

MS. JACKSON IS NEW GATEWAY EDITOR

Ms. Terri Jackson is the new editor of the Gateway, effective April 1st, 1972.

Students' council reaffirmed the earlier decision proclaiming Jackson editor Friday.

Early in March the Gateway staff voted overwhelmingly in favor of Ron Yakimchuk, the present layout editor who has been with the paper for five years. Usually students' council simply ratifies the paper's choice of editor. This did not happen this year however. The Gateway staff immediately went on strike against the institution of Jackson as editor. The staff's main objection to Jackson was that she had never worked for the Gateway in her three years on campus, although she had been asked. The staff, as well, did not like the fact that Jackson did not agree with the system of staff democracy which has been encouraged on the Gateway in the past two or three years. Ms. Jackson has worked only on high school newspapers and contributed to a daily newspaper in the U.S., never on

a university newspaper. Furthermore, she has not had any experience whatsoever with the Gateway's system of production and layout.

The Gateway presented a petition containing 2,300 names to student council, February 28. The petition asked that the council reconsider its earlier, hasty decision. Council then decided to form a commission to study the question of how the Gateway's editor should be chosen in the future and perhaps at the same time make some recommendations about this year's dispute.

The commission was composed of two students' council representatives (Beth Kuhnke and Don McKenzie) two Gateway representatives (Sid Stephen and Dave McCurdy) the associate editor of Edmonton Journal (Don McGillvary) the university provost, Dr. A. A. Ryan. The commission recommended to council that a special public meeting be held following which council would reconsider their

choice.

The four candidates for editor, Jim Carter, Ross Harvey, Terri Jackson and Ron Yakimchuk, were interviewed at a meeting Friday attended by about 90 students. The four candidates briefly stated their qualifications before the meeting was opened to questions from the floor.

Jim Carter felt that since he had worked with the Gateway editorial pages for one and one-half years and then edited the engineering paper The Bridge

he had sufficient experience to edit the Gateway. He said he had tried to work to change the Gateway from within but had quit when he found he could not. He objected to what he termed the Gateway's merging fact and opinion into stories. He said there should be a distinct difference between editorial opinion and news stories.

Ross Harvey then explained the idea of staff democracy in the Gateway. Every person who works on the paper has the same

voice in making editorial decision as the editor-in-chief.

He said it is something that the paper has worked very hard to achieve this year.

Terri Jackson then outlined her views on staff democracy. She felt it very important that there is one person who is willing to take editorial responsibility for what appears in the paper and indicated that she would be very willing to take this responsibility. She said that she felt that it was most important to present both sides of a case (if there is more than one) in an honest and fair way. She stressed her belief that the university newspaper should centre on news rather than on the community outside the campus "because the university is a microcosm of the world outside and what we do here is only magnified on a larger scale outside the university." Ron Yakimchuk disagreed strongly with Jackson's premise however saying that the university is simply not a true reflection of the community outside the

university. He said that in the past three years Don Scott, to simply read them aloud unless a particular candidate wanted to answer it.

One of the most frequently asked questions was one to Jackson asking her why she had never joined the paper. She said that she had given a higher priority to her work with the women's movement than the newspaper. She has been active in the Edmonton Abortion Coalition and Everywoman, a women's liberation group.

The candidates concluding remarks generally summed up what they had earlier said.

In his concluding summary Ross Harvey stressed the fact that for the past two or three years the paper has tried to help develop in students a social conscience an awareness of life outside the university community. "I know the paper hasn't been as good as we'd like to see it but we have honestly tried very hard to get it where it is today." Harvey said.

Sellout of SUB averted despite financial crisis

This article is intended as satire only. It should not be construed as anything other than vindictive fiction.

It appears unlikely that students' council will be accepting what has been termed "a highly lucrative deal" after all.

SU Vice - President - Elect (Administration and Administration) Gary Worst yesterday denied rumors that the incoming executive is seriously considering an offer by a large American firm to buy SUB.

A spokesman for the firm said that he was quite surprised by the executive's refusal to accept his company's offer. He said recent actions of the incoming executive had led him to believe that the executive wanted to unload all non-liquid assets. He said that his company intended to begin work on a large development west of Edmonton shortly, and needed a large co-ordinating center such as SUB would provide.

Worst said that the executive had originally been considering the deal. However, they were forced to drop it when they learned that they could not get a permanent lease to the SU for

the executive offices written into the terms of sale, in order to allow the SU to continue to carry out the important aspects of its role. However, he said that he was confident that the SU could make a bigger profit by selling piecemeal as the executive is now attempting to do anyway.

Vice President - Elect (Non-services) Beth Hunk said that in addition to budget cuts already approved by council the new executive is presently working on plans to shut down all the cans in SUB, in order to save plumbing repair. The savings will come to nearly two-thirds as much as the severance pay for the janitors who have been removing the graffiti from the washroom walls.

Worst said that the executive expected to realize more than \$3000 from the sale of the surplus plumbing facilities. When it was pointed out that this was more than had been paid for these facilities, Hunk replied, "Yes, but we've put a lot into them over the years."

by Harvey G. Thomgirt

The following is true. It occurred at last Monday's council meeting after the above satire was written.

