



GATEWAY'S YEAR-END BASH

... nothing but wet, man, wet

Illogical student newspaper staff fired by irate, logical editor-in-chief

The largest mass-firing in the history of mankind occurred Tuesday when Miss Lorraine Minich, Editor-in-Chief of The Gateway officially dismissed the entire staff. The mass exodus included the immediate dismissal of such valued

Student fees

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the administration said pay or get out. The students paid.

Students' union president Al Anderson said: "Leadbeater is completely out of touch with the other members of the council and with reality."

Students' union president-elect Marilyn Pilkington said: "I don't think that kind of tactic is consistent with our purposes as students."

"In the first place we have to await the decision of the government after they have given consideration to the objections already raised. Then we have to consider the effectiveness and appropriateness of further action."

"I don't personally foresee that a student strike will be held on this campus in the next year."

Students' union treasurer Phil Ponting says the idea is impractical and difficult to put into effect.

"It has been tried on several campuses, all unsuccessfully," he said. And those have been on smaller and more activist campuses than this one.

In a Gateway corridor interview he said there is a tremendous communication barrier to be overcome. A quarter of the students are freshmen and you can't even communicate to them during Freshman Introduction Week.

staff members as Harvey Thomgirt who was punctual and faithful the entire term and Pearl Proof, photo directorate's sweetheart.

Miss Minich informed the late staff their services would no longer be required due to a distinct lack of available work.

However, the remaining and surviving members of the staff informed some soaking slob that, if the situation should occur, they would be ready to maintain past efforts next September. The slob was unavailable for comment, pending further notification.

A number of staff members told a reliable source that they were

about to quit anyway because of an excess work load imposed by certain members of certain faculties at The University of Alberta. As usual, faculty members would not supply Harvey Thomgirt with the facts behind the facts. Staff members, however, did not appear dismayed at the sudden dismissal.

Miss Proof said, "I was overworked and heckled by the student body as a whole."

Mr. Thomgirt said, "I was overworked and abused by the student body as a whole."

The student body did not give reasons for the apparent fink-like attitude.

Harrison Salisbury here March 28

Three public meetings, sponsored by the Political Science Club will feature three internationally-acclaimed speakers.

"Peace in the Middle East" will be the topic of an address by Dr. Shabtai Resenne on March 25 at 2 p.m. in TB-95. He is the legal advisor to the Israel Ministry of External Affairs.

Harrison Salisbury, Assistant Managing Editor of the New York Times, will speak March 28 at 8 p.m. in SUB theatre. His topic will be "Russia versus China: Global Strategy."

He is winner of the George Polk Memorial Award in journalism and the Pulitzer prize for excellence in reporting in 1954.

His articles include observations of what he calls "the rising conflict between Russia and China" which are based upon his experiences in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia.

Robert Scheer, vice-president of Ramparts Magazine, will speak on the topic "Cuba", April 5 at 8 p.m. in TL 11.

Mr. Scheer visited Castro's Cuba in 1960. He is co-author of *Cuba: Tragedy in Our Hemisphere*.

Austerity program may mean less jobs

By ALEX INGRAM

There may be fewer government jobs for university students this summer.

Youth minister R. C. Clark said the shortage of jobs arises from the provincial government's recent austerity program.

"For example, there has been a \$10 million budget cut in highway construction work, and a \$30 million cut for public works", he said. Consequently, with less work to be done in these two fields, fewer students will be hired.

Mr. Clark says he appreciates that students are facing tuition fees increases, and that difficulties in finding a job will complicate the situation. However, he said the increased grant and loan funds should alleviate such financial problems.

"Whether government jobs will be as plentiful as in immediate previous years is not yet known," said education and labor minister Raymond Reiersen.

"Employers in private firms are not hiring students as early this year, and this frightens everyone," he said.

"Probably it will be a better year than many employers expect. I am sure it will not turn out as bleak as the lack of interest indicates."

He advised students to seek employment themselves if jobs do not seem readily available.

Michael Zuk of the student placement office said there is an indication there fewer summer jobs are available at this time.

He said though most companies had interviewed students for summer employment as usual, they were not as sure how many students they required as they had been in previous years.

Union needs bodies

The students' union is looking for bodies. Specifically those of students living in the city for the summer who are interested in working on committees investigating areas of student concern.

Areas to be studied include: student assistance, reorganization of students' union, housing, parking, university financing, student counselling services, student health services, library facilities, freshmen introduction week, book store facilities, varsity guest weekend, food services and other areas of student interest.

Those interested in working on the committees are asked to leave their name with students' union president-elect Marilyn Pilkington.

He explained the cut-back in the number of students hired reciprocates through private industry as well.

"But I don't think this cut-back will be final," he said, "It depends in the situation later on, nearer June."

Returning to university three weeks earlier next September is creating a major difficulty for students seeking summer employment, he said.

"One or two firms have said this has aggravated the situation, and they won't be hiring as many students this summer."

Explosion, fire shake chem building

An explosion on the fifth floor of the chemistry building Monday afternoon sent a graduate student to hospital and smoke into the building's air-conditioning system.

Burkhard Strehle, who received minor burns to his face, said something came out of the fume-hood, caught fire and exploded.

Grey smoke then poured out the windows and the fire alarm sounded.

All labs in the building were evacuated.

No official cause of the explosion has been released but Strehle said it wasn't his reaction.

Damage to the laboratory is undetermined but didn't appear extensive.

Fire trucks were on the scene in less than five minutes.

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