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campus devours The Gateway don't they? That must everyone a Gateway fan, right?

I look forward to the day when the Young Socialists will lead student strikes, but unless The Gateway can come up with better evidence than a few copies of a Trotskyist newspaper, I would suggest that the headline is very misleading. It makes every student who participated in or led the strike into a Trotskyist, something which some of them probably take quite strong exception to. It's the old "tar them all with the same brush" trick. That's what is used by the bosses whenever they don't like a strike--all the strikers become "Commies" or "Black Panthers" or "separatists." Besides, what if some of the leaders of the strike were Liberals? As a Trotskyist, I could get fairly uptight about The Gateway calling them Trotskyists--it's a bloody insult. Please Mr. Gateway, when people of different political beliefs get together on something like opposition to the war in Vietnam or to the Amchitka blast, it is totally misleading to label them all with the name of one group. That's redbaiting, and it is the best ally of people like high school principals, university presidents, and (God forbid) the occasional students' union executive. And please don't use loaded words like "Trots" which have no meaning outside the fevered brains of hysterical right-wingers.

I don't believe in "objective" reporting or reporting that reflects what most students think (whatever that is) but even highly partisan reporting must be accurate if it is to be successful over the long run in convincing people.

Venceremos!  
Mark Priegert  
for the Young Socialists/  
Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes

### Pay Corrections

Dear Sir:

I must take strong exception to the following paragraph from your story on the increases in Executive salaries:

*The Students' Union Executive members received a pay increase of 33 percent more than last year's members salaries which were 150 per month. In addition Councillors will be paid \$400 per month over the summer.*

The increase mentioned in the first sentence is from \$400 per month in the summer, and \$150 per month in the winter to \$400 per month in the summer and \$200 per month in the winter. The total increase is \$400 per year, or about 14 percent.

The second sentence implies that the \$400 per month in the summer is an increase over and above the 33 percent whereas it is not an increase at all. You mention here, and in several other places in the story, that councillors are to be paid. This is not correct.

I notice that you use the same editorial freedom in reporting the "33 percent to 60 percent" decreases in Gateway staff salaries. The actual decreases are from 11 percent to 33 percent,

calculated on an average month salary basis. Note that the President's salary was decreased 25 percent and the Speaker's salary was decreased 50 percent.

I have often heard you say that it is important that the Gateway remain a "free press". Any paper that follows a party line, whether it be formal or informal, whether it be the line of the staff or publisher, is not a free press. The Gateway is not now a free press, and will not become a free press until you stop printing the news with a subjective slant.

Yours truly,  
Students' Union Treasurer  
Frans Slatter

*Ed. Note: The Students' Union Executive salaries were raised (as Frans says) from \$2800 to \$3200 for a total increase of about 14 percent.*

*However, the raise only affects the eight winter months. The salary increase for each of these eight months is \$50 (\$150 to \$200) for a percentage increase, per winter month, of 33 percent. We should have specified, in our story, exactly what increases we were talking about and that the summer salaries for SU Executive remain the same (\$400 per month).*

*We also mistakenly implied that student councillors were to be paid and, as Frans says, they are not. In this case, we are guilty of incorrect wording and sloppy editing.*

*The total decrease, over the year, in the Gateway editor's salary will be (it does not come into effect until April 1972) about 33 percent (from \$3600 to \$2400). However, he will be paid for three fewer months than this year. The average monthly decrease is about 11 percent.*

*The total decrease in the Gateway's news editor's salary will be about 44 percent (from \$1900 to \$1100). He will be paid for the same number of months (eight) as this year.*

*The total decrease affecting next year's Gateway layout editor will be about 37 percent (from \$1900 to \$1200). He will be paid for one month more (nine) than this year.*

*The Gateway apologizes for any misunderstanding caused by our inadequate and misleading coverage of the situation.*

### Indians and football

Dear Editor,

A remark or two is in order concerning the article on Indians of the October 26, 1971 issue of Gateway. Though it is our understanding that the calibre of our varsity paper is somewhat lower than previous years, one should not necessarily doubt the integrity with which Elsie Ross writes. Nevertheless, the information and quotations contained therein are somewhat disturbing. In point of fact, the whole Indian situation has come to disturb our "culturally confused" brains.

Apparently someone challenged Mr. Greyeyes how he justifies himself for selling out to the Federal government. That is quite disturbing! (For everyone's benefit he's an Indian.) However, the very first paragraph quotes some consultant for the Indian Association of Alberta as saying

that Indians do not have any basic human rights. That is even more disturbing! That is a real bad scene if one thinks about it. Mr. Greyeyes is probably working his ass off trying to rectify a dichotomous situation and in the process attempt to justify for selling himself out. Naturally one can readily see that he's making a damn good living from the civil service. But Chief Dan George probably makes a better living from acting and God knows the amount of taxes that flows into the Indian leaders' salaries. You see this is acceptable for everyone should have the "right" to make a living. However, for an Indian who is employed by the Federal Government and various companies, are apparently not exercising human rights, but are selling themselves out! That is very disturbing!

Heard about the Alberta minister who went up north and expressed the fear that Indians may become part of a political football game? We can officially dismiss that fear--you see they've been part of the Indian petty politicians' football for ages like some other Canadians we know of.

