

Dialectics of file systems

What happened was that they handed out all of the editor's jobs to everyone else without even considering that I may want to be somebody important.

So, I've decided to create a position of relative importance for myself--and here it is.

What has been needed for the longest time on this campus is a good file on professors--especially those professors that have done the necessary things to deserve notoriety preserved in concrete form for the benefit of posterity.

The Gateway is quite obviously the organization on this campus that should be in charge of keeping such a set of files--the Students' Union couldn't be trusted with a task that important as most of them are so reactionary that they don't represent the students of even this campus.

My proposal is quite simply this: that anyone who has had an especially bad or an especially good (perish the thought) experience with a professor or administrator jot down an account of same and forward it to me, in care of the Gateway. Once received, such an account will be typed up and put in the proper file (under S if the guy's name is Smith, for instance).

The files will be locked in a file cabinet in Bob Beal's office, which will also be kept locked almost all of the time. I will act as custodian of these files, and will keep them absolutely confidential (from professors that is).

Any student who produces the proper student's I.D. and at least a semblance of some excuse for wanting to get into these files will be allowed to. In no case, however, will any student be allowed to take any file out of Bob Beal's office.

The files and the immediate territory around them will remain absolutely sacrosanct (to profs and administrators that is). All contributors will be asked to sign their names to contributions, which signature will remain only long enough for me to check out the story with that student, after which his/her name will be deleted before the contribution is added to the file.

At opportune times, with the proper provocation from the other side, suitable sections of the file will be printed up in the Gateway under an appropriate column head such as P.O.W. (Prof of the Week, or Pig of the Week, I don't know yet).

In the eventuality that our file grows to respectable size it could be used as bargaining capital with the administration that handles the affairs of the more influential profs and deans. We could, for instance, agree to let them peruse our files of them if they allow us unrestricted access into their files of us.

Or, better yet, we could arrange a mutual destruction party; we burn our files of them if they burn their files of us. That would put a lot of clerks out of jobs and worse yet relegate me right back into the vacuum of unimportance, but somehow, it will all have been worth it.

Winston Gereluk
Confidential Professors' Files Custodian
c/o Gateway Office
Students' Union Bldg.

P.S. I would also welcome any suggestions from students towards improving the quality of our files, or for that matter, increasing their use-value.

Diatribes against Dibdin's Diatribe

Dear Sir,

This campus leaves me in a state of permanent shock. Yesterday I had occasion to visit your university library only to be informed that the book I was seeking had been received and catalogued but is now nowhere to be found even though a most diligent search had been conducted. I ask you, dear sir, how such a state of affairs can be allowed to continue for it seems that it is a not uncommon occurrence.

Many of my students complain that books they wish

to consult are never available as the faculty can borrow for unlimited periods. Why should the faculty have this privilege? After all, they are paid exorbitant salaries and should be able to buy the books they need without depriving less well-heeled students of texts. It seems to me that the loan period should be fixed at 2 weeks and be the same for everyone - faculty and students alike. In this way the students might have fewer problems.

Yours faithfully,
Dr. Thomas F. Dibdin.

Dear Sir:

I take strong exception to Professor Dibdin's tirade in the Gateway of November 2. His comments seem rather carping criticisms to make of a student newspaper. We all recognize that the Gateway cannot expect to compete with the standards of journalism attained by the Edmonton Journal or the Globe and Mail. Dr. Dibdin should have some patience and restrict his comments to areas he knows something about. Sincerely,
(Miss) Elsie Dewey
Nursing II

Dear Sir,

I was dismayed by the recent letter in the Gateway written by a Dr. Dibdin. Furthermore, I take strong exception to his comment regarding student newspapers in Calcutta. Having lived in that city I can assure you that the Rajamatik (Calcutta) is certainly better than allowed by Dr. Dibdin. Knowing of the gentleman by reputation I thought it wise to look into his background and discovered that the last time Dr. Dibdin was in Calcutta was shortly after his birth. Dr. Dibdin, do not make baseless statements!

Humbly yours
Singh Rangamattan.
Grad Studies.

In reply to Alone:

Alone
They stretch across this earth-ball,
Roads without number or name,
But all are alike:
Their goal is the same.

You can ride, you can travel
With a friend of your own;
The final step
You must walk alone.

No wisdom is better
Than this, when known:
That every hard thing
Is done alone.

Hermann Hesse

Sincerely
R. Baer

ALONE

To Alone:
Fact

1. Most people have emotional problems
2. Most people think emotional problems are a sign of weakness
3. Bullshit
4. You're A-OK

Next time you become painfully aware of your aloneness, don't write to Gateway, come and talk to us--Students Help. That's what we're here for.

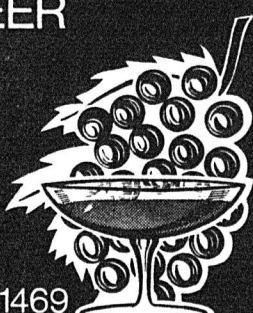
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Those present to plan a purple monstrosity for the front page were: Barbara (women can't swear; shit, I didn't know that) Preece, Iren (how do

you spell that?) Kucharyshyn, Dennis (sexist pigs, unite) Windrim, Ross Harvey and his wonderful performing dogs, Beth (my God, I really AM loved) Nilsen, Dennis (oh well, the Skins had a rough time Sunday) Zomerschoe, Rick (I miss you, Henri) Grant, Winston (a sex symbol--well, ain't I?) Gereluk, Marilyn (who are the weirdos?) Strilchuk, Pauline (what's next, sir?) Mapplebeck, Janine (saviour of the features pages) Sang, Ron Yakimchuk, Bob Beal, Lana Yakimchuk, Ron Ternoway, Elsie Ross, Dave McCurdy, and, last and least, Harvey G. (for Gloryosky! What's happened to the front page?) Thomgirt.

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Alligators?

Dear Gateway:

Objectives versus Achievement

The objective of all dedicated staff should be to thoroughly analyze all situations, anticipate all problems prior to their occurrence, have answers for these problems, and move swiftly to solve these problems when called upon.

However...

When your're up to your ass in alligators it is difficult to remind yourself that the initial objective was to drain the swamp.

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