

relatives to bring medicine), failure to restrain settlers from destroying inhabitants' property and shooting up the camp, blocking access roads (seriously disrupting commerce, delivery and health care). The above are a few of complaints against the Israeli military administration. The worst accusation by the Israeli authorities against inhabitants is stone-throwing.

Langer related the story of three busloads of inhabitants leaving the camp for a trip to the mountains of Galilee on 3 July, 1984. Israeli soldiers stopped the buses and arbitrarily chose young people and children for beating. When passengers attempted to leave the buses, a soldier opened fire, injuring several, including an 11 year-old girl. When the injured, despite interference from the soldiers, reached the hospital, one soldier threatened them and attempted to beat one of them. On behalf of her clients, Langer laid a complaint before the Minister of Security, demanding that charges be laid.

Langer also tells not only of how Rabbi Levinger regularly enters the camp and at one point fired revolver shots into the air, but of how the notorious Rabbi Meir Kahane was allowed free entry to the camp while inhabitants were confined to their homes.

Conclusion:

These are but a few examples of documentation of Ms. Sahben's accusation from Israeli sources. There are many others for those who care enough to look.

With the Keegstras and the Zundels getting more than their share of publicity nowadays, Jews are justifiably apprehensive. I know. I'm one. But this is no excuse to label critics of Israeli policies liars and anti-Semites when the facts are so easily verified.

To end on a happier note, it seems that, in response to Benvenisti's revelations, a Prof. Steve Cohen of New York began negotiations with American Jewish and Arab businessmen to set up a joint group to deal with Arab economic initiatives in the territories. One of their first activities was a survey of health services in the West Bank.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was quoted expressing surprise that American Jews cared more for the economic situation of Arabs than that of Jews in these difficult times for the Israeli economy. Nevertheless, the initiative of Prof. Cohen is a very satisfying and bridge-building development. I am sure people of good will wish him well.

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SECOND WIND

by Bill Doskoch

I have been observing the *Grind's* activities over the past few months and every time they just crawl onto the sidewalk of journalistic respectability, they slip and fall back into the gutter.

Why do I say that? Just look on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the fledgling club's latest newsletter. There, you can find three separate attacks on the *Gateway*, ranging in tone from mournful to petulant to hysterical.

I shall first deal with the musings of that arch-defender of truth-in-journalism, Floyd Hodgins.

I could speak of his generalized and mostly unfounded stream of complaints against the *Gateway* and its editorial staff; however, I would rather deal with my favorite passage from his Mar. 6 column:

"That the critics who oppose my column dare, and I say dare, to criticize my attempts to communicate with the students on this campus is deplorable."

That may be the crux of the problem. Floyd just plain doesn't like anyone who "dares" criticize his "communication" attempts.

Perhaps if Floyd stopped using his column to flail away at his perceived enemies — (to the exclusion of all other subjects on this campus) — then maybe his writings won't be considered "charades (parade?) of uncompromising garbage."

This was recognized by Michael Hunter in his Mar. 6 editorial, where he suggested that Floyd use his column as "an information vehicle." Hunter felt that would be better than "responding to twits who don't have anything intelligent to say." (Nope, no small quantity of petulance there, folks.)

I wholeheartedly support this, as reading Floyd's unintelligent whinings about the *Gateway* and the unfairness of election procedures is becoming very tiresome.

It also underscores the reason active politicians should not be given their own column.

Hunter suggests that having "Prince Peter" himself write on why he built a golf course for his buddies would be one way of showing that it was not justifiable. Well, if Premier Lougheed wants to explain his actions, there are "letters to the editor", press releases, press conferences and purchased media time available for him to make sure his views are known.

If you wanted to carry the analogy a bit farther, wouldn't you have to give a column to Ray Martin (Leader of the Official Opposition) to ensure balance?

No, it seems having pesky, nosy reporters digging around to try and find out what the politicians don't want anyone to know about is still probably the best system.

Doug Lange, a staff writer for the *Grind* doesn't criticize the *Gateway* as bitterly. He takes the view of a betrayed believer who is disappointed by the tone of "belligerence and narrow-mindedness" currently put forth (in his opinion) by the *Gateway*.

