

The Gateway

Member of the Canadian University Press

Editor-in-Chief - - - Don Sellar

Managing Editor Bill Miller

News Editor Al Bromling
Asst. News Editor, Helene Chomiak
Sports Editor Bryan Campbell

Associate Editor Doug Walker

Page Five Linda Strand
Fine Arts Editor John Thompson
Photo Editor George Yackulic

EDITORIAL: CUP Dateline Editor: Ginger Bradley. Desk: Jim Rennie. Cartoonists: Dale Drever, Peter Bassek. Production Manager: Joe Will. Office Manager: Peter Enns. Editorial Board: Don Sellar, Doug Walker, Bruce Ferrier, Bill Miller, Linda Strand. Editorial Assistant: Carole Kaye. Librarian: Lois Berry.

STAFF THIS ISSUE—There was a rumor drifting around the office Sunday that one of our two engineering staffers snores—and it's not the squaw. Those who heard the rumor and worked hard anyway were Ralph Melnychuk, Lorraine Minich, Gloria Skuba, Sheila (one 'L') Ballard, Andy Rodger, Richard Vivone, Marion Conybeare, Bill Beard, Jackie Foord, Marilyn Fix, Mary Lou Taylor, John Westmore, Jim MacLaren, Ben Grimm, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

The Gateway is published twice weekly by the students' union of the University of Alberta. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for all material published herein. Final copy deadline (including short short items): for Wednesday edition—7 p.m. Sunday: advertising—4:30 p.m. Thursday; for Friday edition—7 p.m. Tuesday, advertising—4:30 p.m. Monday. Advertising Manager: Alex Hardy. Office phone—433-1155. Circulation—8,300. Authorized as second-class mail by the Post Office Department, Ottawa, and for payment of postage in cash. Postage paid at Edmonton.

PAGE FOUR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1965

undermining authority

The effectiveness of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board has been severely reduced by the actions of a university administrative official.

A student summonsed before the board was told to ignore the proceedings by university provost A. A. Ryan.

Subsequently the student was quite correctly found innocent, but was fined five dollars for his initial non-appearance. There is some doubt, though, that it will ever be possible to collect the fine.

We are not concerned, however, with the verdict in this case, but with the fact that a legitimate student disciplinary proceeding can be bypassed at the discretion of a member of the administration. This raises the fear that other equally serious and equally legitimate student activities, perhaps even council meetings, could be just as easily bypassed. The DIE Board, remember, is an official students' union committee.

a project gone astray

Married students at the University of Alberta have proven their need for university-sponsored housing. Last year, the Students' Wives Club formed an effective sub-committee which conducted surveys among married students, and proved the need. Their project received a great deal of motivation from former housing director, George M. Tauzer; and was approved in principle by the provincial cabinet last summer.

But Mr. Tauzer has left this university, and with him may have gone the dream of married student housing. Married students are now finding out that approval in principle does not a housing project make. Their housing project is now stalled, stalled by the persons whose job it is to convert ideas into building at this university. The planners, who readily admit they are three years behind in providing buildings for our sprawling campus, are more concerned with other, larger projects.

University officials admit the married housing scheme has stalled, and can give no concrete indication as to when the project will proceed. No administration official, it seems, is willing to divulge details concerning the project, even when the infor-

For the effective functioning of student government on this campus, it is essential that students have the full power to administer their own affairs, including student discipline. Any student feeling he has a legitimate cause for complaint should be able to have his complaint heard by students. At the very least, any administrative action should come after the hearing.

Student government at the University of Alberta has frequently proven itself competent and responsible in administering its own affairs. The DIE board's action in this case illustrates this once again. Students have for the most part enjoyed a large degree of autonomy, and relations with the administration have generally been harmonious.

If, however, administrative officials act in ways tantamount to undermining the authority of student government instead of asserting and reinforcing its autonomy, these relations could easily deteriorate.

mation should be forthcoming from their offices. Housing directors and campus planning officials are the persons who should know something about married student housing, but they claim they do not.

Moreover, these officials cite a disagreement about the building's size as the major reason for their delay, and yet they can show no evidence that anything is being done to resolve the dispute and allow construction to proceed. The final result of all this buck-passing is fear expressed by officials of the Students' Wives Club that their project is in jeopardy.

The students' wives have a right to express their concern this strongly, particularly when they have not been consulted in a dispute which involves a building for which they have fought so hard. The communication breakdown and red tape which have characterized this project since July must be corrected immediately, before the principle involved is forgotten. That principle is simple: married students at this institution require university-sponsored housing. Surely it is not too much to ask all parties concerned with the project to sit down and resolve their dispute before they forget this principle.



just a friendly game of roulette

help wanted

—by don sellar

From our windows in Room 209, Students' Union Building, we have been viewing with interest the frenzied activities of Poole Construction Co. Ltd. crews, as they prepare the site for our new six-million-dollar home across the street.

Last week, two Caterpillar tractors scraped up 6,000 yards of topsoil, snow and clay from the land across the street and dumped this material into trucks at a steady rate of 12 yards per truckload. The ensuing 500 truckloads were then hauled from view, presumably never to be seen again.

Our first class supervisory consultant, Jim MacLaren, drove the boys hard last week from his perch in front of The Gateway office's west window. Jim's main job, however, has nothing to do with clearing the site. Indeed, the part time student, part time Gateway photographer holds as his main responsibility these days the construction of new SUB's needle tower, despite what any Poole Construction Co. Ltd. foreman might tell you.

Jim tells me he has been evaluating the work done by our two "cat-skinners" across the street during the past week. One of them, more commonly known as Red Cap, is nothing less than a crackerjack cat-skinner. He operates his yellow monster with the verve and polish of a real professional. Unfortunately for the new SUB, his partner on the second Caterpillar, known around the office as Bare Head, is strictly a union man. Jim claims Red Cap could clear more dirt in an hour than Bare Head could in a day.

Incidentally, Jim's first job on the new building involved Franki. No, Franki is not a luscious redhead, or even a ravishing brunette. Franki is a large, rawboned, kind of rusty

pile driver. She's been sitting on one corner of the lot for several days now, waiting for someone to put her to work. Jim, a married man, even blushed when workmen put plywood skirts around her bulky midriff.

Holding down his second class supervisory consultant's position at the second window is secretary-treasurer Eric Hayne. Eric, a strong union man and hard-headed business type, is well known for his contributions to the arts on campus. This is probably why he is in charge of our new 750-seat theatre, which will rise almost directly in front of his window, on the building's east side.

Bill Miller, former UAB president, Trail Daily Times women's editor and currently our managing editor, plus yours truly, jointly hold the third-class supervisory consultant's position. Just what our specific duties are has not yet been made clear, but we're going ahead with them anyway. If someone would pay us a salary, I guess we could say we hold a joint sinecure.

Which brings us to the last position on the supervisory staff: supervisory consultant fourth class. The reason there has to be such a person is because The Gateway office has four windows, and the third-class position must be jointly held, for some obscure reason.

The qualifications, you ask? Any third-generation U of A student or better, white, anglo-saxon protestant has a chance, as long as he or she is bigotted, doesn't smoke, drink, collect hockey cards or vote. This person must have a keen eye, an inquiring nature and the ability to sit at his window for interminable periods.

We welcome your application. This is a chance to serve a worthy cause for the next eighteen months.