

# Gateway editor elected WRCUP co-pres

by Susan Sutton

Suzette Chan, current news editor of the Gateway was elected co-president of Western Region Canadian University Press (WRCUP) at a conference held in Victoria last weekend.

Chan was co-editor of the *Summer Times* last year and was the Western region consulting committee rep to CUP since Christ-

mas. She is currently embroiled in a Gateway editor-in-chief election controversy.

The other co-president is Sheila Smail, of the *Capilano College Courier* in North Vancouver.

The volunteer position involves chairing WRCUP conferences and publishing a newsletter, among other things.

Paid WRCUP staff includes the

BC Bureau Chief, the Prairie Bureau Chief and the Prairie Fieldworker.

Karen Gram of the *Capilano Courier* is the new BC Bureau Chief and Richard Sandhurst of the University of Winnipeg *Uniter* won the Prairie Bureau Chief position.

One of last year's WRCUP co-president, Marge Cherry of the *Sheaf* at the University of Saskatchewan, was elected Prairie Field-

worker.

Two University of British Columbia staffers, took the two volunteer co-ordinating positions.

Ubysey's Robert Benyon is the new Human Rights Co-ordinator while Debbie Lo is WRCUP's first Honesty in Journalism co-ordinator. The post was created at the CUP national conference at Christmas in response to various ultra-conserv-

ative, off-campus funded papers which have recently appeared on campuses across Canada.

In other business, WRCUP passed a stand-pat budget of just over \$16,000 and discusses planning the 50th anniversary celebrations of CUP. CUP's 50th national conference takes place in Winnipeg in 1987.

## Groups under scrutiny

**ST JOHN'S(CUP)** — Student council at Memorial University is considering banning groups who perform racist, sexist or homophobic material from appearing at sponsored events following an objectionable performance by a local duo.

Fabian James and Bob Lambert, a St. John's group, made several disparaging comments about "fags" and "queers" in the audience. They were the opening act for The Parachute Club, a Toronto group whose songs are about sexual equality and human rights.

"The choice of the group was inappropriate," said Anne Jackman, vice-president academic. "There was no excuse for it — we knew what to expect."

But Danny Crummel, vice-president executive and responsible for entertainment, said "(the group) discriminates against everyone equally — blacks, Jews, homosexuals. They're abusive and don't hide it. It's good natured fun; they don't mean it."

Concert-goers said Lambert and James directed their off-colour comments almost exclusively at women and gay men.

Gary Nofall, council arts representative, said the group was "universally enjoyed, even if they were crude and rude."

But Jackman said: "A lot of people found them offensive. Putting a group on stage just because people enjoy them is not an excuse."

"If we put strippers on stage, people might enjoy that too, but we're not going to do that. You have to have responsibility for this sort of thing."

Jackman moved to bar Lambert and James from performing at Memorial but the motion was defeated. Another motion to prevent any group from playing at the university if they performed dis-

criminatory material was presented, but it was tabled pending the report from the entertainment committee, which is drawing up guidelines to define sexism, racism, and homophobia.

## Women protest sentence

**HAMILTON(CUP)** — More than one hundred women recently protested the handing down of a light sentence to a man who raped a woman because the judge felt her profession was "to provoke lust".

Ontario supreme court judge John Bowlby, who has been on the bench for less than a year, sentenced Robert McNab Wright, 30, to two years less a day in the reformatory for sexually assaulting Angelique Kennedy.

In his sentencing, Bowlby described Kennedy as belonging to "a rather particular class of dancers, or a particular class of women."

"Her profession is to promote lust...to arouse sexual feeling in men," he said. Kennedy is a dancer in a local bar.

The protest, organized by the Hamilton Rape Crisis Centre, drew

120 women from all classes, protesting the judge's statements.

Protestor Judy Harringa said the justice system is stacked in favour of the rapist, especially when women work in professions which "provoke lust".

"Bowlby gave the weakest sentence he could," she said. "The police standing by (Wright) were facing the courtroom protecting him. When the verdict was announced, I thought someone might do something."

Harringa said the protest was a success. "People were angry and indignant. I've never participated in anything where people felt so strongly."

A petition circulated during the demonstration called for Bowlby's resignation and denounced the idea of "two class womanhood."

## Gateway meeting

All Gateway staff and volunteers are asked to attend a much important meeting **Feb. 28, 4 p.m., 282 SUB** to fill vacancies on the Media Selection Committee and other pressing business. Like a roundtable discussion on Carl Sagan versus Prince — who is the sexiest man in the world.

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