

The Gateway

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STAFF THIS ISSUE

'Twas brillig and the slithy staff did tyre and labour o'er this rag. And suddenly did come to us, that this was work and not a gag. Jaberwocks this issue wore: Rick Mimsy Grant, Raunchy Henri Pallard, Fruminous Fiona Campbell, Beth Bandersnatch Nilson, Galumphing Dawn Kunesky, Peter Tremaine, Harry McKendrick, Dennis Zomerschoe, Winston Gereluk, Vorpall Ross Harvey, Uffish Barry McLaren, Tulgey Elsie Ross, and your beamish, blurbly blithering snake in the grass Harvey G. (for greatly baffled, boggled and confused) Thomgirt.

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jabberwocky

beloved by dawn and beth

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogroves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird and shun
The fruminous Bandersnatch."

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood a while in thought.

And as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came wiffing through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and
through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And have you slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
Oh frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

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by C.L. Dogeson

There will be a
GATEWAY
STAPH MEETING
Thursday at 3:30
Refreshments will be served

Voice of experience tells it like it is

The following is a brief presented to the CUP Investigation Commission by Gateway staff member, Sid Stephen.

Circumstances beyond my control make it impossible for me to appear in person before this commission, however I feel strongly enough about the issue at stake regarding the inclusion of the Gazette in the Gateway that I have prepared this brief outlining my feelings as a former News Editor, Casserole Editor and reporter on the paper.

During the past two years a valuable tradition has been evolving within the staff of the Gateway. This tradition is one of staff participation in major editorial decisions, it permits each person working in any capacity to put forth suggestions or object to those put forth by others in the areas of editorial position, space to be devoted to news stories, attendance at CUP Conferences, decisions as to what advertising will be accepted and how much. As a logical extension of this, who will be the nominal "Editor" of the Gateway.

I say nominal since it is my belief that the concept of "Staff Democracy" has been embraced by the Gateway workers to the extent that they themselves consider each other as much of an "Editor" of Gateway as they do the staffer holding that title. The nominal position is a salaried one, it is true, while ordinary positions on the paper are not. Nevertheless, most staffers believe that aside from the day-to-day administrative duties of the editor, he is their EQUAL not their boss.

Now if positions as reporters, lay out personnel, editorial writers, etc. were not open to any student who wishes the above situation would perhaps lead to a closed shop operation in which any person who did not fit in with the existing opinion of those already working for the paper would be shut out.

The fact is, however, that the gateway has always welcomed anyone who wished to join the staff. The only stipulation is that the interested party be a registered student at the university. During my experience we have had working with us people from all sides of the political scene.

from every faculty on campus, from outright novices to experienced reporters. The one group which may have been excluded are the persons currently making up the executive of the Student's Council this year; and yet now this group is so vitally interested in the Gateway and the services it provides that they are willing to handle a full half page per issue for us.

I should like to point out to the commission that the Gateway published appeals for participation in putting out the paper from those who, for some reason or other, disagreed with the consensus opinion presented in the Gateway, on at least two different dates last year. A few people came forth and made real contributions to a more relevant and representative paper. But none of the present executive, all of whom were on campus and a few of whom were vocal in their criticism of the paper, bothered to come into the Gateway office and give time and energy to putting out a better paper.

Now, of course, this same group is concerned with the quality of the Gateway. Now this same group is attempting to publish their own version of "Council News" on a half-page of the paper they would not bother with last year. Now they are in a position to DEMAND to be given what, they would not work for and earn last year.

I shall not go into the many reasons why the inclusion of the "Gazette" in the pages of the Gateway is financially, democratically and morally unsound. I have attempted to outline the feelings of one who has worked for the Gateway for almost three years, and I feel that my position on the subject may represent somewhat that of a number of other staffers. But as a final point, I should like to discuss what the Students' Council claim is their RIGHT to dictate what is printed in the Gateway.

True, the paper is published by the Students' Council and the operating funds for the paper come from the same source. But the Students' Council is no more than the elected representatives of the students on this campus, they have no powers except those granted them by those students. With its open door policy and genuine staff participation, I feel that the Gateway can be, and in some ways is, a far more representative body than is the now denounces present students' Council which was elected on a "Slate System".

Council is meddling with the one real, working example of student co-operation and participation on an equal basis on this campus. Anyone, anytime, can join the Gateway Staff, and know that he or she will have a chance to take part in ALL decisions taken by that staff. Only in an atmosphere free from the pervasive presence of "Big Brother" can a free, democratic press operate. If the "Gazette" is forced upon a staff which is mostly volunteer and which has indicated its unwillingness to go along with the concept, the tradition spoken of in the opening paragraphs of this brief will be destroyed, and the U of A will be left with a newspaper which is little more than a "Rubber-Stamp" for the students Union in years to come.

