

editorial

FOS in the bucks

The \$700 Freshman Orientation Seminars (FOS) reunion raises a lot of questions for campus organizations, including "What do you have to do to get in on the money?"

The reunion itself, an appreciation night for FOS seminar leaders, is a nice gesture. No one who has seen a seminar leader followed by a flock of fledgling students will deny that he deserves appreciation. And since the FOS budget includes a \$600 entry for the "reunion", they might as well spend it. But the \$600 doesn't belong in the budget in the first place. And a lot of people work for SU organizations, and they work for free.

The larger problem, though, lies in the basic allocation of money for FOS. The FOS director receives a monthly salary of \$750 for four and a half months, \$300 more than SU president Dean Olmstead's monthly salary. For four and a half more months, he receives \$150 per month and winter is hardly a peak period for FOS. For another month, the director receives \$100. Total yearly salary: \$4150. Interesting?

The FOS assistant director receives a monthly salary of \$750 for four and a half months — almost twice the total yearly salary of *Gateway* photo editor Russ Sampson.

More? FOS hires a part-time secretary for four months, at a salary of \$300 per month. Her duties, for three hours a day: working with FOS directors in the coordination of freshman seminars. CJSR news director Nolan Astley receives \$75 per month during the school year.

No one is begrudging money to any SU employee. God knows, we're underpaid, and God knows, most of us could get better paying jobs elsewhere. But the point is, glaring inequities exist in the SU budget. And if SU president Dean Olmstead works hours that make his salary about 50c an hour, if *Gateway* news writers labor all year with only a BYOB year-end party as payoff, if CJSR broadcasters faithfully host weekly radio programs without any recompense, then the FOS budget needs a re-evaluation. Quickly.

Lucinda Chodan

It's bitchin' time!

On Page Seven of today's paper is our annual reader survey. In previous years, the survey has run in the latter part of the academic year; this is the first time we have solicited readers' opinions during the first part of the term.

By running it so early, we hope to be able to assess the serious comments of *Gateway* readers and change aspects of the paper accordingly. If you have beefs or bouquets to deal out to the paper or people connected with it, please make your feelings known.

Of course, anyone is welcome to come up to our office and discuss anything about the paper that is thought to be of importance. This survey is not meant to be the definitive criticism of the paper, but merely a general expression of sentiment.

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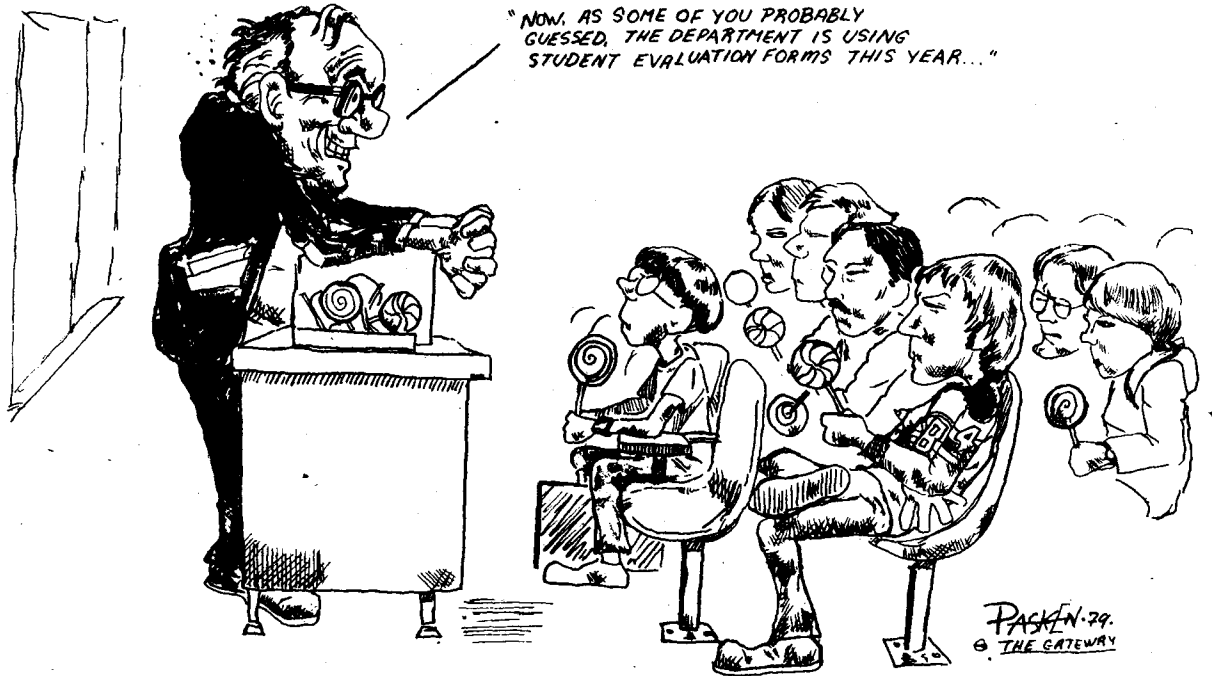
If it happens on campus...it's news to us.