We can't forget about the school boycott. According to a number of Indian leaders we want the right to determine our affairs in education, self-determination, etc., etc., etc., But more recently about fifty families decided to ignore the boycott and sent their children to school anyway. Now that is determination! They may be renegades but they are determined to have some type of education. (Naturally this part was played down a bit by the press, radio etc. We think it is because of greater sensationalism or to keep the game going.)

We can only offer modest solutions to the whole bad scene. Firstly, fire all teachers who teach Indians and replace them with Indians. This will give them full responsibility for directing education and "Indian" education to boot. Secondly, fire all Indian Affairs officials and replace them with Indians. This will give them greater self-determination and enjoy more "basic human rights" instead of justifying their sellout. Thirdly, in case the first two steps don't work have our Indian leaders replace these people, for they know best and we respect them, except perhaps for fifty families (we also have minor problems of solidarity besides poverty.) That way we won't have the problem of "too many chiefs and not enough Indians". Maybe, it will even stop our leaders from: bitching, resorting to confrontation-type politics, sticking feathers up their rears (instead of on their heads) and getting intoxicated on sensationalism.

The authors of this article do not pretend to know all the ills of today's society nor do they pretend to understand the ways of a particular culture; but they do know better than sit back and wait till they get "treated" better by everyone else, or to get a kiss in the ass because they happen to be Indians.

We are students at the University of Alberta and are proud as Indians and human beings of our accomplishments to date. We use the term "culturally confused" loosely as it happens

to be one of many minor accusations thrown at us. By being "educated" at University some of our own do not accept it as "cultural enrichment" but as "loss of identity", "confusion", "selling yourself out", etc., etc., etc. Well, there appears to be only one way to solve the whole damn problem ----- piss on it!

Respectfully,  
Ernie W. Ballandine - Ed. 4  
J.P.W. Tripe de Roche - Ed. 2

### Indians well off?

Dear Sir:

Having read the article "Council Refuses Native Grant" and observing the attitude of Dentistry Rep. Jim Guild, (an attitude which unfortunately is held by many) I can only conclude that Mr. Guild is blind and does not wish to see.

"Nobody in Canada has it better off than (the Indians) do." Indeed? Obviously Mr. Guild has never seen an Indian reservation, nor has he ever worked and lived with the Indians, probably he has never gotten to know any of them. I have. For four weeks I worked in the community of Ft. Providence providing recreational activities for the children. I was raised in a small town two miles from a reservation. One of my sisters is a Metis. I realize this does not make me an authority, but at least I have an open mind.

"Nobody in Canada has it better off than they do." Mr. Guild, what in God's name, do you mean by that statement that reeks of middle class bigotry? Have you ever seen the incredible squalor of a northern reserve? Have you ever seen a man trying to raise ten children in a mud packed, one room log cabin while paying outrageous prices at the only store within 150 miles?

What do the Indians have? Free education - but on the pitiful salary they get how many can send a child 200 miles to the nearest highschool? Sure there are government grants. But why bother? Most of them won't get jobs. Rarely can they leave the reserve to get jobs in a white community. Their children won't be accepted. I dread the day my little sister's friends find out she's

part Indian; her beauty, charm and intelligence won't save her from their prejudice.

When at Fort Providence we gave art classes. Many children exhibited an aptitude that was phenomenal, at the least. However, none of them will ever have a chance to develop that aptitude.

Mr. Guild is obviously thinking of "the Indian" who squanders his money in taverns. Such Indians do exist. However, so do such whites; whites who have an education but won't find a job; whites who live on welfare because they won't even try to find a job. And racial prejudice exists in many employers.

I have rarely met people of any race as friendly as concerned, or as full of desire to get ahead as the Indians I have met.

No, Mr. Guild, the Indians do not have it better than anyone else. We have enforced a life of docile apathy on them. And most of the ones I know would rather do something than sit around with their past gone, their present meaningless, and their future uncertain.

Mel Thomas  
Arts 2

### CHRIST!

Dear Alone,

Many of us have experienced a lonely feeling even in the presence of many people. There is someone who can be a friend to you even if all circumstances are contrary--his name is Jesus. He can make your heart sing and fill it with contentment. He can give peace to you through friendship with him.

True, communication with friends is great and important but the Lord has said He will never leave us.

If you would like to talk to someone, who like yourself experienced loneliness on campus please contact Faye at 439-5609.

Due to the inexperience of our new layout editor for pages 4 and 5, this space is blank.

The Gateway's regular staff meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in the SUB theatre lobby and will be open to the student body. All those who have criticisms of the paper and those who just want to learn how the paper function, are encouraged to attend.

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#### STAFF THIS ISSUE:

Tonight while some of the skiers on the staff prayed for snow, a group of semi-sober and partially sane people showed up to put out the paper. The faithful were: Henri (that's a promotion?) Pallard, Ron (Now we can really learn something from the Journal) Yakimchuk, Jim (welcome to the funny farm, man) Selby, Beth Nilsen, Dennis Winstrom, Winston Gereluk and sons, Peter (our cartoonist) Tremaine, Irene (an IBM slave) Kucharyshyn, Elke (another slave) Siebels, Barry Headrick, Ross Harvey, Rick (who literally screwed up his whole love life) Grant, and finally our sanke-in-the-grass-stab-in-the-back friend, Harvey G. Thomgirt.

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