

About feminine engineers

The Editor,

On the masthead of The Gateway of Oct. 25 appears the following: "... but poor Harvey really got his backbone jolted when he discovered a second engineer on staff. And it is a SHE. What is a perfectly normal girl like MISS Terry Pettitt doing in engineering? The rest of the staff ... are perfectly shocked. And as for yours truly Harvey G. . . , if there are people like Terry in Engineering, maybe I should just slither over there."

It may be news to the writer of the above bit of ethnocentric male chauvinism that women constitute a substantial percentage of engineers and scientists in a number of other countries, especially in eastern Europe. The notion that it is strange, undesirable or unfeminine that a "perfectly nor-

mal girl" is an engineer is simply a reflection of the predominantly North American nonsense which says that women are not fit or suited for such professions. It is a manifestation of the reactionary ideology that says womanhood can be properly expressed by education in the "lighter" subjects, supplemented by housewifery and motherhood. One wonders to what extent the shortage of scientific and technical personnel, of which our society constantly complains, might be reduced if such attitudes regarding sex roles were liquidated, so that the Terry Pettitts might be multiplied several thousand-fold.

Charles S. Brant
Professor and Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE—someone, like too many people around here, do not have a sense of humor.

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Who sold themselves?

The Editor,

A recent issue of The Gateway contained an article concerning the appearance last week at the Jubilee Auditorium of folk singer

A letter from Dr. Bay

The Editor,

In your story last Friday on my decision to withdraw my previous resignation as head of the department of political science, your conjecture about why I had resigned is about 180 degrees off. Referring to our graduate students' request for equal numerical representation in our department meetings, you wrote that the faculty "asked that they be given time to consider the proposal. It was apparently over this decision that Dr. Bay put his job on the line."

On the contrary, what I have insisted on throughout has been that we do take the time to discuss and negotiate, and that none of the requests submitted by our students were to be turned down prior to discussions and negotiations.

Christian Bay,
professor and head

EDITOR'S NOTE: Huh? Did we say anything different?

Gordon Lightfoot. Accompanying this article was a caption which referred to Mr. Lightfoot as playing before a "sell-out audience".

This is a very serious charge to make, and it seems to me that by not providing substantiating evidence, you are guilty of irresponsibility verging upon 'yellow journalism'. Can you produce empirical evidence to prove that Mr. Lightfoot's audience had sold out? If you cannot, it seems to me that you are guilty of slander. If, on the other hand, you have such proof, it seems to me that it is your duty to publish it. If some students on this campus are selling out, the student body at large has a right to know who is selling out. Who are the scabs? And to whom are they selling out? The CIA? Dow Chemical? The American military-industrial complex?

Until we know the facts, we cannot act. I await your response eagerly.

T. Fuller
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Some people do have a sense of humor.

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In defence of Major Hooper

The Editor,

I wish to clarify the position of the Pakistan Students Association with regard to a statement made by Mr. Saghir Ahmad in these columns. Having been present in that meeting myself, to the extent of my knowledge Major Hooper did not undertake any "propagandising and salesmanship" and his words about Asian Student could by no means be interpreted as effort at "selling" that newspaper. He did not use the adjective 'valuable' for Asian Student in his speech, which Mr. Ahmad seems to have disliked, nor did he make any "laudatory remarks" about the paper. In fact, Major Hooper only made an announcement to the effect that Asian student which used to be distributed free of charge could now only be received after paying a certain subscription.

I believe, and on behalf of the Pakistan Students Association, I want to make it clear that Major Hooper's words were not interpreted as any attempt of "salesmanship" in that meeting, of a "CIA publication", by most people present. Every interpretation given to his speech is Mr. Ahmad's private affair.

Amera Raza
Secretary,
Pakistan Students
Association

Treasure Van returns - aaahhh!

The Editor,

My dear Miss Minich:

A few words—is Treasure Van soon to impose itself upon us?

If it is again to arrive, and since we have a new group of naive frosh again, tramping about a new campus, might I request that you print again my letter of last year, appearing I believe in The Gateway of Dec. 13, 1967. It should have a greater affect if it appears before television, rather than after the fact as it did last year.

G. H. Harper
Grad studies

EDITOR'S NOTE—we are hurt! We have also a new editor—as of March, 1968.

Board of Governors - why?

By PETER BOOTHROYD

A letter in last Friday's Gateway from J. R. Nursall claims that "things such as Boards of Governors and administration are peripheral to the main function of the university, which is the transmission of experience and the utilization of it to modify and improve man's state." There can be little disagreement with this claim as an expression of an ideal. That's the way the university should be. The problem is that it isn't that way now.

Mr. Nursall underestimates the importance of the present board and administration when he says they are conceived with "just simple watchdogging." It's hard to see how "obtaining and distributing financial and physical support for the university" is "simple watchdogging". Control of the finances is ultimate power. He who pays the piper calls the tune, and all that.

By having ultimate control of the finances, the board can decide what departments, faculties, and institutes get adequate financial support and which do not. It can decide the extent to which students from poor homes will be admitted to the university, by determining residence rates, the price of food, and of course the cost of tuition.

Having responsibility for all building, the Board of Governors decides what kind of residence student will live in. The board makes the decision, in the end, about how many teachers of one kind or another get hired and can if it wants, indirectly decide any professor's fate. In sum, the board determines the balance between teaching and research, salaries and buildings, all expenditures and tuition fees. This is rather more than forming "the boundaries of the university's growth," as Mr. Nursall claims. This is forming the direction of the university's growth. Even the

more clearly academic functions of the General Faculty Council are "subject to the authority of the Board."

Some body has to make the final decisions of course, but why should it be seven businessmen, a Social Credit lawyer, a judge, a doctor, a housewife active in community affairs, and three administrators.

Who decided these people should decide our fate? Manning, of course. But besides being general wheeler-dealers, why should these people have such responsibility for our education? They can't have more time than students and faculty for running the university. At least two of these people live well out of town, one runs a hospital, one runs half the world through Industrial Acceptance Corporation, International Utilities Corporation (and all their subsidiaries). Occasionally their advice might be valuable. However, ridiculous as things are now, we're the ones whose advice is occasionally listened to. It is the students, and most faculty, who are regarded as the guests in the university community.

Dear Chuck . . .

Dear Chuck Moser,

Something needs to be done about football reserve seats! Students with ID cards are coming early to get a good seat but are being asked to move just before game time by persons holding reserve seats.

A simple specification of the reserve seat area would enable students to support their Bears from one seat while allowing the off-campus fan a fair seat.

Lavern Stroeder

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