

# Gateway considers legal action against Grind

by Olga Jagodnik

An editorial containing a personal attack on Gateway editor-in-chief Gilbert Bouchard published in the *Grind* newsletter yesterday has Gateway staff in an uproar.

The editorial by *Grind* editor Mike Hunter calls Bouchard "self-serving and self-righteous" and says, "your journalistic integrity is matched only by your intelligence—which is to say, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY." It ends with a warning: that U of A students "don't need that sort of crap."

Bouchard said that he "will not stoop to the level of the *Grind*, by counter-attacking Hunter." He said he does not understand Hunter's comments since "I have never mentioned his name in print. If the *Grind* wants to be competition to the Gateway it will have to clean up its act. Personal attacks don't do anything for the *Grind*'s credibility and if they persist we will consider legal action."

Students' Union Business Manager Tom Wright says that he believes Hunter's attacks are "personal" and that he wishes "the two papers could exist without this nitpicking." He adds that these comments "don't have any journal-

## New centre

by John Watson

One of the U of A's more recent projects is a centre dealing with the interests and concerns of the aged.

A little over 20 months old, the centre for Gerontology defines its objectives as research, education, and service.

Although the centres current activities are limited, many may be of interest.

One idea which, if developed, should become successful is the mentor program whereby remedial classes could be run by retired professors.

Though the program is still just an idea, with overworked instructors and increasing class sizes, it seems like a good one.

The centre also runs the U-age colloquium lecture series. An ongoing series dealing with new developments to old problems concerning the aged.

The most recent lecture was delivered by Dr. Tom Nelson, Chairman of the Board of the centre, and dealt with a board game of Dr. Nelson's invention.

"Angels and Devils" was developed to "promote communication between staff and patients" in nursing homes; and appears to be a success.

The centre, located in 6-12 Humanities, currently only has funding to operate on a restricted schedule, 12:30 -4:30 weekdays.

## Tupper in

by Susan Sutton

The Department of Political Science has a new chairman.

Dr. Allan Tupper was appointed to the position recently. He begins his five year term on July 1, 1985.

Tupper has been with the department since July of 1976. He will continue teaching and doing research while in office.

His position involves providing leadership in the department's two basic areas of activity, teaching and research.

"I will be responsible for the general intellectual life of the department, as well as maintaining the quality of teaching and research. We will be meeting obligations to students and the wider community," he said. "We'll try to do an even better job at what we're doing now, and strengthen the department. I don't think there are any major changes that I have in mind."

istic integrity; they're a slap in the face, and that the two papers should stop this petty bickering." Having two papers at U of A could be healthy for both of them, if only competition could be allowed, he said.

Last week, the *Grind* published a letter written by Maria Shultz in which Shultz questioned Gateway editorial staff salaries and work ethics. Saying that the staff were paid \$1,200 each per month and seldom worked, amounted to being paid \$1 per word published.

Staff are paid from \$250 per month depending on whether they share their department's salary with another editor, to \$800 per month for the editor-in-chief.

## Student paper seized

**VICTORIA (CUP)** The University of Victoria student council has seized control of its student newspaper's finances, saying it is financially irresponsible at a time when the newspaper actually costs students less money than it ever has before.

Though the *Martlet* has gone over its budget by some \$12,000 the staff thinks it has operated efficiently and in a financially sound manner.

This year the *Martlet* was granted a \$30,000 subsidy by council, \$3,000 more than last year. In the interim however, the *Martlet* was given control of council's production shop, which racked up a loss in excess of \$25,000 last year.

In effect, the *Martlet* has saved more than \$10,000 in student money, but council has stepped in and demanded salary cuts and a substantially higher advertisement to copy ratio.

Council says it wants only to make financial, not editorial, decisions, but *Martlet* co-editor Mike O'Brien says council interference in the newspaper's day-to-day affairs amounts to a breach of editorial autonomy.

Council faces revenue shortfalls and is taking the hatchet to several campus groups, including the *Martlet*.

"We have to protect our finan-

Bouchard said he spends between 50 to 60 hours weekly on the paper and working often until three o'clock on Monday and Wednesday mornings doing layout. All editorial staff are required to do the same.

Responding to the student's letter about whether Gateway reaches the number of students that the *Grind* and CJSR do, Bouchard says that it's like comparing "apples and orange," but that past polls taken of Gateway readership indicate that at least 90 per cent of students read the paper regularly.

Gord Stamp, Students' Union VP Internal agrees with Bouchard's salary figures and says that students union salaries, also misquoted in

Schulz's letter, are not around \$1200, but were reduced to \$1050 a year ago.

Mike Hunter, in an interview after last week's publication of the *Grind*, said that he had "no idea what their (Gateway staff) salaries and don't care. We aren't a current events newspaper and that letter wasn't intended as such. It was written by a student who had a beef with Gateway and we printed it," he said.

Hunter said also that the Gateway can respond to that letter rea-

sonably, rationally, and maturely, by sending us a letter of their own. Let people judge for themselves. People have to understand that I won't print outright lies, but a letter is a letter."

"I've been prejudged, not misjudged," said Hunter. "Nobody has talked to me to find out what my policies are. Maybe people would understand that if they took the time to find out, they'd see that we do have integrity—we are not a one-sided paper."

## Computer awareness

by Susan Sutton

The computer age has been upon us for some time now, but there is still a large portion of the population which has little or no knowledge of how computers work.

The Department of Computing Science is inviting students, parents, and teachers, as well as computer enthusiasts, to attend an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The purpose of the Open House is to promote awareness of computers and of the computing science department.

The Open House will include demonstrations of computer graphics, PLATO educational terminals, IBM personal computers and Apple Macintosh machines.

Tours of the Amdahl 5860 mainframe will be given. The mainframe occupies two floors of the General Services Building, and can service

over 500 users at the same time.

There will also be displays of computer hardware and micro-computers, machine room tours, and instructional demonstrations.

Discussions of the computing science program will be held so that prospective students will have a better understanding of the many interesting areas of study. Job opportunities and the direction the field is taking will also be examined.

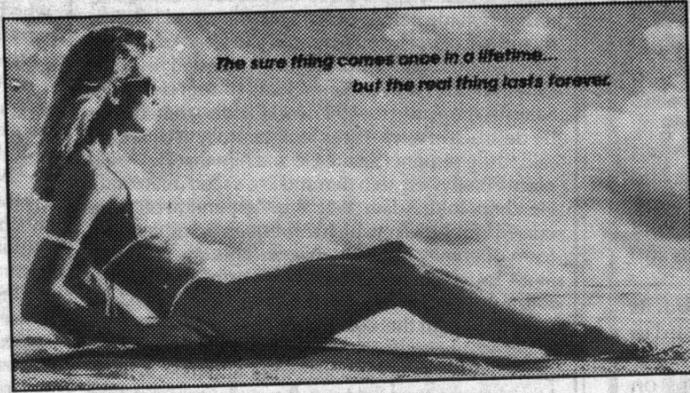
In addition, several guest lecturers will be discussing computing science topics at both introductory and advanced levels.

Information on the computing science club will be available for those interested in joining.

The Open House will be from ten a.m. to four p.m., Saturday Feb. 23, on the 2nd and 6th floors of the General Services Building.

by Hans Beckers

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