
STAFF EDITORIAL

Who Writes the Pioneer?

The Pioneer has recently had to contend with a number of verbal and written comments about Barry Drogin. As all of *the Pioneer* readers know, Barry averages a large number of by-lines in each issue. The complaints have been loud—why does Drogin fill up all that space? To paraphrase one particular complaint, why were a number of sports articles rejected from one issue, while a number of Drogin's articles remained?

There are probably quite a few readers who are sick and tired of seeing the name Barry Drogin on everything. Believe it or not, Barry is sick of it, too. So am I, and so is Editor-in-chief Tom Petsche. Whether one liked Barry's style or not, he's exactly what *the Pioneer* needs. He is prolific, almost to a fault. When layout time comes around, we usually discover that Barry was the first of the engineers on the staff to hear of doings in the Foundation Building and to write about them. *The Pioneer* is "prepared by and for the students of The Cooper Union" (see the fine print in the staff box for that one).

That means that we can't have an eight or twelve page sports paper: we've got to cover everything that happens in all aspects of life at Cooper.

Unfortunately for us all, Barry Drogin has ended up writing a good deal of *the Pioneer*. It's not unfortunate because it's Barry doing the writing. Rather, it's unfortunate because it's only one person doing the writing. When we report on events in the School of Architecture, for example, it only seems right that the reporter be a part of that school.

A small group of people has ended up doing all the writing for *the Pioneer*. Make no mistake—this is not by choice. It's a lot of work to write great volumes of copy. There are others who can do it.

To those who complain that Barry Drogin writes all of *the Pioneer*, I can only say, politely, "too bad." If someone has a complaint about what *the Pioneer* is printing, that person can do something to effect an improvement. Join *the Pioneer*. Write!

—Jerry Ryan