

# The Gateway

## Special Strike and Election Issue

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### A history of the situation

The GATEWAY scheduled to come out Tuesday did not appear in its regular format, Short Shorts did not appear, nor did the advertising. The paper did not carry the news pages which had been scheduled, nor the sports pages. It was impossible to print the reviews, the cartoons, or the editorials.

**WE, THE UNPAID STAFF OF THE GATEWAY, THE WORK FORCE THAT PUTS IT OUT, ARE ON STRIKE.**

Instead of our regular features, we put out a strike bulletin to reveal to the student body the antics of the Biltek power-clique, which makes it impossible for us to continue in our normal functions. The rest of our time, we were picketing SUB, to further communication with the student body, and circulating a petition calling for a resolution of the crisis which has been generated by the imposition on this staff of an editor under whom we cannot work.

The office of the Gateway is being occupied around the clock, until the question is clarified.

What is the background of this crisis, and how was it generated?

The GATEWAY is a collective effort. The long hours of tedious work go into its production. Those who do the bulk of the work are unpaid staffers. Their rewards are not monetary; the paper's existence as a collective effort, and the participatory atmosphere in the Gateway offices is their only reward. The paper's quality varies from issue to issue, depending on the staff involved.

The function of the editor in the past has been to balance off and co-ordinate the volunteer workers who are

involved in the production. This has been possible only because the working staff of the paper elects the editor from among its own ranks. We know and usually have worked with the editor before he is elected. We understand his weakness and his strengths. He is able to function because he is in his position by CONSENSUS.

This year, as in others, nominations for the position of Gateway's editor were called for from among the student population on campus. Four applications were received. All four candidates were interviewed by the staff, in an open meeting in the Gateway office.

Over several days, a secret, preferential ballot was conducted of all students who have worked on the paper this year. The 1st preference was divided among two candidates who have been deeply involved in the paper this year. 32 out of 43 ballots, a 75 per cent majority, went to Ron Yakimchuk, who has worked on the paper for five years. Mr. Yakimchuk was then recommended to the Personnel Board and Students' Council for ratification. Traditionally this is automatically forthcoming. Students' Council decided, however, to ratify the candidate who has neither worked for the paper during her three years here from the U.S.A., and who has no support among the staff of the paper. The candidate the council chose, Terri Jackson, does not have competence or qualifications in excess of Yakimchuk.

The staff of the Gateway then declared itself on Strike, by unanimous decision, until the decision of the Council is reconsidered.



This elaborate theatrical device has been presented to draw your attention to the outstanding qualities of the Gateway meatball, its present state of having been forked, and our distress attendant thereto.

Support for the staff actions have been forthcoming from most student groups. If we can be pressed into the service of the Biltek (would-be) empire, so can other groups that operate in a manner similar to us, such as Student Radio and faculty papers.

The Biltek power clique has

attempted over the past year to close down the art gallery, RATT, and other services around campus.

They will not succeed in closing down the Gateway, if you join with us in our protest against the great heavy hand.

Sign our Petitions!  
Help us Picket!  
Turn out to the election

rally this noon, and make your feelings known!

If you care about your paper, even with all its deficiencies, and do not want just an uncritical Student Council mouthpiece, you have a chance Friday to guarantee our right to publish unhindered by petty bureaucrats and power-trippers.

## ELECTION RALLY

Today 11:00 AM

**SUB Theatre All Classes Cancelled**

**come and discuss the Gateway**

# PRESIDENTIAL

## riskin - spragins

Gerry RISKIN and Rob SPRAGINS

**BACKGROUND:** Gerry Riskin's current positions: GFC Committee, D.I.E. Board, Finance Board, Chairman of Constitution and By-laws Committee, Vice-President of the Law Club, Student Legal Services, Law rep on Council. Past positions include VGW Executive, B.A.C.U.S. Executive, Commerce rep on Council.

Rob Spragins serves as Commerce Representative on

Council, on Awards Board, Finance Board, Seminar Committee, and member of Bylaws Committee.

**G.F.C. REPRESENTATION:** Student Representation has been ineffective in the past. The G.F.C. Reps must organize so as to strengthen their voice on G.F.C. and gain support from Faculty.

