Puppet Editor for Gateway

Proof that the present Students' Union executive is seriously interested in seeing the end of the Gateway as a critic of the Union was offered at a Canadian University Press (CUP) Investigation Commission Friday.

The commission heard charges of interference in the Gateway on the part of the executive from Gus Henderson, editor of the Gauntlet, the U of Calgary newspaper. Henderson said in a brief submitted to the commission that he had been approached by academic vice-president Dave Biltek at the AAS conference Thanksgiving weekend.

Henderson said Biltek told him the Executive was "very displeased" with the current Gateway staff. Henderson was assured that he would have very little difficulty in obtaining the editorship if he decided to run.

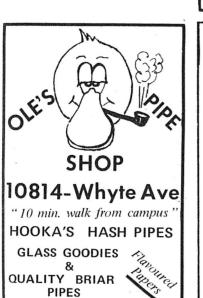
Henderson was offered a \$1,200 bonus if he decided to run for Gateway editor for the 1972-73 school year. He said he does not believe the offer was serious but he will not run for editor. Henderson believes he should not interfere with the internal politics of the Gateway.

In the past two years the G at e w ay staff has democratically chosen the editor. Usually the person chosen is a person with whom the staff has worked throughout the year and a person they think is capable of doing a good job. Every Gateway staffer is eligible to vote for the editor.

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The staff's choice is then forwarded to Personnel Board which usually sends the name to council for ratification. The present executive, however, has already intimated that this year it will reverse its usual stand of "rubber stamping" the staff's choice of editor.

Gateway editor Bob Beal attacked the arrogance of Biltek's offer. He said it provided more proof that the executive was out to smash the Gateway in its present form and

instill a "puppet editor" who would dance to the tune of the Students' Union. The paper would turn into little more than a mouth piece for the Students' Union he said.

He said that if Council refused to ratify the staff's choice of editor then it was depriving the staff, many of whom would be returning, of the right to determine wjo they would be working with the following year.

by Elsie Ross

Is Gateway Unresponsive

Charging the Gateway with being "unresponsive and unrepresentative" a group of U of A studente are circulating a petition to have either the newspaper editorial staff removed, or Student's Council funds revoked.

Chuck Lyall, a member of this group, described the newspaper as "a political propaganda sheet; decidedly left of centre." He also stated that the paper to continue as it now stands is a student rip-off, and that it should finance itself independently if it is to continue in it's present vein. He stated paper, as non-representative, was that the petition "is not to destroy Gateway, but rather to see it readjusted." He intimated that there was a replacement

staff prepared to take over in the event of an editorial sack, and suggested that The Bridge, the Engineering Faculty newspaper, presently edited by Jim Carter, a former Gateway staff member, could supply additional staff if requested.

Lyall could quote no particular instance of the paper's more blatant left wing tendency this year, but stated that the not a newspaper at all but a political sheet.

Jim Carter, associated with this group, declined to make any statement concerning his position.

Doug Kellough, photographer for the Gateway, and also a member of this group, was also not disposed towards making any concrete statement concerning the petition, but



Provincial Health Minister Neil Crawford was confronted Friday at the Legislative Grounds by a group of angry demonstrators protesting the proposed closure of Point Three, a methadone treatment centre. Crawford has since announced that it will remain open.

said, apart from the political slant to which he particularly objects, that the paper's "layout works for Gateway has just as much say in editorial decisions as any other staff member-there is no discrimination in regards to who can become a staff member."

Ralph Watzke, also associated with the anti-Gateway petition, estimated the number of signatures obtained thus far as being in the vicinity of 1,000. A petition signed by 1,000 students forces a special general meeting of the student body to be called.

The quorum for such a meeting is one tenth of the student body and a two thirds majority of such a meeting is sufficient to rescind any motion of the Students' Council.

has been the worst I've ever seen-even with the new equipment." He did, however, supply a rough draft of the content of the content of the petition: "We, the undersigned, demand council either withdraw funds or remove the editorial staff of The Gateway as it is not representative of general campus student opinion." He said that all but the last issue of Gateway had been "political, political,"

Gateway news editor, Elsie Ross, said "Gateway can only be as representative as the people who work on it."

She said that if people were serious about improving the paper, they should do some work for it instead of just signing petitions.

by Fiona Campbell

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