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STAFF THIS BLOODY ISSUE—Well, the managing editor's awful secret is laid bare on page one today. Staffers who knew what the secret was Sunday were Bill Beard, Marcia Reed, Bev Gietz, Shirley Neuman, Bob Mumford, Nick Riebeck, Lorraine Allison, Lorraine Minich, Ekkehard Kottke, Ralph Melnychuk, Sheila Ballard, Andy Rodger, Penny Hynam, Richard Vivone (fresh off the plane from Sudbury), and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirl.

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where will it all end?

A third year arts student has been summoned to appear today before the Deans' Council to "explain" a letter which appeared under his name in The Gateway last Wednesday.

Inherent in this invitation is the suggestion that Mr. Ronald C. McMahon is being exposed to rank intimidation by the person or persons summoning him to appear.

Mr. McMahon, in his letter, dared to be critical of university provost A. A. Ryan's actions in the recent squabble over discipline in university-operated residences. He was not making a personal attack on the provost.

We are appalled that anyone writing a letter published in any newspaper should be subjected to the kind of inherent intimidation which Mr. McMahon has already faced.

This, to our knowledge, is the first time a Gateway letter-writer has been persecuted for holding an opinion which in no way libelled or defamed anyone.

If the Deans' Council is merely discussing the residence discipline system today, as has been claimed, then why has Mr. Branny Schepanovich, former Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board chairman, not been invited as well? Why has no inquiry been made with the paper's editor to determine whether Mr. McMahon in fact wrote the letter under which his signature appeared last week, or, for that matter, when he wrote it?

After all, Mr. Schepanovich was directly involved in the residence disciplinary dispute, while Mr. McMahon was merely an observer. And after all, a newspaper editor takes full responsibility for all material published in his newspaper—including all letters.

We suspect that Mr. McMahon is not being called upon to discuss a

the best of luck

Students at the University of Alberta have chosen a second year law student, Branny Schepanovich, as their spokesman for the coming year. The wisdom of their choice will only be known next spring, when Mr. Schepanovich's performance in office can be evaluated.

The new president has pledged himself to work unceasingly for the cause of student autonomy and responsibility on this campus. He has also promised to put forward the students' point of view at all public and governmental levels.

university problem. In fact, indications are that Mr. McMahon is in very serious trouble—and for no justifiable reason.

The McMahon case is just another in a long series of childish disputes between students and the university administration.

Another notable example this year was the dispute over the Student Union for Peace Action's right to disseminate literature on the Vietnam war in teaching buildings. In that hassle, students openly attacked Provost Ryan for the administration's inflexibility over interpretation of the old "no canvassing, no soliciting" rule. Meanwhile, in Calgary, SUPA students were operating an identical booth under an identical Board of Governors regulation.

When will nitpicking disputes end on our campus? When will Provost Ryan and the persons for whom he speaks realize that students are not pitting themselves against the administration merely to foster further conflict, but rather to express legitimate points of view?

The implications of this type of administration-student trouble are not difficult to foresee, for Berkeleys are born when communication within a university community breaks down.

Berkeleys are nurtured when administrative officials begin to lose touch with student aspirations and shows this in the inflexible and humorless ways in which they deal with students.

Berkeleys involve free speech too.

Obviously, students do not want to make a Berkeley out of this campus, but we can see all around us the elements which go to make up a Berkeley.

Students will not be the ones to act as catalysts in such a situation, but inflexible, humorless administrators will.

Perhaps the best indication of his commitment is the fact that Mr. Schepanovich has probably sacrificed a year of law studies in order to accept his new position.

But commitment from one man is not enough. The other executive members, the new Students' Council and the other persons who will serve the Students' Union in any capacity during the next year must show similar dedication and make similar sacrifices if progress in student affairs is to be made.

We wish them all the best of luck in the tasks which lie ahead.



"In letting you go, we hope you understand that it's not that we didn't appreciate your lectures on the development of sex in the American novel, . . . uh . . . it's just that we had hoped you might have made it a little less interesting."

—reprinted from the martlet

a woman in the white house

by don sellar

Now that the Students' Union presidency has been decided for another year, it is time for party hacks to begin looking for new causes which need supporting.

I suggest that Mrs. Yetta Bronstein's cause would be an excellent diversion for university students in the next year and a half or so.

Who is Mrs. Yetta Bronstein and what is her cause? According to a letter I received last week, this Bronx politician (age unspecified) is running for president . . . of the United States.

The letter is an invocation to students of American government to rally around Mrs. Yetta Bronstein in her quest for the White House.

I will pass it on to you in an attempt to help this charming lady from the Bronx. It is an open letter to the college students of America.

Dear future Voters:

"Soon it will be November 1968 and time to decide on your next President of the U.S.A. I, Mrs. Yetta Bronstein, urge you to vote for me and help put a Mother into the White House. I promise to run this great country with a strong arm, the same way I run my home.

"Also, there will be no stealing, cheating or arguing among my government officials in Washington. If politicians want to insult each other and carry on the way they do today, let them join the Army, Navy or Marines!

"Now, students, I would like to take you by the hand and explain some facts of life that aren't in your books. Think with me and together we will learn the right answers. First, who is the ONLY person in your life you trust? Answer: your Mother. Second, who REALLY handles the money in your family and makes all the important decisions? Answer: your Mother. Finally, if the Good Fairy gave you one great wish to come true, WHO would benefit from such a dream? Answer: your Mother.

"Think of all the things your Mother did for you: the feeding, changing, washing, ironing, telling bedtime stories, lying for you, crying for you . . . everything to make you big and strong. Now you can pay her back by putting me in office. I will represent ALL your Mothers and act in their behalf for YOU.

"No greater pleasure could await a parent than to be President of America. What more can I tell you? So vote for me in 1968, that's all. And REMEMBER: once you are inside the voting booth do not pull the wrong lever and spoil your vote for MRS. YETTA BRONSTEIN. Don't forget to take along a pencil because I am an independent write-in candidate.

"Thanking you in advance for your vote, I am grateful.

Politically yours,
Mrs. Yetta Bronstein"

In addition to this plea for support, the good Bronx lady writes that she needs campus campaign managers to form local Youth for Yetta groups.

"It's fun to be for me and you'll stand out in a crowd because people always pay attention to my supporters," her letter continues. She notes she is also available to speak to clubs, meetings and discussions by long distance telephone . . . "if you pay the bill," and adds:

"But please don't call me collect to arrange this. A postcard will do. I'm on a very tight budget and it's a long way to 1968 and the White House."

Don't forget Mrs. Bronstein's slogan for her upcoming campaign: "Vote for Yetta and watch things get better."

What does she plan to do if elected, you might ask. So far, Mrs. Bronstein has compiled a platform which includes five points: Sex Education, Floridation (sic), Better Government, National Lottery and Stronger Government.

All we can say is, good luck, Mrs. Bronstein.