**INTERACTION WITH GOVERNMENT:** With a new Provincial Government, we have an unprecedented opportunity for cooperation. There was

strong Conservative support on campus and the Government will go to great lengths to maintain that support.

**INVOLVEMENT WITH STUDENTS:** It is the responsibility of Council to go to the students and to seek out their ideas. Let's face it. It would be impossible for 18,000 students to come to council.

**T.V. PERSONALITIES:** The purpose of the University is Education and students want to hear famous personalities in the

Arts and in Politics on campus. These people can be brought in for free by having a sponsored "HOT SEAT" type television show. The possibilities look good.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Santana, Chicago, Elton John, James Taylor - These entertainers can be brought to this campus - we're not too small, and we're not too far away! The western Universities can bring top entertainment here, as it has been brought in, in the south, and east.

**PARKING:** No more parkades, no more expropriating Garneau -

Let's have representation on City Council Committees looking at RAPID TRANSIT.

**MONEY:** Grants are vitually eliminated. Loans are too little and too late. The Government has a responsibility to increase assistance in hard times not reduce it - Let's keep the Gov't responsible.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Support a students union that stops demanding that you work for it! Support a students' union that is willing to work, that will work, for you.

## biltek - black

Dave Biltek

member general faculties council (central academic governing council), member executive committee GFC, vice president (academic) students council, committee on the role of GFC, academic development committee GFC, chairman s.u. committee on TV services, served on council on student affairs, FIW committee, activities board, public relations office, chairman academic affairs board.

Doug Black

coordinator of student activities, member of GFC

committee on stress, member university athletic board, coordinator western universities entertainment block booking association, chairman s.u. building policy board.

Promises? No, these are concerns, students have, and we want to work on them.

**FOR A BETTER UNIVERSITY** Student Health Services must be maintained. We must resist any further cuts in other university student services.

**NEW COURSES** must have a greater input of student opinion.

**PRE-REGISTRATION** to make things easier in the fall.

**TEACHER TRAINING** pressure for 'teacher training' programs for professors.

**COURSE GUIDE** must continue to expand.

**EXAMS** changes in schedules to ease pressure.

**ORIENTATION** a program to answer freshmen's questions and provide a starting block for them.

**FOR A BETTER STUDENTS UNION**

**CULTURAL PROGRAMS** continue to expand S.U. Forums

program to provide educational experiences outside the classroom. Reprogram budgets to make available money to students who are interested in presenting social, educational or cultural programs to the student body.

**EMPLOYMENT** encourage student self-help projects. Use S.U. resources to aid students in applying for "Opportunities for Youth" grants. Demand a study on graduate employment prospects.

**HOUSING BUREAU** to provide information on housing

and to continue publishing the housing guide.

**S.U. 'COLD' LINES** direct phone links to SUB from campus for information or referrals

**FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS** continue to strengthen the S.U. by granting money to Faculty Associations in order to strengthen them.

Let's deal with these concerns. You have other thoughts we have some. What about a Women's Bureau? What about liquor on campus? It's really all up to you. We're ready.

## mcrae - shandro

It is our belief that our brief platform as presented below expresses generally the major issues of this campaign. There are certainly many others that must be considered.

We are willing at any time to discuss them with you.

An intelligent approach to intelligent people such as our electorate understands thoroughly the many malfunctions of our petty bureaucratic system of students' government.

Shallow promises are soon forgotten by the promisors as they were only meant to get your vote. Shallow answers and

administration will inevitably follow shallow promises. The McRae-Shandro team does not make shallow promises no do we give shallow answers.

The McRae-Shandro team believes in the principles of democracy - honesty, integrity and service to those who we serve, ... our electorate.

**YOU** are our upmost concern!

Consider seriously our solid stand and realistic platform and approach. Ask us questions. We want to know you. We want you to know us.

1. DECENTRALIZATION:

Do! Inform University of present Student desires.

Done! Means to an end technique - best interests of the Student.

2. COST-CONTROL:

Do! Careful budgeting a necessity.

Done! Cooperation with the University for better purchase prices.