Well, I respectfully suggest that such an attitude is far more typified by the *Grind*; only with its paper when such an attitude is "outrageous and controversial" instead of slanderous "yellow journalism."

I would also respectfully suggest that fault can be found both with certain members of the current SU executive as well as with the *Gateway*.

Maybe I am just overly sensitive, but when the

only time an executive member comes around to the *Gateway* office is to threaten an editor with a lawsuit or dismissal because of differing interpretations of events, it tends to make one just a wee bit defensive.

By comparison, Mike Nickel and Scott Richardson, the President-elect and VP-Internal-elect respectively, came to the *Gateway* offices on Mar. 5, sat down, talked and *listened* to the views and concerns of various editors and volunteers — a much more rational and humane approach than the heavy-handed "I'm the boss" approach currently favored by some executives.

They seem to understand that the *Gateway* has a "watchdog" function with regard to the activities of students' council, but one that should offer constructive criticism of areas of contention plus recognize areas where council is effective in serving the needs of students.

I would agree, mainly because the *Gateway* for better or worse, is the only source of information about students' council's activities for most students; therefore, it is doubly important that a fair and accurate view both reportorially and editorially of students' council and university activities be given.

Has the *Gateway* not lived up to those responsibilities? On occasion, **Yes**.

Here are some of its more recent mistakes:

1. Not printing an apology to Floyd Hodgins (arising from mistakes in a Jan. 29 editorial) in the very next issue instead of a week later.
- 2a. Not receiving written permission from the Chief Returning Officer to run the pro-CFS letters.
- 2b. Not making it specifically known that no anti-CFS letters had been received.
- 2c. Running the three letters in an election day issue.
3. Writing an election day editorial endorsing certain candidates.
4. Not attributing an election day *Second Wind* attacking Hodgins' leadership style.

Hopefully, we will learn from those mistakes (and others) and improve the *Gateway*, both now and in the future.

With an executive that appears to be geared towards co-operation and not confrontation, the personality clashes that soured feelings between this year's executive and *Gateway* editorial staff should not reappear.

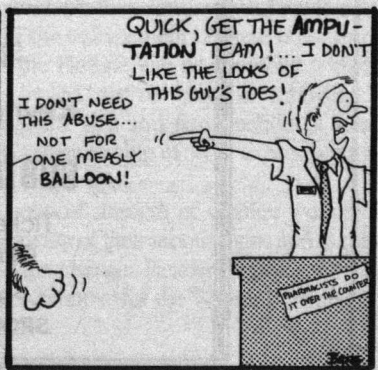
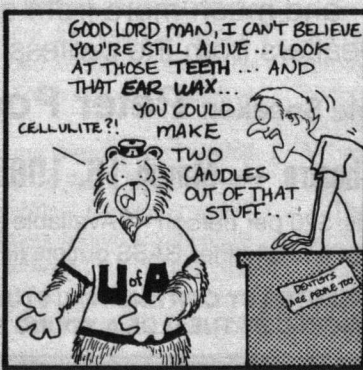
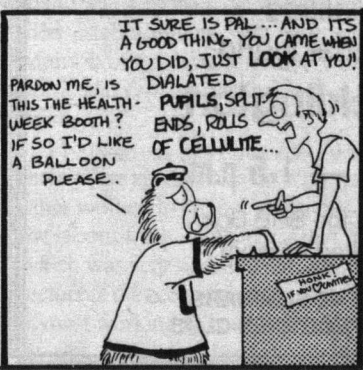
Hopefully, as the *Grind* improves, their editorial stance will become more mature and the mindless name-calling that has been directed at the *Gateway* on an almost non-stop basis will also cease.

This constant negative propaganda does nothing for the image of their club. Also, if they aspire to be anything more than a club newsletter, they will have to learn to screen out letters that are openly false about the *Gateway* and other organizations. (The ones that are merely irrationally critical can be tolerated).

This type of action impedes their ability as a news-gathering organization, and leaves their editorial policy suspect. If the *Grind* is as eager to improve as it claims to be, its staff will take this sincerely offered constructive criticism to heart.

The journalistic equivalent of holding its breath and turning blue to get attention is wearing thin.

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