

Cheers, Sneers, And Jeers To The Editor

Well?

To The Editor:

Are we, or are we not apathetic? Well, I say we are and we aren't. I mean the student body is but the students aren't. I shall explain. When do the cries of student apathy rise the loudest? Well, there was Stan Kenton affair, because it flopped. There was the issue of college football support, because there was little. There was Frontier Day last year, because it was not really successful, and during the Bears' basketball season, because there was never a full house.

There was one thing common to all these events. To be a rousing success each event would have had to be attended by a very large group of people. The Kenton concerts needed 2,000, football over 1,000 each game, Frontier weekend 2-3,000. Joe College, it seems, wants us to attend a few things in great numbers, not to do anything much, just to sit and enjoy and jump up to cheer every time someone yells, "Bears". He expects us all to want to see basketball games, and to come running blindly when Council declares "it's big name". Must we all have the same interests, must we all follow the same leader at the same time to do the same things for the same reasons? The apatheists seem to think so.

Students at U of A Edmonton do have interests, and do express themselves. For the record, on Sat., Oct. 15, 75 students spent the afternoon and evening discussing politics and relative fields at the Conservative sponsored political seminar. That day another 70 students at SCM's Agnostic conference discussed views on religion. At present 60 players are trying out for the Golden Bears

hockey team, and at the swim-instructing classes in the evening at PEB, there is a waiting list. There were over 100 entrants for the cross country race last year, including two girls.

Yes, Joe College, students have energy to do things that interest them. What we haven't got is the same interests. You would do well Mr. J. College, to stand by, to give aid where and when it is needed, and to stop calling us a herd of apathetic eccentrics.

Miles Murray,
Arts 2.

Racial Prejudice Rampant

To The Editor:

I hope that every Canadian was watching TV at 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. What to many of us may so far have been a nightmarish dream, became real: the Nazis are back! Swastika, oath on Hitler, advocacy of concentration camps — one wouldn't believe it if one hadn't seen it.

I am German, and I never blamed the Canadians or any other member of the allied party of World War II for fully condemning the Hitler regime and all that went with it in Germany.

But now, ye proud Canadians, the challenge has come right on your own front-door. What are you going to do about it? Will you let these grave-diggers of democracy, of freedom, of human decency, conduct another one of their macabre experiments? Arguments have already been brought forth against a legal intervention, stating that there is not any proved intention of an overthrow of the government on the part of these Nazis, and therefore no legal basis for outlawing them. So what

are you going to do?

Nazism is one of the most evil manifestations of prejudice; this we know because we've seen it "in practice". Have you Canadians become so much used to all sorts of prejudice that you don't give a damn anymore? You have strong prejudice against the Indians, and the discrimination against the negroes isn't so strong yet because there aren't too many around. And now, at last, you get round to the Jews. Not that prejudice against the Jews hadn't been here before in this country—but at least the scape-goat hunters didn't throw around their smut publicly.

This US-Canadian brand of neo-Nazism, like all other sorts of prejudice and discrimination, is not a matter of a small minority. It is something that befouls the nation as a whole. If ever you had reason to do something for your country instead of just singing "we stand on guard for thee", then this is it. I wonder whether you will manage to overcome your self-complacency for once, and stamp out this disease. If you had seen the remnants of Auschwitz or Dauchau you wouldn't hesitate.

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T'Ain't Christian!

To The Editor:

M. Vadeker is to be congratulated on the challenge to the Wauneita tribe to sponsor a member of the Native Brotherhood.

A suspiciously similar-sounding "tribe", the infamous 19th century American 'Onedia' was similarly challenged to clarify its relationship to the Brotherhood by the US Supreme Court. Resultory from the

court's ruling that the orgies to which the 'tribe' was pledged (which Onedia "justified" as the stylized emulations of fertility rites of "true" or noble savages) were "concubinescently miscegenous" and therefore illegal, they were told to "desist, disband, or show just cause to merit immunity from the Ruling under the protection of the Treaty Rights Act by withdrawing to a Reservation and regular payment of Brotherhood Dues."

Not only were these dues not paid, but the Onedia then sought to evade the court order in a clandestine attempt to merge in blood brotherhood with the neighboring Onondogas, of 5-nations fame . . . after three days of spirited merging or "potlatch" as we say, the effete Onedia, whose fetish had weakened them, were all supposedly tomahawked by the Onondogas, incensed at the inability of the 16 Oneidas to protract to the full psc??? week. No tribe wants weak squares. Yet some of them must have escaped to found Wauneita, the new "cover" organization. As such, Wauneita is still singularly profitable. As the October 28 Gateway shows, they were one of the only two groups to make a profit last year. That money belongs to US! You, Wauneitas, pay 100 years back dues to the Native Brotherhood, or go to jail!

Incensed,
Jimmy Johnny

Is That So?

To The Editor:

I see by the list of staff on page four of the October 14 Gateway that you are quote, "responsible for all material published herein," end quote. I can not help wondering what kind of person you are. It seems to me that the space you give to "opinions expressed by columnists" is entirely out of proportion to what they have to say. Also you seem incapable of editing these columns so that they are in norm between the childish and sloppily written columns of this issue and pompous wish-wash of an earlier issue. Also it would be nice to see

some signed names under such columns as Scrabble and Reflections so these little men receive some recognition for their work.

To bring to a point this pointless little note, I should tell you what my own personal opinion of what a campus newspaper should be like (to give you something to throw back in my face). I think that a paper of this type should reflect the campus as a whole and not the emotional opinion of a few trying to increase their powers of sarcasm. Your first page is good. It reports the facts plus a few foreshortened personal opinions. Unfortunately this type of reporting ends (except for a few sub-articles) at the first page. It is my opinion that all literature published by The Gateway (except for a few signed and unsigned columns) should be of the above mentioned type—short and to the point.

Also it is my opinion that more "letters to the editor" should be published. If these letters are also short and to the point, a good cross section of campus opinion might be gained. But, but no means should you include junk written for the "thrill" of getting in the public eye (e.g. Loretta and friends). But these are only my opinions and, however poor they may be, I would appreciate your ideas and opinions in return if you have time away from your paper.

To save you time and trouble, I am an engineer. But if you want to "cloud the issue" because of my chosen way of life, then you are, to quote one of your columnists, one "who still remembers what it is like to eat Pabulum."

Clemens Feldmeyer

ED. NOTE: Only one answer to this — if you are so smart why aren't you editing The Gateway.

If you want my opinions and ideas on what should be in a paper, you have two choices . . . either read The Gateway, or come over and work for it. That you choose not to seems typical of the attitude of your entire letter—defensive in the guise of being "offensive".

Most engineers seem to be able to take Gateway "issue clouders" like men and let them roll off their backs . . . perhaps you have not a back. your letter was pretty spineless.



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