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Gateway goes daily in January

by Nanker Phledge

Beginning January 2, 1975, *The Gateway* will become Edmonton's second daily newspaper.

This announcement was made today by Bernie Fritze, editor-in-chief of *The Gateway* after disclosing that the entire North Hill News off-set printing presses were purchased by the Students' Union. North Hill presently has the contract to print *Gateway* on a bi-weekly basis but as of January, that contract will be null and void.

"There has always existed a need for another responsible newspaper in the Edmonton urban area, and by acquiring the presses, we have all the necessary resources and manpower to capitalize on the market," stated Mr. Fritze.

"Optimistically, we should be able to take half the Journal's market away from them and pay our own way," added Lorne Holladay, *Gateway's* advertising manager.

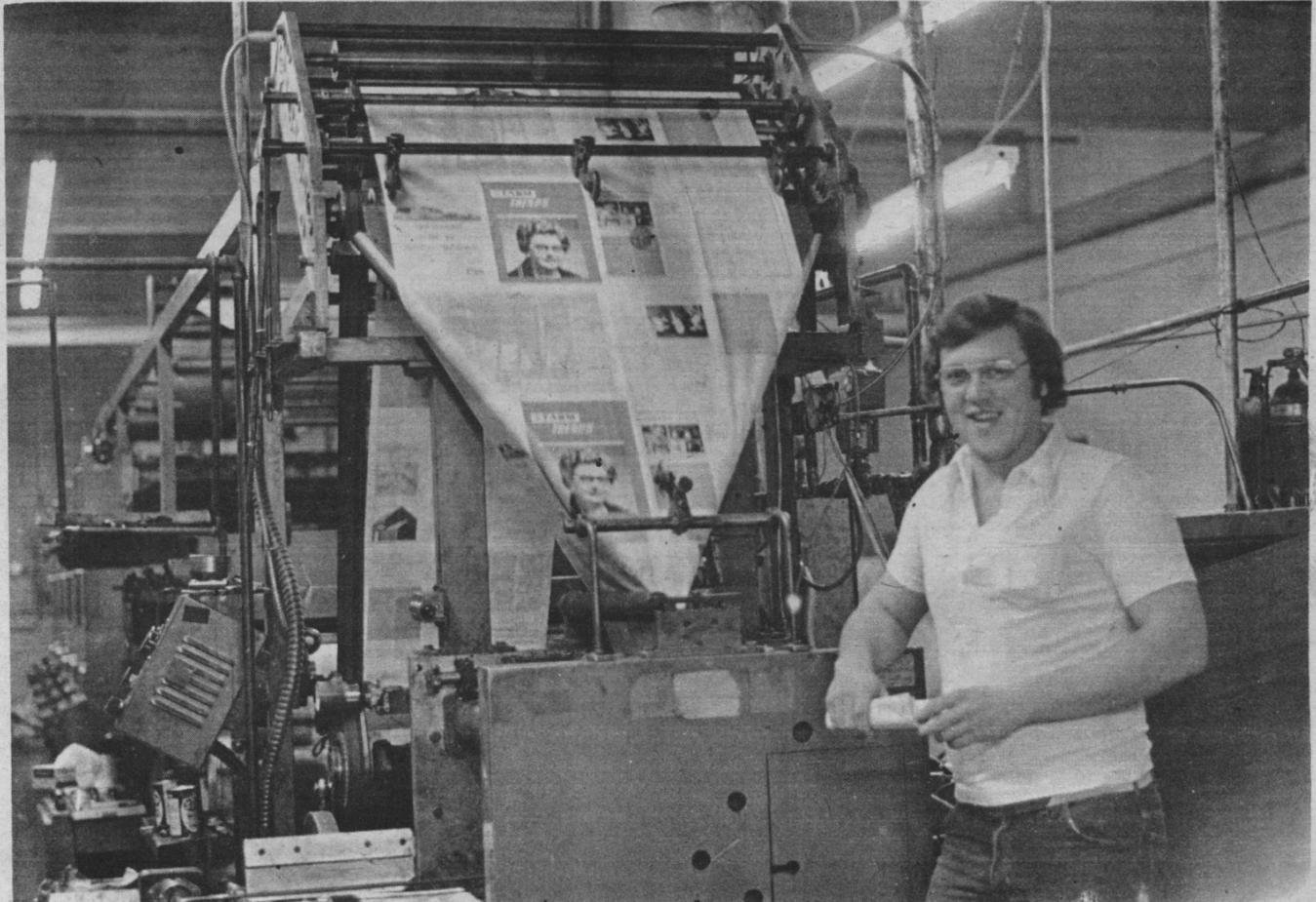
A special meeting of Students' Council has been called to ratify the increases in *Gateway's* budget to compensate for the large cash expenditure needed to expand the current operation. Mr. Fritze estimated that between \$350,000 and \$425,000 would be needed initially to begin production.

"This money will allow us to pay salaries, make down payments on equipment, and finance the renovations needed for our building expansion," he said.

Managerial approval of the transaction was given by Gene Nichol, finance manager of the SU after the fine details and arrangements were studied and completed.

"This represents the biggest single venture in the history for *The Gateway* and is part of the Students' Union general plan to alleviate the loss of revenues caused by the HUB complex. I'm very confident it will work, the finance manager stated.

