

don't feed the monkey

It's not that the Gazette needs more people, we love working until four in the morning. It's not that we don't feel we have enough range of opinion, we really enjoy being confronted at dances and parties. You don't know how much fun it is to spend Saturday evening being told that you keep harping on the same things, by someone that keeps harping on the same things that you harp on during the week. It's not that we feel that the quality of the Gazette is lacking, we think it is really necessary to be monosyllabic in a university newspaper. And it's not that we really like advertising, we would like to run copy straight through although it might only cover two pages. But we really feel that we should ask if anyone out there cares enough to come up to the third floor and see what a real typewriter looks like. Maybe after fooling around with it for a couple of hours, a legitimate sentence might come out, and then two, and then wonder of wonders, a whole paragraph. Look at it this way, if you have a lot of hostility or tension building up towards someone or something, we've got a place for you. It's therapy, it really is. To give you an example of what it's done for some people, we had a staff member who couldn't resist swinging from chandeliers. Now that person is writing about the city council, and with a large supply of bananas is as docile as the next gorilla. Think about it, a public forum for radicals, preverts, and people that defy description, and think how nice it would be to have someone different from the rest of us.

To be perfectly serious for a moment, if only a moment, the Gazette is hurting for people. We are trying to reorganize to delegate responsibility to more people and with that the credit will be spread out. The amount of time one puts into the paper is your own decision, but if you can put some time into it, please do. We are only as good as the people who work here are, and if you have your doubts as to how good that is maybe you should check us out, even if it is to come up and shoot the shit. If the same old people end up working, then you can expect the same old crap to be printed this term.

What can you get out of writing for the Gazette? Well, if you're not careful, a bloody nose. If you have considered doing any sort of writing in the future, it's a good place to try out different styles and techniques without fear of flunking a course, in fact it may help to improve the structure of your term papers. We have one writer who got fifty bucks for a CBC interview about the subject of one of his articles. We have another who got ten to twenty at Dorchester for one of his/hers. Actually, the best incentive is to meet some of the people involved here. We have a definite cross-section of rapists, alcoholics, anarchists, and just plain bozos who missed the bus. When we all get together it's like, well it's like Times Square on New Years eve, the UN when they debate the Palestine situation, and a televised debate between Margret Stanbury and Charles Manson on the topic of cat meat pie, all rolled into one. But mostly it's like a bunch of crazy students trying hard to be dedicated students and not doing too well because the goddamn newspaper takes too much of their goddamn time.

Look at it this way, if we had more people, we would get more things done in less time and do a better job of it. Does anybody know of the Law of Increasing Returns in economics? It applies here, and it applies in spades. None of us want to screw up our courses, but none of us want to see the Gazette go the way of the other dinosaurs. You will always find a smile in the office (who cares if it's drawn on a picture of Che Gueverra) and always a political or social argument thought it may be on the value of twist-off tops on beer bottles. This point is, we are not as bad as the people who read us say we are. We are human beings, small in number, full of the frailties and shortcomings of other human beings, and very short on time.

The Gazette can be a good paper (other than for kitty litters), and in fact most of us think that it is, under the present conditions. Like any member of the public media we are sensitive to the criticism of our public. We can discount the opinions of the drunks and idiots, but are still left with some valid objections and both of these people may be right. If you think that we are deficient or you just want to get involved with something that is in our opinion, we ask you to show your beautiful face up here, and we will undertake to show you what is involved with doing this, and if you still think things can be improved upon you are more than welcome to do something about it. There is a certain misconception of how we function, find out about it.



Rink Review

To the Gazette;

We would like to reply to an article entitled "Rink defense" submitted by Lorraine Stevens and published in the Gazette January 16, 1975.

In answering the above letter we would first like to refer to the following statement contained within it.

"I can sympathize with you regarding the loss of ice time when you expected it to be available, but I think you were a bit hasty in your judgement."

The fact is that we encountered several incidents involving loss of ice time previous to this (although on a lesser scale than the one referred to in "Rink Rip-Off") and after

the stated occurrence we could no longer contain our frustrations.

However in our haste to bring the mentioned problems to the readers and staff of the Gazette, we apparently put the entire blame on Miss Ipson. We would not like to point out that she simply coordinates the activities of her subordinates and that we were unjust perhaps in our statements concerning her.

We hope that through this letter, and other communication with her, that such misunderstanding has been corrected.

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