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For several years it has been a tradition on this university that the Gateway staff elect their own chief editor, the student council usually ratifies this election as a matter of course. This year, student council has seen fit to overrule the judgement of the staff and railroad an editor of their own choosing into the position. Since the Gateway has always prided themselves on running a newspaper on a democratic and co-operative basis, with each member of the staff having a vote in every policy decision, we feel that we have the right to elect our own editor. With this in mind the staff at a recent meeting decided to oppose any move on council's part to elect their own candidate whom we feel has no relevant experience in running a student newspaper and holds such biased and reactionary views about the Gateway that she can do nothing except turn the Gateway into a sop sheet for council on the level of a high school administration rag.

The Gateway is on strike and will remain that way until our own elected editor is ratified by council. We call for strong vigourous support from you the students.

Rick Grant,
Feature editor (on strike)

As a volunteer staffer of the Gateway I feel it an outrage that the Personnel Board who, by their actions tonight have proved that they know nothing of the qualifications which the Gateway editor must possess, should transgress the opinion of the Gateway staff by recommending Terri Jackson for next year's editor.

Because of their action I consider that the only course of action left open to us is to STRIKE.

Colette Forest

Dear Ron,

In the light of council's action last night, I feel that I can no longer continue in my capacity as sports editor.

I have the utmost respect for your abilities, and my decision comes because of the selection of what I consider to be an incompetent for the position of Gateway editor.

I am appalled at the idea of council making a decision strictly on a revenge motive rather than on qualifications. Their actions can only be considered as petty and childish, something I had not really expected from them.

It's a case of council stabbing themselves in the groin in order to get rid of a thorn in their side, and it's pretty frightening.

I will return to my desk when and if council condescends to consider the opinion, as reflected in the Gateway staff vote, of those closest to this paper.

Ron Ternoway

All hail ye true believers there has arisen anew the flame of suppression passed from faltering hands to the true north. Think I therefore to pursue it here and pay homage. Long live our new potentate, crusher of rabbleous men and foaming priests, Ms. M. Jackson. Long may I meditate upon her righteousness from behind a picket line, so that her strong mind does not disembowell my meager voice.

Jim Selby

The Gateway staff, all of whom are in contact with what goes on around this office, chose Ron Yakimchuk to succeed Bob Beal as Gateway editor. Ron has worked for the paper for seven years. I'd like to know what kind of council can ignore seven years' experience and choose someone who hasn't a clue about this paper.

Any time a group of people who know nothing about the hassles involved in putting out the Gateway can sit down and make an asinine decision like this one, it's time to strike. And GFC can hold meetings in their hermetically sealed council chamber until hell freezes over.

Michelle Quesnel

Okay, folks. They went and did it. Blitek and his lackies have decided that they can't have the Gateway around to criticize their power tripping next year so they've decided to head us off at the impasse. But I've put in too much work on this rag for the past two years; I've stayed up too many nights; I've hassled with too much copy that won't fit; I've put too much into this paper to allow a bunch of hack student politicians to come in and tell me and my colleagues that we don't have enough intelligence to choose our own editor. So this is Your Friendly - but - pissed - off Arts Editor signing off with a plea that you support us in our struggle.

Ross Harvey

All year long the Gateway has been subjected to hassles and indignities by students' council in general and the executive in particular; however, this Valentine's Day outrage takes the cake. I object most strenuously to council's action on two fronts: firstly, Ms. Jackson has no experience whatsoever with Gateway and thus cannot possibly be able to cope with the many problems associated with trying to publish a 12- or 16-page paper twice a week; and secondly and more importantly, it is not council's business to overrule the decision of the Gateway staff as to who should be next year's editor (especially in view of the fact that Ms. Jackson got no support whatsoever from the staff). I refuse to have anything more to do with Gateway until this grave injustice has been corrected and Ron Yakimchuk has been installed as Gateway editor for 1972-73.

Dave McCurdy

You see, people, for me it transcends "freedom of the press", it even transcends "democracy", and has nothing whatever, necessarily, to do with "socialism", though you will no doubt be hearing a lot about those ideas in connection with our action in the next little while. For me the terms that fit are more like "existentialism" (for those of you who know what I mean by that) or "humanism". I despair of making you understand, because you haven't lived here and haven't experienced what I have experienced. All I can say is THE GATEWAY is a glorious affirmation of many things nice and beautiful, things that certain powers are apparently attempting to negate. And anyone was, and is, welcome to join our happy little throng – but alas, many have seen fit only to be skeptical. It is a simple case: if someone tries to step on a pretty flower or smash a violin or yell obscenities during a Bach concerto, you, out of your humanity, will try to stand in their way. Thank you and farewell – until the forces of evil are overcome and the sunset of beauty, truth and goodness dawns once again!