Although the original press runs will only be 100,000 copies per run, the long range plans call for a total Western Canada distribution schedule.



Gateway editor-in-Chief Bernie Fritze stands proudly before the newly acquired presses after signing the contract to purchase the equipment for \$ 250,000.

U of A purchases MSRTV tanks

In an emergency session last night, Board of Governors decided to take immediate action against any further outbreaks of violence such as occurred yesterday. The disturbance resulted in the overturning of one of Cliff's Towing vehicles as it was attempting to remove an illegally parked car behind the Students' Union Building.

Cliff's, which has a contract with the University to Provide this service, has since refused to come on campus unless some protection for its property can be assured.

Board of Governors, consequently decided to negotiate the purchase of its own vehicle to handle parking infractions.

The favoured vehicle is a vintage Sherman Tank that will be modified for towing and ploughing purposes. Expected to cost \$14,000 (a new tow truck costs \$19,000) the vehicle has a significant number of advantages over its conventional counterpart.

Because of the weight (24 tons), it is impossible to overturn. The Multi-purpose Short Range Tracked Vehicle

can operate in tight corners which is where most parking violations occur. Tow trucks have difficulty in this area because of wide turning radius.

The vehicle can also be used for snow ploughing purposes and Board of Governors considers this as an important asset. The B of G has always been irritated because the City Engineer's Department, which normally does snow ploughing, leaves large areas untouched because of vehicle obstruction. The Board, equipped with the MSRTV, intends to 'get tough' and simply plow where it is supposed to plough regardless of obstructions. Exemptions may be made only for city buses and ambulances.

Lastly, refitting is expected to cost nothing. The Engineering Department is expected to be able to fit a towing derrick and plow to the vehicle at cost. In addition, the vehicle is already painted a dingy, unpleasant green which coincidentally is the background colour for the U of A, and two gallons of yellow paint will finish the trim.

A spokesman for Board of Governors added that the vehicle, because of its size and shape will keep opposition to a minimum in further parking confrontations. When asked about the designation MSRTV, he added that it was to conform to the university's practice of labelling everything in initials. Besides, he added, "how would it sound if it got out that we had purchased a tank?"

by Michael MacNeil

Rats not diseased but large

by Cathy Zlatnik

Manager of the Lister Hall complex, James R. Tyco, has stated residents need not be concerned about rats in the basement of Kelsey Hall.

"Although they (the rats) are unusually large, they are not carrying any disease," Tyco claims, "All efforts are being made to get rid of them."

Apparently, the rats were first discovered three weeks ago when Mrs. Joyce Kirkens, kitchen assistant, went to the basement storeroom for supplies.

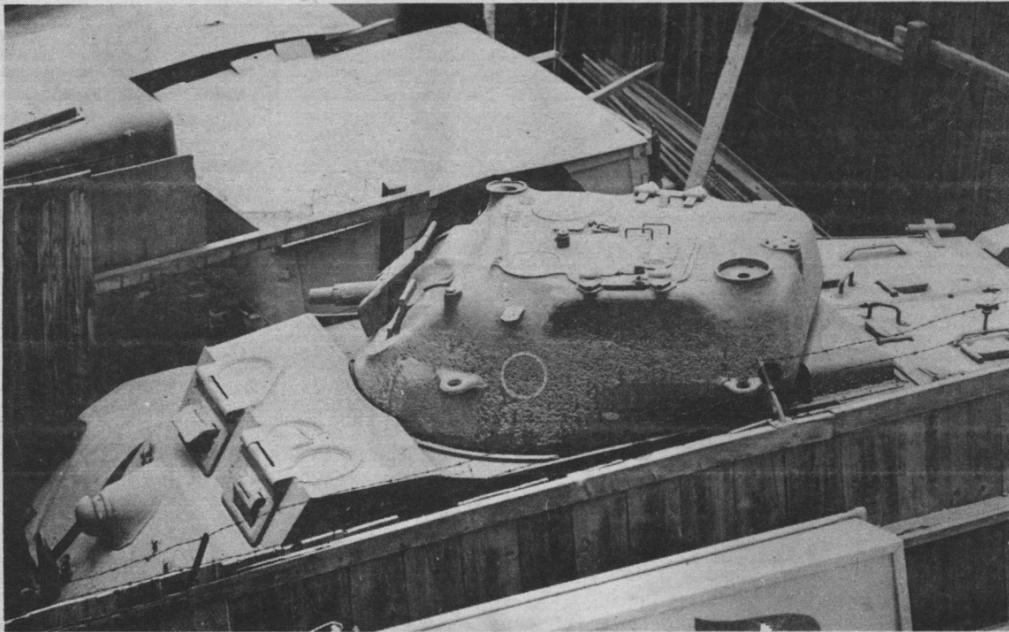
"I was reaching for a bag of flour when I felt something touch my leg. At first I just thought it was the janitor being fresh again," said Mrs. Kirkens, "but when I looked behind me there were three gigantic rats just sitting there, staring at me. I don't know if there were any more; I turned around and ran."

A further statement from Mrs. Kirkens is unavailable as she is now in isolation at the University Hospital.

Some students have had confrontations with the rats in their rooms and other areas during the past week.

"They're getting bolder," says an unidentified student, "Now they'll come to the cafeteria and eat right off your plate when you're sitting there. I

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SU's new MSRTV in parking stall