

# The Gateway

## Special Strike and Election Issue

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### A history of the situation

The GATEWAY scheduled to come out Tuesday did not appear in its regular format, Short Shorts did not appear, nor did the advertising. The paper did not carry the news pages which had been scheduled, nor the sports pages. It was impossible to print the reviews, the cartoons, or the editorials.

**WE, THE UNPAID STAFF OF THE GATEWAY, THE WORK FORCE THAT PUTS IT OUT, ARE ON STRIKE.**

Instead of our regular features, we put out a strike bulletin to reveal to the student body the antics of the Biltek power-clique, which makes it impossible for us to continue in our normal functions. The rest of our time, we were picketing SUB, to further communication with the student body, and circulating a petition calling for a resolution of the crisis which has been generated by the imposition on this staff of an editor under whom we cannot work.

The office of the Gateway is being occupied around the clock, until the question is clarified.

What is the background of this crisis, and how was it generated?

The GATEWAY is a collective effort. The long hours of tedious work go into its production. Those who do the bulk of the work are unpaid staffers. Their rewards are not monetary; the paper's existence as a collective effort, and the participatory atmosphere in the Gateway offices is their only reward. The paper's quality varies from issue to issue, depending on the staff involved.

The function of the editor in the past has been to balance off and co-ordinate the volunteer workers who are

involved in the production. This has been possible only because the working staff of the paper elects the editor from among its own ranks. We know and usually have worked with the editor before he is elected. We understand his weakness and his strengths. He is able to function because he is in his position by CONSENSUS.

This year, as in others, nominations for the position of Gateway's editor were called for from among the student population on campus. Four applications were received. All four candidates were interviewed by the staff, in an open meeting in the Gateway office.

Over several days, a secret, preferential ballot was conducted of all students who have worked on the paper this year. The 1st preference was divided among two candidates who have been deeply involved in the paper this year. 32 out of 43 ballots, a 75 per cent majority, went to Ron Yakimchuk, who has worked on the paper for five years. Mr. Yakimchuk was then recommended to the Personnel Board and Students' Council for ratification. Traditionally this is automatically forthcoming. Students' Council decided, however, to ratify the candidate who has neither worked for the paper during her three years here from the U.S.A., and who has no support among the staff of the paper. The candidate the council chose, Terri Jackson, does not have competence or qualifications in excess of Yakimchuk.

The staff of the Gateway then declared itself on Strike, by unanimous decision, until the decision of the Council is reconsidered.



This elaborate theatrical device has been presented to draw your attention to the outstanding qualities of the Gateway meatball, its present state of having been forked, and our distress attendant thereto.

Support for the staff actions have been forthcoming from most student groups. If we can be pressed into the service of the Biltek (would-be) empire, so can other groups that operate in a manner similar to us, such as Student Radio and faculty papers.

The Biltek power clique has

attempted over the past year to close down the art gallery, RATT, and other services around campus.

They will not succeed in closing down the Gateway, if you join with us in our protest against the great heavy hand.

Sign our Petitions!  
Help us Picket!  
Turn out to the election

rally this noon, and make your feelings known!

If you care about your paper, even with all its deficiencies, and do not want just an uncritical Student Council mouthpiece, you have a chance Friday to guarantee our right to publish unhindered by petty bureaucrats and power-trippers.

## ELECTION RALLY

Today 11:00 AM

**SUB Theatre All Classes Cancelled**

**come and discuss the Gateway**