

## editorial

### Opinions needed

*The Gateway* is on the verge of changing its image. This is not to suggest that our present image is in any way tarnished; rather we are now in a position to apply for membership in the Canadian University Press.

Since the inception of *Poundmaker* in 1972, *Gateway* has not been a CUP member. At that time the *Gateway* was expelled for not practicing a CUP policy that is loosely defined as staff democracy.

According to Ross Harvey, CUP western region fieldworker, this policy has proved virtually unworkable, and *Gateway's* attitude regarding staff input is not unlike most member newspaper's attitudes. Hence, *Gateway* is once again eligible for membership.

Because the *Poundmaker* collective no longer makes false claim to being a newspaper of the University of Alberta (they are now classified as an alternate paper), there should be no conflict of interest if *Gateway* chooses to join.

There are advantages to belonging to CUP. They provide a news service that receives input from over 70 campuses in Canada. They operate a national advertising service that could prove to be a financial asset to the *Gateway*. Our re-joining CUP would provide a suitable vehicle for communications between our Students' Union and other Students' Unions that does not presently exist.

In the final analysis, the questions that should be posed are these: does the student body want to see *Gateway* rejoin CUP? Is there adequate interest in the working of other campuses to justify the \$1550.00 entry fee per year that it would cost *Gateway*?

The value of the *Gateway* as a student service should not be judged by the people who produce it, but rather by the students who read it.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to let your opinions be part of our decision.

Bernie Fritze

## Reader Comment

### Don't clutter the issue with fact

by Elaine Lefebvre

If you hate hockey, don't bother reading this.

If you have never felt a consuming passion for something (for all you jocks out there, forget it; I don't mean sex) don't bother perusing this article further.

Now, the rest of you may know what I'm talking about; and for those of you who have reached this far and still remain curious, I will explain.

When you are a hockey fanatic there is no other game, and when you love a hockey team, there is no other team worth talking about. For days before the game you can hardly think of anything else - you bore your friends talking about it, and frustrate your family because they can't get any information out of you as to how you did in exams, how's your money holding out, and other unimportant things. You make a few bets, get into a lot of arguments, and hate everybody that doesn't agree with you on the outcome of the game. What do they know? They are only reasoning with you. So you're supposed to look at things from all sides. No, you don't. There's no such thing as changing the fanatic's mind with the use of facts.

The hockey game in which the fanatic's team is playing is the big event of the week. He

looks forward to it for three days and talks about it for five days after. When his team is winning he is extremely happy; when it is losing, he is frantic and worried sick (so what if it's only the third game of the season).

The hockey fanatic can criticize his team, yell and scream at the players all he wants to, and spur them on to greater efforts (so what if the game's on TV and they can't hear him anyways). Don't you dare criticize the team. You will suffer for such stupidity.

Love for a hockey team means somehow finding the money to travel 1000 miles to see them play when it's not even the playoffs, and then waiting around for an hour and a half after the game to get a look at the back of their heads as they leave the dressing room.

If you are the male hockey fanatic, nothing can sway your interest or remove it; sex loses ground on your list of priorities - even food becomes of secondary importance.

If your boyfriend is a hockey fanatic, bear with him during the regular season and forget him during the playoffs. Heaven forbid that you should say "It's them or me" - it's not good for your ego. Of course, you could try to share some of

his enthusiasm for the greatest show on earth.

If you are the female hockey fanatic (rare, but we're around) you don't care if this super great guy asks you out for Saturday night. There is no way you're going, unless, of course, you can get him to wait until the game is over, in which case you get to talk about it for the rest of the evening. Or, you bring your portable TV set with you. Surely there will be a plug-in wherever you go. If you should feel self-conscious about carrying a TV set around, there's always the radio (I wouldn't recommend bringing a radio to a CAB social - the reception is lousy there).

The hockey fanatic learns how to study with one eyeball on the game and one eyeball on the biology text. (One thing you get out of this method is dexterity of the eyeballs.)

Of course, it goes without saying that the hockey fanatic doesn't get married in the spring - not if his/her team is in the playoffs. Naturally you can try to arrange this event for some afternoon or evening that there isn't a game, but it is quite difficult seeing as games are played much more frequently on TV during the play-offs. If you really want to get married, don't push your luck at this time of the year. Have the decency to wait until its all over.

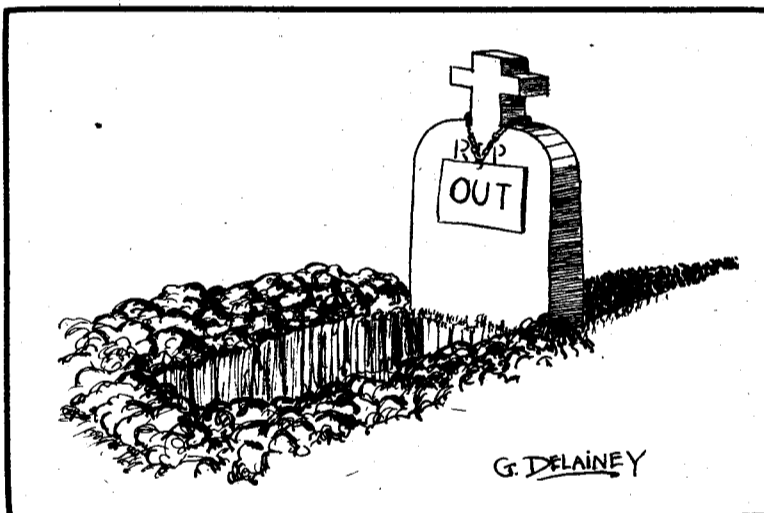
So how about the hockey fanatic's friends? This type of friend, for example: there is 50 seconds left in the game, the score is tied, Jacques Lemaire gets a breakaway and misses the open side of the net; and the phone rings.

I would like to say at this point that the wisest course of action for friends of the hockey fanatic is to avoid calling the fanatic during a hockey game.

I might also mention that hockey fanatics don't really notice the loss of friends until hockey season is over. The fanatic then proceeds to regain the good regard of these friends, only to have the same thing happen all over again when the next hockey season begins.

Maybe some of you think that this type of sports fan is crazy. Well, you're right. But the hockey fanatic is happy this way. Please ask us, if you don't believe me.

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When the Histadrut inaugurated its first program of courses for the training of Arab youth in 1963, Mr. Atashi started working among the youth of the Druze community, and soon after was appointed Deputy Director General of the Arab and Druze Workers Youth Movement in which he was active until 1969. During the same period he attended Haifa University, specializing in Arabic studies and political science, and obtained his B.A. degree in 1969.

A year later Mr. Atashi began working in the Arabic department of Isreal television in Jerusalem, while continuing his studies for an M.A. degree at the Hebrew University, and in 1970 he was put in charge of Arabic television for the northern area of the Haifa District. At the same time he held a teaching position in the Political Science Department of Haifa University.

He was appointed to his present post of Consul with the Consulate General of Isreal in New York in August of 1972.

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