

The Gateway

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editorial

Everyone knows about the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board, right? It is the autonomous judicial board of the Students' Union. It interprets the constitution and by-laws in matters of dispute and it disciplines Students' Union members when, in its judgement, a serious offence has occurred. Since this power is not enough for DIE Board members, they have decided to try to assume the role of the Gateway editorial board as well. Sunday the DIE Board met to discuss a SU general election appeal and one of the results of the meeting was a memorandum to SU pres. Len Zoeteman and the Gateway which declares that all DIE Board decisions — which means, they claim "actual text (sic) of the decisions and not editorialized versions" — be published in the Gateway not later than one week after the decision is made.

Unfortunately, DIE Board members are neither elected nor appointed as Gateway editors. Until such time as they are, they have no say in editorial policy of this paper. The first DIE Board decision made this year was delivered to the Gateway as a 1,200-word document. It was condensed, without sacrificing significant content, to a news story of under 300 words. The DIE Board decision we received Monday begins with "This interpretation proceeding was initiated by Manfred Lukat, on behalf of himself and Keith Layton, both of which (my emphasis) are candidates..." Excellent English grammar, isn't it? DIE Board decisions are circumlocutious and verbose. We will not publish them verbatim. We will publish DIE Board decisions (as per By-Law #3500) but the editors will decide how the decision will be written and published — no one else. If the DIE Board members disagree with our editorial decisions, they can seek to have the editor(s) removed, themselves run for an editorial position, or write a letter to the editor.

The campus cops have finally made a public statement on theft and sexual assaults on campus. Although campus security still refuses to give out any information to the media, under pressure of two questions from history professor and ex-Washington Star journalist F. de Luna, campus security director C.A. Breakey announced in writing at Monday's GFC meeting that there were 141 reported thefts and 16 reported sexual assaults on campus in 1976.

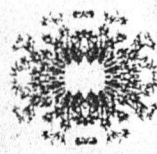
Now we have some valid data on which to support the recent proposal calling for patrols to guard against rape on campus. If campus security is unable to stop sexual assaults, perhaps the student patrols advocated by the Sexual Assault Committee can. Campus personnel should be aware of the possible dangers of assault and the recommendations of the rape crisis centre — (which happen to coincide with our unusual classified ad of two weeks ago) to (1) vary routes home, (2) travel in pairs after dark, and (3) arrange for a phone-buddy system when walking home from the campus — should be observed. As a community, we should be aware of possible dangers and take precautions against them.

Thank you Mr. Breakey.

The engineers stole our paper last Thursday (which, following threats, was quickly returned to the stands). This, along with princess kidnappings by Law students and ballot thefts by Aggies, was indicative of the "enjoyable" antics of Engineering Week. To top off all the fun and games, rival gangs (of engineers?) smashed all the ice sculptures in Quad. Although it's nice to see the engineers becoming more political (such as this year's sculpturing contest centered around Quebec separatism), Engineering Week is becoming, in many ways, offensively juvenile. Either it is time people stopped taking Engineering Week competitions so seriously, or it is time Engineering Week is stopped.

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No jobs at JOBS evening

Last Thursday's first annual J.O.B.S. (Job Opportunities for Business Students) was a first annual failure. There were no "job opportunities" or even any hints to the pathways to these opportunities. So what was the sense of wasting everyone's time, money and effort?

Frankly, there was no sense. The evening consisted of talking to men and women making \$40-50,000 a year telling glorified success stories and showing the

hierarchy of their companies. None gave any suggestion on how to enter the company or type of business.

The term "job opportunities" is false advertising because there were no, or extremely few, job opportunities. The term "Business Students" is misleading because many representatives weren't business (commerce) students and many of the positions discussed didn't require business students. These last two words should be chang-

ed to "students interested in business!"

I asked several representatives what they looked for in an employee and all said aggressiveness. You certainly don't need a university degree for aggressiveness. Then I would ask: why do you want university students? And the usual reply was: "because university students learn to plan their time and think." You can learn to plan and think in NAIT.

The majority of the students there were commerce students but four representatives I talked to didn't have commerce degrees. One woman had a psychology degree and was a training manager for the Hudson Bay Co; another woman had three years of psychology and a secretarial course and is a personnel officer for the U of A personnel services. One man had a zoology degree and is a personnel manager for the Hudson Bay Co. Another man had three years of law and is an insurance salesman. Molson's Brewery wasn't even there to present job opportunities, but to sell products.

Shortly before the buffet was served, the emcee thanked everyone for being there and called the evening a great success. I wondered what was a great success. Was it that 16 of the 20 companies invited appeared or that the sandwiches for the buffet weren't dry?

Next year either bring in representatives who know something about courses to take in university and how to get from being a university graduate to \$40-50,000 a year or don't waste your time, money and effort.

Linda Ambrosio
 Science 1

Edmonton Life should die

A new magazine has come to Edmonton. And for those whose literary tastes run to political cheerleading and bland commercializing pap, *Edmonton Life* is the cat's ass.

Publisher/editor D'arcy Levesque (former associate publisher of that insight-filled perspicacious rag, *Student Canada*) shows his reading audience now well he can mix his journalistic seasonings into magazine format when he announces, on the back page of *Edmonton Life's* first Feb. issue, "my thoughts couldn't quite gel together into one related fabric." Next he'll patent jello t-shirts.

Really, do we need this kind of garbage on the market? Ar-

ticles which serve as soap boxes for Peter Lougheed to attack eastern Canadian political journalists, or which give city-aldermen the chance to blather meaningless generalizations only fill the space around the advertising copy (about 75 per cent of the magazine), in this slickly-produced piece of rubbish.

People should speak out against the senseless waste of paper and Edmonton printing facilities being used to produce excrement like *Edmonton Life*. We need our trees and if we want this kind of material, it should be printed on softer paper and distributed to washrooms, not homes.

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GATEWAY NOTICES

GATEWAY STAFFERS!!!
 A distastefully-worded communique has been received from CKSR challenging Gateway to a street hockey game. As no street is available, the contest will be held on the quad, Thursday, Feb.

3 from 11:30 to 1:15.
 The game is co-ed and should, if all goes well, feature a shattering victory for the paper...unless of course, ranting and raving is disallowed. Bring your own sticks if you can.