Jim Dunlap

The editor of THE GATEWAY should be chosen by the staff of THE GATEWAY because the staff are the most qualified to decide who has the necessary abilities to be editor.

I don't believe that Mz. Jackson has shown the necessary characteristics to be next year's GATEWAY editor. She has not demonstrated possession of those much neede qualities of sympathy and understanding so needed to work with a bunch of paranoid staffers who are tired of being told what a lousy job they are doing and who would rather have someone come and help them. (But then she said she wouldn't want to work with us anyhow. So much for the old university saying of get involved with the group of your choice, but GET involved.)

I also object to someone coming in from the outside to "show" us "how" a paper should be put together. I admit that THE GATEWAY has not been perfect. But if Mz. Jackson would have come down from her high horse and would have given us the benefit of her many years of experience with newspapers, maybe THE GATEWAY would have been a better paper this year. However, then she would not have been able to impress personel board on how THE GATEWAY could be magically transformed into a better paper, and she would not have been named the new editor.

Henri R. Pallard

I'm striking because a "student" council motivated solely by their own interests have chosen to set up a puppet editor, being unable to face the contingency of honest publicity. Also because I like to strike.

Ken Brown
The Village Idiot

The announcement that the Students' Union executive saw fit to ignore the considered choice of the GATEWAY staff regarding next year's editor came as a shock to reason. After the visceral impact of the outrage had subsided, I gasped to think that our S.U. executive had stooped as low as to select their own editorial machine overRon Yakimchuk. I can only hope this piss-off is immediately dealt with.

Dave Bird

This may be the last thing I write f

I have enjoyed the time pent w newspaper. This paper has a long of bein student newspapers in the cou d I am worked on it. It has been a go er beca consistant in acquiring students ork on few months or a year, but for a r of ye may lose all continuity.

I came to the Gateway on half ye writing silly little news stories th of the take. I had had wide experience her stu with other media, and I soon ged co Gateway staff, to write longer, mo ant stor

At about this time last year, eway st their choice for editor. After so y the S ratified the staff's choice.

I don't know why the Gate ff elec they wanted "new blood" in the y. Perh some of my innovative, though versial operation of this paper would ac work. T elected me.

We started this year face a seri experienced staff. Many of our o ff left t year. As well, we were faced e impo production system which played with o first couple of months.

However, we found our new Lost, ali students wandered into this office eptemb of hard work, turned into f ompete production workers. As well, the producti the Students' Union approximately 00.

We made many mistakes this We by n campus news completely and we provide t as much information as we would ed. Son glaring, stupid mistakes. However, rned fr and each of this year's Gateway se be bet

We felt we were workin ards c responsible, comprehensive stude paper. paper would progress next year on e we ha

But tonite our publishers ted rep they don't want us any more. T 't care we've done trying to make this better care about the money we've save r own of theirs) or about the possibilities reated.

These people don't want us becau our duty to criticize them—to atte present what they were doing.

I used to think it was possi rational Students' Council at this university ght tha mightn't agree with us, they wou east sho concern for what we were trying to e.

I learned too late that this st council the executive of this council are ncerned

During our earlier dispute e coun issue) I pleaded with the counc o come examine what we were doing, an to the s made a decision. Only four of the ncillors- Howard Christensen, Wend Yurchu Slatter—bothered to accept the inv

Ron Yakimchuk, not Terri n, is editor of the Gateway.

Ron is the new editor becaus s demo by a volunteer student staff whic en to e this campus. He was not chosen by l group who are only interested in their careers about creating a free, responsible st paper.

Students' Council tonite told f of thi whom they have never even me t our o worthwhile. They neglected our of view workers. Council believes it is u em, the so-called elected representitives, to e work They keep trying to tell this to er stude Students' Union programs.

If council succeeds in staffi paper particular group of people, it will the firs Executive has placed puppets in p positio the last if the present Executive me are re-el

Council's choice for editor, kson, to staff she thought I "had potent a news reluctant to acknowledge this co nt from could not remember anything I itten o judgement could be based a ose o competance I have no way of j Jackso council a list of publications up ch she worked. Neither Students' Coun myself anything she has written apart from r to Th

I was looking forward to writ traditi the new editor, Yakimchuk, whom ely sup ratified since he is obviously qualifi compet to say he is the only Gateway staff has bee as long as Harvey G. Thomgirt, th new eve Gateway's production, that he was y perso and that his liberal politics could be et to the

I guess Students' Council and Biltek, wisdom, are not going to let me w t story. the students, whom this paper sedly s support us in our fight agains oppresi unfortunately elected last year.

Bob Beal