

COUNCIL RAPS GATEWAY

Gateway requests funds; council debates, tables

By Gateway Staff Writers

Both Student Council President Peter Hyndman and Gateway Editor-in-chief Dave Jenkins suggested the possibility of their resignation at a torrid council meeting Tuesday evening.

Editor Jenkins appeared before council to request an increase in The Gateway budget. He said editors during the past three years had been forced to cut out issues in the latter part of the term due to lack of funds.

He said when he appeared before council last spring to request an increase in The Gateway fee, this was done to "ensure that The Gateway would be maintained in the future" but would not help the newspaper this term, as the fee increase would not be implemented until the fall of 1962. Council passed The Gateway fee increase, and a referendum was suggested for the present term (late 1961).

President Hyndman said he wished to speak personally from the chair,

unless any council member objected. No councillor objected.

Hyndman accused The Gateway of "fabrication," which led to a "misuse of funds." He referred to The Gateway mascot, Ralph Bat, and publication of a hoax to the effect that Stan Kenton (a musician who cost last year's council \$7,500) was returning. He also said The Gateway uses too many pictures.

"Are we to maintain bombardment and lack of complete coverage?" (by granting The Gateway more money) Hyndman asked. He said students' council had been "tolerant" of The Gateway up to the present.

"Council finances The Gateway and in return is treated less than fairly. The hand that feeds is bitten, but now the biting mouth is

dropping its teeth for a moment."

EDITOR REPLIES

Editor Jenkins said he was "amazed" at Hyndman's comments. He told council The Gateway staff labors many hours a week to bring the students their newspaper. He said he did not like Hyndman's "insinuations as to quality" as they were an "insult" to the workers; all volunteers.

He said if Hyndman knew so much about it, "he should try to run the paper himself."

Hyndman then said "quality-wise" The Gateway is "excellent." But he said it is "out of context" in relation to "the society in which the paper is produced" (referring to the emphasis on intellectual matters such as features in The Gateway). "Yet council itself gets no coverage and even ridicule."

Editor Jenkins said he would run a picture of Hyndman on every page of every paper, if that would make him happy.

He said Ralph Bat and the Kenton issue were "zany" projects carefully designed to "balance the intellectual content of the paper." He said all students do not want to read features, Forum, editorials and letters to the editor.

GATEWAY HOAXES

Later Tuesday Editor Jenkins said The Gateway has always had hoaxes. "Bob Scammell had three or four hoaxes his year and his paper was acclaimed as brilliant." The best was the fake discovery of natural gas on campus — and Lou Hyndman, Peter's older brother, and then president of the students' union, was one of the main participants in it. "But then, Lou was more mature than Peter," chuckled the editor.

He said Ralph Bat does not compare at all to the John Appleard hoax and "murder" carried out by members of the Golden Key Society a few years ago.

"If he looks closely he would see the last reference to Ralph Bat was a boost for the campus blood drive; the one previous was a reminder that examination week was upon us," said Editor Jenkins. "The Kenton story was revealed a hoax by anyone diligent enough to read down to the final paragraph."

Editor Jenkins told the councillors Peter was "seizing on petty little things. If you have a major beef, bring it up." None were brought forward.

Hyndman at this point said "to avoid personal comment" he would turn the gavel over to Marg Shandro, vice-president, and retire from the meeting for the conclusion of the discussion. He left, but returned before the discussion ended.

While Hyndman was absent, Keith Conrad, law representative, said "we all feel that Dave has done a good job but it is our prerogative to discuss it objectively."

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The 1961-62 registration statistics for the University of Alberta have been released, showing a total student population of 10,659. This is a 164 increase over last year's total of 9,099. Some 7,418 of the students are registered in Edmonton, 1,681 in Calgary.

There are 1,560 people registered in the evening credit program in 14 Alberta centers. Of these, 792 are studying in Edmonton, 307 in Calgary.

Upholding a precedent established last year, education has the highest faculty registration, a total of 2,629, 544 over last year. There are 1,937 education students in Edmonton and 692 in Calgary.

Arts and Science runs a close second with a total of 2,224 students; 1,762 in Edmonton, 482 in Calgary. This is an increase of 18 per cent. The engineers have dropped to 1,067, from 1,153 last year. There are 907

in Edmonton, 160 in Calgary.

Registration in remaining faculties is as follows: agriculture, 145 Edmonton, Calgary 7; commerce, Edmonton 310, Calgary 79; dentistry, 182; house ec., Edmonton 89, Calgary 6; law, 130; medicine 287; nursing, Edmonton 458, Calgary 6; pharmacy, 206; phys. ed. 3; part-time and special, Edmonton 299, Calgary 244; graduate studies 542; Bachelor of Divinity 6.

Rushing civilized

The consumption of alcohol at rushing functions provides a "civilized introduction to social drinking."

Jerry Offet, law 2, expressed this idea while arguing for the affirmative in Tuesday's debate; "Resolved: that rushing should be wet." Offet and partner Bob Young, law 2, won the debate by a one point margin.

Arguing the negative, Ian Pitfield, arts 2, and Doug McTavish, comm. 2, stated that alcohol "adds nothing to rushing procedures." Wet rushing is an "inadvisable policy" and a practice "jeopardizing relationships with the law." A statement by Mrs. G. Sparling, implying disapproval of wet rushing, was also read.

Bob Young, noting the recent ruling on engineer's queens, claimed that Mrs. Sparling had a "rather foolish outlook on life." He also stated "the frats do not want dry rushing."

Hal Veale, law 3, was judge.

AN EDITORIAL

Don't make a decision and you'll never be wrong.

This is clearly the major tenet governing the wishy-washy manoeuvres of students' council this term.

Is the shadow of Stan Kenton looming over the shoulder of each representative? Is he afraid to make a decision for fear something may go wrong and a loss of \$7,500 and the title of "boob" will be cemented to his name for the rest of his life?

A reaction must be expected the year following a blunder in judgment. But a mistake does not mean a council should scurry
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DEMONSTRATING DEMOCRACY, a momentous crowd of 14 attended students' council's annual open meeting, Tuesday evening in West Lounge. Although attendance was about three times that at last year's

open meeting, President Peter Hyndman said that the small turnout was "disconcerting." He added "the contribution of those who did attend was most worthwhile."

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