3. STUDENTS' UNION STAFF:

Do! Par communication with fulltime staff.

Done! Maximum service to Students.

4. STUDENTS' VOICE:

- Do! Investigations:
- 1. CKSR-FM possibilities.
- 2. Art Gallery status.
- 3. Gateway goals.

Done!

- 1. CKSR-FM outside campus wireless student voice.
- 2. Student expression through forms of art.
- 3. Gateway...press expression of our Students.

5. STUDENTS' UNION PROVINCIAL GOV'T:

Do! Student voice being

heard...liquor laws, financial distribution.

Done! Strong, effective representation.

6. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT:

Do! Educate in a mature fashion the general public of intellectualism.

Done! Concentrated efforts to prove the diverse capabilities of student employment in business.

On Friday, February 18th, VOTE the McRAE - SHANDRO TEAM. We WILL work for YOU!

## young socialists

Mark Priegert

Chris Bearchell

Larry Panych

Don Wiley

Linda Gaboury

STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF CONTROL...

The Young Socialists want to democratize the university until it's run by the people who use it - the students, staff, and faculty - and not by professional administrators or Boards of Governors. We don't think that adding a few token student representatives to committees nor even having "parity" on GFC really helps us. The whole structure of the university works against us, and no wonder - we didn't set it up. But this structure is stumbling into a crisis: the budget is being cut, building programs have been

frozen, and essential services like Student Health may be wiped out. Meanwhile, enrollment is dropping as fewer students see a university education as either meaningful or leading to a guaranteed job. Only radical solutions will change this.

That's why we say the university must be turned into its opposite: from an institution which is run by big business and promotes the status-quo, to an organizing base for powerful movements for social change that can challenge the administration to turn the facilities of the university over to the struggles for the rights of

women, students, and Vietnamese.

The university must become a base for social change - researching and promoting action on the problems facing the majority of people in Canadian society. But to do this, it must be run by the majority, by the students, faculty and staff, and not by big business on the Board of Governors.

AN ORGANIZING CENTER...

The Young Socialists want to turn the university around from an institution serving the corporations to an organizing center for the real people in

Alberta - women, native people, farmers, workers, high school students. We want to see a Board of Governors composed of these people, not representatives of the business community and the academic "elite." The university should throw its facilities open to trade unions, farmers organizations, tenant groups and so on, instead of to the Defence Research Board. How about open departments of native studies run by the native people themselves, or open departments of women's studies run by women?

U N I V E R S A L ACCESSIBILITY.... GUARANTEED JOBS....

The new NOW! Lougheed government promised to remove the cost of education from the property tax. How about removing the cost of education from the students by abolishing tuition fees - we can't afford these taxes! Tax oil, not students! Abolish tuition fees and introduce student stipends or wages and enrollment will go up. And native people, women, and working class kids may start coming to university in proportion to their numbers in Alberta. If profs are paid to teach, why aren't students paid to learn? It's a better investment for Canadians than capital incentives to Imperial Oil.

# VICE PRESIDENTIAL

## ACADEMIC

The following policy has been formed in consultation with students with a concern for the type of students' union that will work for the benefit of students within the university.

The students' union must not abdicate responsibilities in this area simply because there is student representation on G.F.C. There remains a number of serious problems that must be attacked with a high degree of leadership. Therefore I propose the following:

--The continuance of the students' union as a lobby between the students and the administration particularly in the area of Academic Grievances;

--Parity of students with staff on the executive committee of G.F.C. (This body has considerable influence on decisions made by the council - not the Reading week issue);

--Abolition of tenure and its replacement with a system of four year contracts;

--Student representation on all committees dealing with the hiring, firing, promotion and salary of Academic staff;

--Assistance to students in achieving greater representation on faculty, school, and departmental councils and committees;

--A complete review of the academic system, particularly in areas of the lecture system, examinations, student evaluation, fee structures, and student workloads;

--Investigation into bookstore policy;

--Continuance of Students' Health as an essential service. Students' Health should not fall victim to the current shortage of money;

--Increased lobby for improved transit service to the campus;

--Improved Day-Care facilities on campus;

--Parking priorities based on distance from the campus, not on position within the university;