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"Sensible" writers

I think it is about time that I threw in my two-bits worth about the pragmatism and common sense of two contributors to *The Gateway*. I refer, of course, to Charles Farley and Peter Michalyszyn. Mr. Farley's letters to the editor attacking that dirty subversive, David Marples, were fine examples of contemporary sang-froid coupled with good old shrewd suspicion. Mr. Michalyszyn's Reader Comment was, quite simply, a fine specimen of good old-fashioned horse sense.

Believe you me, you two guys would get my vote (even though I am apolitical) any time. Give 'er guys.

Unfortunately, Charles, you will be unhappy to hear that there are still a few remnants of silly and dangerous "bleeding heart liberals" around campus. In fact, I overheard one of these types say that your letters were the work of a mediocre champion of the status quo. This bloody leftist went even further saying that your letters were filled with flag-waving sentimentality, cliches, name calling, and something called ad-homonym arguments. Now both you and I know there wasn't a homonym in either letter.

Peter, you'll be surprised when you hear that this same Stalinist claimed that you need a junior level course in political science. Let me quote the bastard: "It's too bad that Joe Clark isn't just a mediocre administrator; unfortunately, he also has to think about law making and law adjudicating. Luckily, Peter, you and I both know lawyers and judges handle those minor duties."

Let me repeat, it's guys like you two that have the prudence and business acumen to become leaders. Fortunately, the way things are going, it's you that we are going to get.

Phyllis Stein
Commerce 1

Just wasted time

I must thank you for publishing my letter on Sept. 25th beside a column by Mr. Marples that illustrated my point perfectly. The admirable response in Thursday's issue proves my point beyond doubt, demonstrating further that Mr. Marples is not a suitable representative of student opinion. In this case it seems that his column has forced no less than five engineering students to waste valuable time correcting his wild inaccuracies. It might be thought that the time spent in composing such letters is relatively small, but it should be remembered that they represent a considerable effort for an engineer, who in the course of his studies rarely is required to use the English language as a means of communication. With such a handicap, their success in pointing out the more ridiculous aspects of Mr. Marples' invective

is to be commended. The engineers will have a useful function in our society after their training is complete (which is more than could be said of the students in many other subjects, especially the frivolous subjects of the Arts faculty.) Mr. Marples needs to take a more responsible attitude to his readers; they have more important things to do than spend valuable time pondering over how to reply to Mr. Marples' offensive remarks.

Mr. Miller's condescending comments in the same issue justify Mr. Marples' column on the grounds that it provokes debate. Correcting gross factual errors is not a worthwhile form of debate; it is a waste of time, and one that is needlessly imposed on us by the editorial policy of the *Gateway*.

Charles Farley
Commerce 2

Irish need Druidism

Marples and the rest are wrong. I was talking to John Paul the other day and even he's given up hope. He says the only solution is to excommunicate every last one of those micks. At the same time the Irish government will outlaw Christianity and make Druidism the official state religion.

I think it's a grand idea. Everyone knows what a blood thirsty lot those Irish really are — besides, there hasn't been a real Christian in the auld sod for years. But I must admit to a little self-interest — JP has offered to make me first high priest of the Druids. I think I'll take the job — it would give me a marvelous opportunity to apply what I learned in Terrorism and Debauchery 350 last year. The IRA would make a great clergy. I could even use the UDL as my personal bodyguards. What the hell — we might have peace in our time.

Gary Gondola
Psychoses III

P.S. What colors do you think I should use for my robes? I'm rather partial to emerald green and blood red, myself.

G.G.

Aggies donation fair

To meet the Education Students' Association's (ESA) refugee challenge the Ag Club donated a sum of money to the Crippled Children Fund. In publicizing the donation, Tuesday's *Gateway* (October 3, 1979) seemed to take a negative stand on the Ag Club's donation. Both the article "Aggies, Engineers ignore (sic) fund" (p.3) and MacMillan's letter (p.5) leave the reader with an unfavorable impression of the Ag Club's action.

I think *Gateway* should have been much more positive than what they were. The final result of the Ag Club's action is favorable — the Crippled

Children Fund gains. Although one can assume the *Gateway* would have preferred the Ag Club to donate to the refugee fund, the Ag Club must respect the feelings of its members. The Ag Club's action shows that the Ags have taken a political stand and acted accordingly.

The point is the Ag Club didn't fail to fully respond to the challenge because of a lack of spirit. For this reason I feel the Ag Club has met the ESA's challenge as well as they could without sacrificing their members' ideals.

Bob Raynard
Education IV