

Letters cont.

There is no reason Mr. Ostapovich should say that a player like Rocky Saganiuk was not talented, just because he had the terrible misfortune of being drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, and subsequently having his career ruined by such a bad organization.

Joe Martha
Science III

Liukko lunges

I would like to thank Mr. Rob Splane for responding to my criticism of his letter of October 10. I admit to my unconscious misinterpretation of annual funding, which arose from the less than clear manner in which Mr. Splane phrased his letter. I also wish to respond to some of Mr. Splane's misinterpretations arising from my letter of October 15.

1) In my letter, I did not criticize Mr. Splane's releasing of the statement of the 1984-85 fiscal year. In fact, I support this move. However, I do criticize the manner in which he chose to release them. I do not think it was correct for him to add the statements with his own editorial comments. Also, my claim of "gross negligence" did not refer specifically to the fiscal statement releases, it referred to the letter as a whole. This was indicated in my conclusion and I remain convinced of my correctness.

2) Mr. Splane refers to the "level of subsidization by students of *The Gateway* and *The Grind*." It appears to me that he is manipulating figures to give credence to his side of the story (consciously or not I cannot prove). Again I must state that the \$2000 *The Grind* received was a grant, while the \$598 *The Gateway* received was the assumption of a debt by the Student's Union. I have three questions:

1) All clubs on campus are eligible for grants, so why use a general example as a specific attack on *The Grind*?

2) Does Mr. Splane have a personal grievance against *The Grind*, and, if so, should he be dealing in this matter at all?

3) Do clubs have their deficits covered by the S.U. like *The Gateway* does?

3) I did not, I repeat, DID NOT make any assumption regarding the \$18,514 grant *The Gateway* received. I quote my letter of October 15: "I am unaware of the percentage of S.U. contribution to this figure..." I wish to ask Mr. Splane whether or not *The Grind* is eligible for such a grant (which you clarify as coming from the Board of Governors). If not, why not? If so, why haven't they received one?

4) Yet again Mr. Splane has expressed his personal views in a public letter dealing with a subject which requires his unbiased opinion as V.P. Finance and Administration. I am not "embarrassed" about my letters, nor am I trying to impeach him. I am trying to determine whether or not he is a good V.P. and if not, I seek his resignation or his recall by the people who elected him. I also wish to inquire about his closing comment in his letter of October 22: "That's how lawsuits are prevented, right Floyd?" JUST WHAT IN THE HELL DOES MY CRITICISM OF YOU, Mr. Splane, HAVE TO DO WITH FLOYD HODGINS?

5) Finally, I had no intention of promoting slander against anyone. If Mr. Splane has such an opinion, I will gladly justify my criticisms to a mutual satisfaction.

I have raised several questions in this letter and I hope they provoke response. Again, I wish to apologize for any misinterpretations I may have made in my first letter. I hope Mr. Splane will consider my points and decide whether he should continue on his present course of biased commentary outside his office, change his course to one of neutrality, or, failing the latter, give up his position as VP Finance and Administration and allow someone else (hopefully unbiased) to assume it.

Richard Liukko
Art I

Splane parries

Dear Mr. Liukko:

I am growing weary of your continuing attacks. You and I agreed to meet on Friday October 18th at 4:00 p.m. to clear up the misunderstanding.

You neglected to attend. I therefore have no other conclusion available to me than to assume your only purpose is to see your own name in print.

Deciding or not whether I am a good V.P. is not accomplished through the letters page but rather through examination of my performance in my office, in council, and by determining my dedication to working for the students.

Good day,
Rob Splane
V.P. Finance and Administration

He's tickled pink

To Richard Liukko:

Who cares? Careful lest you sound too like the infamous Floyd Hodgins.

To Rob Splane:

Give up defending yourself, *The Gateway*, your actions as regards *The Grind*. Ignore Mr. Liukko. Careful lest you sound too like the infamous Floyd Hodgins.

To Floyd Hodgins:

You already sound too much like yourself. Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha.

Hospodar L'etranger
Arts IV

Half-moon house

Re: Letter "To *The Grind*" by J. Pearce.

Ever since I introduced myself to Floyd's prose with his biting and insightful "editorials", I, like J. Pearce, began associating *The Grind* with bathrooms. In fact, I always keep recent issues of *The Grind* in my wash-room at home...but not exactly for reading.

David "Ink-Ass" Donnelly
Artsy Fartsy III

Kappa Sigma hello

Re: *The Gateway's* Oct. 22 ears and cover picture.

To keeo the quote in perspective: the beer was won at the "Cheer for Beer" contest sponsored by the Athletics Department, in which IFC (Interfraternity Council) had the largest, most enthusiastic contingent.

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity supported and promoted the Bears from Wednesday to Friday in cooperation with Guba the Golden Bear. Other than this slight oversight, we are proud to support the Golden Bears and the U of A in any way we can.

John Tillner,
Kappa Sigma
Cam Chauvet,
President IFC

Editor's note: The quote used was not actually spoken by a Kappa Sigma, but was in fact "created" by The Gateway to make people smile. We apologize for any misunderstandings which may have occurred.

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