--Phone numbers of all teaching faculty members to be included in the student directory aiding contact between students and instructors.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The students' union will have to deal harder in relations with governments and external pressure groups in solving student problems. I support:

--Abolition of medicare premiums for students;

--Government grants to Indian, Metis, and lower income people in order that they may be able to attend the university;

--Revision to the Students Assistance Acts to achieve greater speed in receiving loans replacement of the forgivable loan system with a system of large scale grants, lowering age limits for parental income declarations from 21 to 18 years, and extending a sympathetic ear to those wishing to finance entirely their own way through university;

--A referendum before November 1972 dealing with students' union membership in the Alberta Association of Students.

Wayne D. Madden

## ADMINISTRATION

Student representation is the most important aspect of the work done by the Vice-President Academic. My main concern at this time is the present standard of student representation especially at the G.F.C. level. Since assuming the responsibilities of Co-ordinator of Student Representation I have listened to numerous complaints from and about student representatives on G.F.C. The representatives complain of their work load and the lack of information and students complain about the fact that some representatives are not attending meetings of G.F.C. and not putting the students' wishes forward.

The answers to these problems are simple. The office facilities of the Vice-President Academic must be made available to G.F.C. representatives for research, secretarial aid and back-up purposes. The Vice-President Academic must be prepared to recommend to Student Council the replacement of those student representatives who are not doing the job for which they were elected.

Another issue facing Student Council is the relationship it has with the general student body. Due to a lack of information being given to the students most of the campus is not aware of what is going on in Student Council. I want to see more co-operation between Student Council and the various media on campus with the intention of keeping students informed. The Student Council offices are there for the students and if a student has a grievance he or she should be able to approach any member of Student Council and get results.

There has been much said regarding the proposed cuts in the University operating budget but the students do not appear to have been consulted on any aspect of this issue. If the standard of University education is to be affected by these proposed cuts in budget then the students should have a right to voice their opinion through their Student Council. The Student Council needs representatives who are going to work in the interests of students and voice their opinions.

Patrick J. Delaney  
candidate for V.P. Academic.

### CANDIDATE RESUME FOR THE GATEWAY FROM GARRY WEST, CANDIDATE FOR V.P. ADMINISTRATION.

The position of Vice President Administration is essentially the job of treasurer combined with new duties in coordinating and supervising personell, boards, and committees, but I will deal with the problems you have as students as well as those in my own area.

There are a few of the concerns I believe are important to you:

--STUDENT UNION SERVICES-- financial help from the university must be sought to maintain and expand these services.

--TRANSPORTATION-- continuing pressure to improve bus services to campus; urging early development of rapid transit.

STUDENT HEALTH-- a popular and essential service whose threatened cutback or elimination must be opposed.

### INCREASED UNION INVOLVEMENT -- BY TALKING TO PEOPLE ON A PERSONAL AND CLASSROOM LEVEL

My approaches to these and other problems will not be constricted by a political or personal view; the approaches made must be justified by your opinions.

Having served as a council representative and a member of HUB policy board, Academic Affairs Board, and an executive of the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society, I believe I have the background that is necessary. I NEED your support on February 18 and if I win that support I will require your thoughts, opinions, and ideas to be most effective in working for you.

The Students' Union is faced with rising costs for such purposes as building maintenance and wages. With a limited income this forces a reduction in student oriented programs. One function of the vice-president services would be to investigate new programs and sources of revenue which would permit the Union to expand. For example, the union could enter a new program of aiding the development of local culture. A summer folk music/art fair might serve as an incentive to local art and help bring revenue to the Union. The Union should take more positive action in giving exposure to the artistic work being done on this campus (art, music, drama).

The activity of the Union regarding communications with the students should be re-examined. It is imperative that there be encouragement of, and not conflict with, student media. The forums and discussions should be made more relevant to the student areas of interest.

An examination of the services provided to students should be made. Perhaps a better utilization of facilities within the building (theatre billiards, vending) would help remedy the financial situation which threatens the closing or alteration of our art gallery. Also, policy and investigation must be made as to how the Housing Project will be run. A remedy to the Day Care situation has begun to develop but is only the beginning of correction. The Day Care program must be carried on and expanded.

