An open letter to the Students’ Union

“THERE’S NO SUCH THING AS UNBIASED JOURNALISM.”

The question: do you trust your university’s news media? Sometimes, biased journalism is easy to detect; sometimes, journalism is simply called biased because the reader doesn’t like seeing both sides of an issue. The Gateway is no stranger to controversy. Our reputation has, over the past century, taken a beating for being too one-sided, too petty and too opinionated. Our students have, over the years, called for greater accuracy and accountability in our coverage. As a result, in this issue we have included a letter to the editor, written by a member of the Gateway editorial board.

The letter is addressed to the Students’ Union, and begins: “Dear Students’ Union, I want to apologize for the way the Gateway has covered events in our community. There have been instances where we have failed to accurately report on issues...” The letter goes on to detail specific instances where the Gateway has been deemed to have been biased or inaccurate, and ends with a call for more accurate reporting in the future.

In response to the letter, the Students’ Union has issued a response. The response begins: “The Gateway is a student-run publication, and we have been approached by the Students’ Union in the past to address some of the concerns raised in this letter. We have taken the letter to heart, and have made changes to our reporting in an effort to be more accurate and fair...” The response goes on to detail some of the changes that the Gateway has made in response to the letter, and ends with a commitment to continue to improve its reporting.

The letter and the response are both important contributions to ongoing dialogue about the role of university news media. They highlight the importance of accurate and fair reporting, and the need for accountability and transparency in journalism.

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