority on such matters. We students have The Gateway

forced upon us as it is the *only* campus paper and we expect a newspaper rather than a collection of the staff's personal and unprofessional opinions.

As a matter of interest, last year The Gateway supported David Leadbeater for president. This year it was quite evident what The Gateway thought of Leadbeater during his term of office. Can we therefore assume that The Gateway will praise this year's choice into office as well and then appear to regret the outcome in the fall?

Tom Abele eng 1

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