Finally, a statement of my "philosophy". A move must be made away from the sort of impersonal bureaucratic operation of the students' union which has manifested itself in such actions as the temporary resistance of the unionization of SUB workers and the Gazette situation. I feel that I represent a viewpoint which is different from those of past "executive" types and is necessary to reinject some sort of validity into the union.

Barry McLaren

## SERVICES

Beth Kuhnke  
Science 4, honors

INGENUITY  
DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

QUALIFIED/COMPETENT

member of:

student council

GFC ad hoc committee

men's liberation movement

The nature of the position Vice-President Services is orientated towards meeting student needs. For this reason I am adopting a flexible policy to meet the needs of the students. I have given preliminary thought to:

1. Housing - my experience on G.C.P. Housing Committee, my already close liason with the Housing Director will help in formulating policy.

2. Entertainment - a Pub in SUB is needed and I would encourage "big name" entertainment.

3. Education and Culture - As a member of the Forums Committee, I endorse greater emphasis on & frequency of Forums. Also the cultural facilities could be expanded.

4. Employment Service - An all-out program is very much overdue here: trimester system, study of employment prospects for graduates & greater student placement.

5. Day Care Centre - Priority give on basis of need.

6. Transportation - Special E.T.S. bus service over the Capilano freeway to U of A to meet the needs of students in North East Edmonton. Similar service could be established for all outlying areas.

The decisions, policies & consequent actions would be carried out with the ratification of yourselves, the students by means of referendums or through your elected representatives. The Students' Union can work for you the student with services by & for the students.

...Vice-President (Services)  
Kirk Mitchell...

To the Gateway staffers:

The Young Socialists Campaign Committee would like to offer their complete support to you in your struggle against the undemocratic dictates of the Students Council.

The present action of the Council is merely the latest in a long list of dictatorial directives (remember CUPE, the Art Gallery, Student Help, CKSR, UAVAC and so on?).

If the Biltek-Black slate is elected, next year we'll have no Gateway, no CUPE union, no committees, no democracies - just Biltek and Black signing their mighty names. After all, they said that this year they have just laid the foundations.

Every person concerned about this arbitrary quashing of a paper run on a democratic basis, open to all who are willing to work, should go to the Wednesday election rally and raise this issue. We should turn the rally into a giant meeting to support Gateway and reinstate Ron Yakimchuk.

Finally, the Young Socialists would like to offer their alternative to everyone on campus. We'd like everyone opposed to the Council's actions to vote for us in the elections, because we represent a break with all past councils. We want a council which is an organizing leadership for students rather than against students. Why should students fight students while our bosses sit back and chuckle over in University Hall? The answer must be to vote Young Socialist and organize a mass student movement to fight for our real interests.

Mark Priegert,  
Chris Bearchell,  
Don Wiley,  
Linda Gaboury,  
Larry Panych,  
for the Young Socialists.

Dear Sirs:

On reviewing your article "What they DID" analysing the accomplishments (did I say that?) of McKenzie-Biltek and Co., I was compelled to add a thought regarding the section marked Students' Assistance, one of the few areas they appeared to deserve credit. I doubt if these people actually deserve this credit either. The residency requirement of ten years (for remission and not loan as you stated) was quite preposterous and was recognized as such by many people in the Provincial Government long before our honorable representatives arrived on the scene. Their whole planning on Student Aid was minimal. I was office manager of the Students Finance Board until this September and stated this on the quaint little forms the Executive give out when they need help. I offered to give my four years of experience and knowledge in the area of Student Aid, but as I was not taken up on this offer I assumed that Biltek-McKenzie and cohorts were far superior in this field and my knowledge wasn't worth a tinker's dam. I was wrong. Six months later I realize they are not worth a damn. Don't come knocking at my door for votes for Biltek or I'll huff and I'll puff and blow you flat on your .....

K. A. Detloff  
Education

To the Gateway Staff:

The members of our Local have passed a motion strongly supporting the stand taken by the Gateway Staff and condemning the undemocratic action of Students' Council.

