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"First thing we do..."

# the Gateway

"...let's kill all the lawyers."  
Henry VI

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## SU manager Best is gone

by Keith Krause

Students' Council decided Tuesday to support the executive in their decision to release general manager Bert Best.

The vote, which came after about one hour of closed deliberations, was unanimous, with three abstentions. The motion specified that Best's contract, signed under last year's executive but never ratified by council, not be ratified.

But the issue is not yet closed, according to SU president Nolan Astley.

"His (Best's) lawyer has written a letter saying he would like to take legal action," said Astley. "They allege the contract is valid and they will be looking

for fulfillment of the terms."

This would mean the SU would have to pay the remaining two years of Best's salary, plus legal and related costs. Best was being paid over \$30,000 per year.

Council has delegated to the executive the responsibility for negotiating a settlement. The executive are reportedly trying to settle the dispute out of court.

Documents justifying the executive action were given to councillors at Tuesday's meeting, but a tight veil of secrecy surrounded the meeting. All documents were numbered and returned immediately after the meeting.

As well, Astley would not comment on the arguments

offered to councillors for Best's release.

"The whole thing is very complicated because of the legal situation," he said. "Our lawyer has recommended that I not comment."

The complications arise because the Students' Union is trying to rule Best's contract

invalid, because it was never ratified by Council. The SU would thereby avoid having to fire him.

To fire Best, the executive would have to prove "just cause." This is taken to mean such things as insubordination, incompetence or dishonesty.

The previous executive have argued that they were delegated

the authority to negotiate Best's contract.

No questions were raised at the time the contract was signed about the propriety of not bringing the contract to council. In fact, the contract itself stipulated that only members of Students' Council may examine it.

More provocation, fewer stories

## Gateway editor named

Peter Michalyshyn was named 1981-82 *Gateway* editor by Students' Council Tuesday night.

Council approved Michalyshyn, a third year arts student, unanimously upon the recommendation of a committee composed of six *Gateway* staff members and three Students' Council members.

Michalyshyn says he plans changes in *Gateway* style next year. Important issues, he says, will be treated in longer, more provocative articles, while other news will get shorter "news digest" treatment.

"You can't deal with issues in just an eight-inch article. In spite of the fact that no one is supposed to want to read more than that in a newspaper, we'll have to have faith in our readers," he says.

"Sexism, university funding, and declining academic quality" are among the issues that can

expect a higher profile next year.

"We'll be fair and balanced," he says, "but not necessarily objective. We have to challenge readers to provoke debate on these issues."

As for club news, Michalyshyn says he is considering a regular column of short articles on club activities, when they don't merit more complete coverage as news.

All of this is contingent on what the staff wants to do though, he says. He will run the paper as a democracy among the staff.

Michalyshyn is currently taking applications for next year's other editorial positions. All his appointments will be subject to ratification by the *Gateway* staff, he says.

Potential applicants are invited to come to the *Gateway* office at 282 SUB.



Peter Michalyshyn

## Int'l Women's Day activities Saturday

Edmonton's fourth annual International Women's Day celebrations will be held on Saturday.

International Women's Day was established in 1910 at the time of the first strike by women garment workers in New York "to stimulate awareness of women's roles throughout the world, and to express solidarity toward the effort to improve women's status," says Janina Vanderpost, president of the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee.

The day will begin at noon, with a "solidarity march" from the provincial legislature to Sir Winston Churchill Square, where a rally will be held.

Sponsors of the march include the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, the Voice of Women, the Edmonton

and District Labor Council, the Rape Crisis Center, and the Alberta Association.

The day will end with a forum and social at Highlands Community Center (11333 - 62 Street) featuring Tatyana Mamonova, a Soviet feminist recently exiled for her involvement in the Soviet feminist movement.

Mamonova, a poet, will speak about the Soviet Union's treatment of feminism as a dissident movement; daycare; and reproductive freedom. Recently the Soviet government has tightened abortion laws in the country to encourage Soviet women to bear children. Abortion is the only readily available form of birth control in the Soviet Union. The forum and social will begin at 6 p.m.

### Never in Canada—the Watergate expose

Been sued lately? Turn to page 13 to see how Canadian newspapers deal with the trauma of court action. And on other fronts, check out Laverne Booth's detailed analysis of the North Garneau development issue on page 5. After all that, have a nice weekend snuggling up to all that Canadian beer. Cheers!