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Judge's Comments

Probably one of the most depressing moments of my life was staring down 175 entries to the *Gateway Literary Supplement* and coming to the awful realization that I had to choose six winners. It wasn't easy. First of all, *Gateway* staffer Suzette Chan had to collect all the entries. No other *Gateway* staffer was privy to the entrants' names. She then photocopied all the entries (minus the names) and submitted them to me, hiding the originals. I then started reading. Every entry was read more than once. The 28 short stories were read twice, with the final four entries getting an extra reading. The poems, 17 long and 125 short, were read at least three times, with the finalists getting four or five readings.

After several rounds of eliminations I had narrowed down the field to a handful. That's when the judging got tough. Because of the quality of the finalists, the final elimination took a fair bit of sweat and anguish. But after a week and a half of judging I finally narrowed it down to the six winners. The final result is probably one of the better collections of fiction and poetry in any university newspaper in Canada. I'd like to thank all the winners and wish all the other entrants the best of luck and hope that you enter next year's contest.

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