CUPE Local 1368,  
Students' Union Building

Dear Bob,

I wish to express my full support for the Gateway in this latest childish squabble initiated by the Students' Union executive.

Richard Mercier,  
Director of Public Relations,  
Students' Union

To mssrs. MacKensie, Biltek, and McDonnell

It appears to us that the University of Alberta Student Council (specifically the Executive) have once again transgressed their bounds of jurisdiction in appointing a non-staff recommended person for editor.

But it did not come as a surprise to us as MacKensie, Biltek, and McDonnell had hinted at this, at the fall conference of the A.A.S.. They weren't happy with the Gateway, they didn't like Bob Beal and stated that this year - the staff recommendation for editor would carry very little weight. Shortly after that, a CUP investigation committee revealed that Gauntlet Editor, Gus Henderson, had virtually been guaranteed the position if he were to apply. We wonder if perhaps Miss Jackson isn't another set-up by these same perpetrators.

Furthermore - we find the negation of the Gateway's staff recommendation in favor of someone who has never worked on the paper before untenable. Granted, Democracy is a very nebulous concept in the hands of the best intentioned Students Council Executive (We don't have any illusions that MacKensie and Company are the best) but when a paper such as the Gateway honestly attempts democratization in terms of its decision making process etc. and then when their editor is appointed - we can't buy it. The staff puts out the paper, writes it up, does the layout and many other tedious and sometimes boring tasks - Student Council doesn't and in a very real way the Editor doesn't. He or she co-ordinates and acts as a resource person. You don't just walk in and say I'm your Editor for the next year like it or leave it. (It is called something you MacKensie should be acutely aware of - Alienation.)

The Gateway isn't a perfect paper by any means as was borne out by the CUP investigation committee - but it is trying. Visit their offices sometime, people are trying to get their heads too. You don't solve minor problems by creating larger ones. Think about it.

In conclusion, we strongly suggest that you reconsider your decision.

Gus Henderson  
Editor of the Gauntlet  
Marni Storas, Assoc. Editor  
Sharon Smith, Telex operator

Democracy has been threatened. Shall we sit back and watch an elite dictate? The Gateway staff is responsible for its newspaper, its mistakes and accomplishments. Have they not the right to elect their own editor? I voted against the Personnel Board's decision at the Council meeting on Monday and I feel that I am justified in having done so. It's up to you to involve yourselves! Make a wise choice in Friday's election.

Ingrid Lowig  
Arts Rep.  
on Students' Council

Dear Gateway Staff;

I am writing this letter in my position of National Field Secretary for Canadian University Press. I am very

Dear Gateway Staff;

I am writing this letter in my position of National Field Secretary for Canadian University Press. I am very distressed that I am forced to write this letter because the Gateway has long been a member of this organization but it seems that it will no longer be able to remain a member.

The action taken by your Students Council concerning the appointment of Gateway Editor on February 14 is a direct contravention of the Statement of Principles of the Canadian University Press and a contravention of any principles of a free press in general.

Hopefully your struggle to reverse the actions of your council will be successful and CUP will do whatever it can to support this struggle. In the event, however, that it is not successful I am afraid that the Gateway as a student paper for the University of Alberta will not be eligible to remain as a member of CUP.

Good luck in your struggle.  
Ron Colpitts  
National Field Secretary  
Canadian University Press

Darrel Ness  
General Manager  
Student's Union

Feb. 15, 1972

Dear Mr. Ness:

Further to our brief conversation this morning I wish to formally submit my resignation effective June 30, 1972.

It is with some regret that I am submitting my resignation but I feel that the latest move of Student's Council in selecting an Editor from outside of the present Gateway staff leaves me no alternative.

During the 2½ years that I have been employed by the Student's Union as Advertising Manager I have developed a degree of loyalty and a good working relationship with the Gateway staffers. Therefore, I cannot be part of what I feel was an injustice to the Gateway Staff and by staying on as Advertising Manager I would be indirectly supporting the action taken by Council. Furthermore, I feel this action taken by Council was a serious mistake and the final result will prove to be detrimental to the Gateway and in effect to the students at large. The question of the Gateway is complex and I wholeheartedly supported the choice of the Gateway's Editor elect feeling he was well qualified.