Outgoing SU academic vice-president Dave Biltek moved that the SU sell the students' union building for the remaining mortgage payments. He said that two-thirds to three-quarters of the dues paid by the students to the SU goes to SUB debt retirement and it would be a much better and stronger SU if we could operate out of a few houses in Garneau.

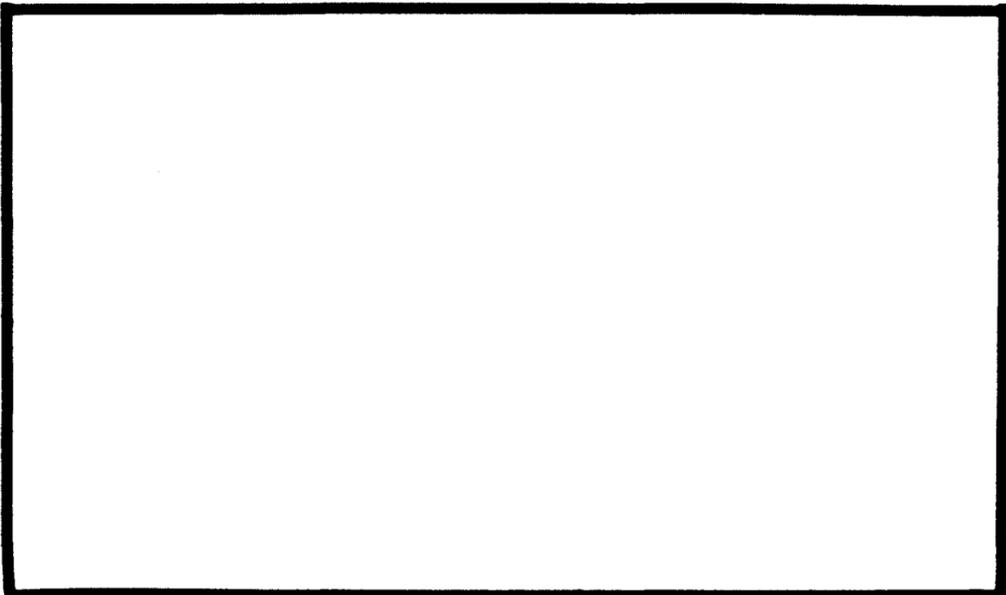
Biltek recommended that first refusal rights be given to Imperial Oil, but suggested that the only probable buyer for the

building would be the university. He said that the university had need of extra offices in the face of the current building freeze.

Biltek insisted that he was serious about the matter. He said that after selling building, the SU might rent back some offices space for continuing its operations.

He said that the building had originally cost 6 million dollars, but with interest payments on the mortgage, it will cost \$20 million.

by Bob Blair



Is this a picture of a stampeding herd of burros in Chile? Non photo by Or is it a herd of mules in SUB (executive offices)? Henri Pallard

HUBba HUBba

The dream of a Students' Union housing project which has been in the planning stages for at least three years will become a reality this fall.

Housing Union Building (HUB) the \$6 million brainchild of the past three students' councils will be ready for 75 per cent occupancy by the fall of 1972 and 100 percent ready by December.

The idea of an on-campus housing for students in an apartment style format originated in 1968 with a survey by the Students' Union Housing Commission under chairman Jim Humpheries. The survey asked students what type of accommodation they would prefer; ninety per cent of the 700 students surveyed opted for apartments.

Diamond and Meyers which was then completing the over-all planning for the university was selected to design the proposed building. The first proposal was finally accepted in December 1969 and the Students' Union Housing Commission under chairman Jim Humpheries began to look for financing.

Although Central Mortgage and Housing had earlier said that

\$10 million should be available for the project in university housing in 1970, by that December the economy has turned and all hope of federal housing died. Although the trust companies had advised the students' union to wait until money became less tight. The Housing commission went ahead, however, and commissioned the authorized drawings which committed the SU to a total investment of \$200,000.

After much negotiation with the provincial government the Union was eventually granted permission to borrow mortgage money directly. The Students' Union put up \$250,000 matched by the University. They obtained a 9 percent first mortgage over 30 years from the Royal trust with the university leasing the land to the Students' Union for \$1 a year.

"By 1971 we decided the project had been in limbo long enough and made up our minds to prod the university and Royal Trust by putting the project out to tender." Pool construction won the contract and construction began in September. Hub is located at

89 Ave. A pedestrian arcade with a glazed roof covers 112 St. The 23 shops and services are located along this arcade. The Students Union has guaranteed minimum of \$100,000 in rental fees already. The 30,000 sq. ft. of commercial floor space with rents 30 per cent higher than those just off campus will help to subsidize the apartments. The basic rent is \$5 per sq. ft. or a percentage of the sales whichever is greater.

The 419 units (207 - 1 man, 100 - 2 man and 112 - 4 man) with rents of \$90, 150 and 140 per month will house about 850 persons. They must be 95 percent occupied during the winter and 90 per cent in the summer to break even. All the units except the one-man already have a waiting list.

The three student lounges, open to all students will, it is hoped, soon become the focal point of campus and at the same time should help to take the pressure of the SUB lounge areas.

The Students Union does not hope to make money on HUB this year but should in about two years. Until then the people involved will be biting their fingernails.