

SECOND WIND ...an opinion column for Gateway staff

Some old quotations
compiled by Jens Andersen

...homosexuality is something that only arouses my distaste, and Sereda's gay love songs do absolutely nothing to raise my consciousness on the subject (although I should probably add that I have always felt the buggers should at least be left alone).

Myself
Gateway, Dec. 9

Distaste coupled with tolerance only arouses my disgust, and knowing Andersen's sexuality does absolutely nothing to raise my consciousness of Sereda's album (although I should probably

add that I have always felt that liberals should at least be left alone).

Brent Johnson
Gateway, Jan. 5

Having said all this, however, I have to confess I still found many things to like on (Sereda's) album. "Underage Blues" is a catchy tune, "I Wept with Wonder" has a moving touch of majesty, "Mama's Song" is downright poignant and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," the only non-original song here, closes the album in style.

Myself again
(same review)
Gateway, Dec. 9

I am especially disturbed about (Andersen's) review of David Sereda's first l.p. Andersen must lack a lot of confidence about his own masculinity if he has to attack Sereda on his own sexual preference

Andersen's review wasn't one - it was a putdown of a very nice individual. A record review is supposed to be just that; not an attack on a personal level.

An anonymous contributor
to Gateway suggestion box
Gateway, Jan. 19

And even the boring and embarrassing stuff isn't grossly offensive, just

a bit silly and naive. Sereda's musicianship and vocalizing are fine throughout, even on the less than wonderful material. It is a testament to his voice that it survives without the slightest help by echo, natural or otherwise (a bit of it would probably have worked miracles).

Myself again
(still from the same putdown)
Gateway, Dec. 9

Is music any good? Yes, Jens feels, as long as the musician isn't a faggot.

Scott Rollans
Gateway, Feb. 2

Imposter on the loose

Re: "Definition of a Medical Students" (Jan. 28, 1982 Gateway).

Unfortunately, I cannot claim any credit for this letter. I was not aware of its existence until reading it in the Gateway. But, given the gibbering attack on Medical Students by Mr. Taylor in the previous issue, in which he describes a fellow Medical Student

as a user of Nazi propaganda techniques and a liar, I can appreciate the sarcasm intended by the letter. Maybe the true authors felt that the use of my name would add an extra touch of humour to the response (a point about which I beg to differ, J.B.!!!)

Yours sincerely
The REAL
Riyad Karmy-Jones

Bring out the lions

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to John Koch's letter objecting to our suggestion for a debate between the women students who participate in the "sexist activities" of Engineering Week and several members of the Women's Centre. The basis of his objections (from what I could gather) rest on his belief that we are being unnecessarily antagonistic and confrontational.

It is clear that Mr. Koch has unfortunately (intentionally?) misinterpreted the purpose of our proposal. It was not at all our intent to pick a fight - quite the contrary in fact. We don't feel it is necessary (as some people may) to hide behind a convenient mask of anonymity by waging a war of letters in the Gateway.

Instead, we would like to

encourage any students to meet with us to talk about the issues relating to sexism. We believe this is a responsible, constructive, and mature way of "bringing out all the relevant issues".

If the women who participate in what we consider to be the "sexist" activities of Engineering Week are so strongly convinced that their participation is justified, and that they have the confidence to talk about it in a reasonable fashion, then why haven't we heard from them. I, for one, am seriously interested in a "constructive dialogue", if I may borrow a phrase from Mr. Koch.

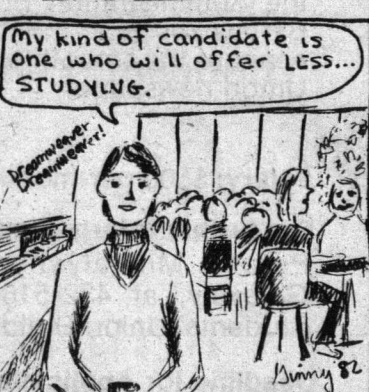
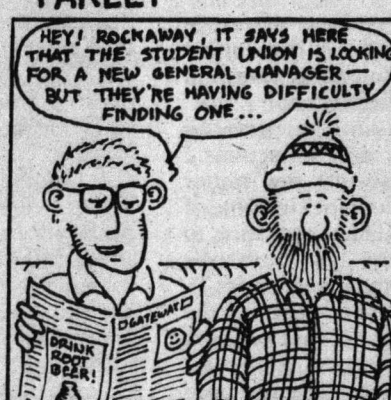
We were especially interested in talking about sexism with other women, not because it affects only them, but I believe it affects women first and foremost. Of course, life would be easier if

controversial issues were avoided, or if people denied there was a problem. Unfortunately, this has been happening for too long, and it's time to provide an opportunity for people to really think about what they stand for, and what the implications of this may be.

Rae Ann Robertson
Women's Center



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