It was a shock to me that Council would overrule the Gateway choice and elect a person for Editor that almost all the Gateway staff felt they couldn't work under. I sympathize with the Gateway staff in this respect for I feel it would be difficult for most anyone to work under the dictatorial conditions she implied she would impose.

I stated earlier that it was with some regret that I am submitting my resignation and I mean this in all sincerity. I have enjoyed working with the Gateway staff and the other members of the Students' Union Staff.

Even though there have been frustrating periods and a number of differences, I have found the last 2½ years rewarding and have felt some personal satisfaction and accomplishments.

In conclusion I would expect that I have given you ample time to select and train a replacement.

Percy Wickman  
Advertising Manager

c.c. Bob Beal, Editor Gateway

The Western Alberta Silly Party, at its recent semi-annual policy convention, was thrown into turmoil by the news that der Fuehrer Biltek and his council capos had forced the Gateway staff to accept as editor an almost totally inexperienced person, chosen only because she acquiesced in Mr. Biltek's political views. The overwhelming rejection of Terri Jackson by the Gateway staff, those who are most directly concerned, would indicate that she would in fact have extreme difficulties accomplishing her job. The W.A.S.P. (Silly Party to our friends, and that's you) unanimously passed a resolution asking the students to defeat the Biltek-Black slate, and demand that the other slates make clear immediately their position on this issue, and the other issues raised by the Silly Party, so that the students know who to vote for to restore democracy on this campus.

We of the U. of A. Ski club wish to protest the recent action of Students' Council in appointing a new editor for the Gateway who is obviously lacking in experience, as well as proper motivation for such a position. We support, instead, the Gateway staff's own choice for editor, and urge all other students and student organizations to do likewise.

U of A Ski Club

Our students' council (and executive) have done it again. In their high handed manner they have seen fit to try to impose their way on our newspaper. By overruling the group decision regarding the Editorship they have shown their desire to tame the paper for their own purposes.

I want a newspaper, not a council rag. My position is that I will stand behind the Gateway (and other media), not on it.  
Power to the Press.

Barry McLaren.  
(V.P. Services  
Candidate (victor?))

Dear Mr. Beal,

I am writing this letter to express my full support for the strike action taken by the Gateway staff. I consider the acceptance of the personnel board's recommendation at last night's council meeting to be an outrageous denial of the wishes of the Gateway staff members.

The overwhelming support given to Mr. Yakimchuk by the paper's staff, combined with his many years of dedicated and competent service to the Gateway provide sufficient reasons for granting him next year's editorship. It is my feeling that an editor cannot produce a paper without the support of his staff. It is obvious to me, that council's choice (Ms. Terri Jackson) is not that of the people presently producing this newspaper. Furthermore, I consider council's decision to have been based more on petty revenge than upon common sense.

I urge all students concerned about the present situation to offer their support to Gateway staffers by signing the petition currently being circulated. An injustice has been done, let's work to correct it!

Dave Shragge,  
Med. Rep.,  
Students Council.

Gentlemen:

Whatever internal strife may exist within various democratic organizations, it nevertheless appears that freedom of the press is an essential democratic right and that a duly elected editor, elected by those who spend their time and efforts creating a student newspaper, deserves the support of those who recognize how fragile and difficult it is to maintain the freedom of the press, not only on a University campus but in the society at large.

Control of the press is an unhealthy situation in the long run, even though it may represent short-term gains to those who feel unjustly attacked by the news media. As a volunteer organization working across the hall from another volunteer organization, we feel that when it comes to the crunch it must be the people who put in the time and work who have the say as to who will be their leader.

MARY VAN STOLK  
President of S.T.O.P.

To The Gateway,  
Having had similar dealings with Students' Council in the past, dealings which still have not been resolved, we can sympathize with your position and support you in your efforts. Surely an executive with such disregard for student services, will not be re-elected for another term.

W. May,  
Chairman,  
Art Gallery Committee

Contributions to  
THE GATEWAY STRIKE  
FUND will be gratefully  
appreciated. These monies  
will enable us to publish a  
strike paper.

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