

# GOLIARD DEAD

Kelowna (CUP) - The student newspaper at Okanagan College is dead.

After a year and a half of wrangling with its student council and publishing off-campus without the funds entitled to it, the Goliard has ceased operations.

The Goliard was dealt its final blow when the present executive, elected this April, learned that staff members failed to renew the Goliard Publications Society's incorporation with the B.C. Registrar.

The Goliard Publications Society has been struck from the B.C. Register of Companies, and had its assets seized by the Kelowna Campus student council executive.

The councillors were then able to take possession of the paper's equipment in the name of the Goliard Publications Society's members, the students of Okanagan College.

Throughout the entire dispute, the Goliard maintained that the council owed the paper a \$4 per

student levy. The paper was autonomous from the council and had won the guaranteed fee in a campus-wide referendum in 1983.

Ian Case, a former Goliard board member, said the paper's problems began when last year's executive withheld paper funds, and trashed all copies of two issues of the Goliard.

The loss of the Goliard's society status marked the staff's last solid ground in its bid for financial autonomy from the council.

The executive intends to carry out its plan of starting a new student paper, said council co-chair, Thal Poonian. The new paper will most likely exist as a sub-committee of the executive, pending a change in the council's constitution later this month, said Poonian.

But Case says the new paper's relationship to the council executive worries him.

"The executive say they want an 'entirely fresh start,' which

sounded quite familiar to me," said Case, referring to a similar phrase used by Premier Bill Vander Zalm in last fall's provincial election campaign.

Case said the paper will likely be run by an editor hired by, and directly answerable to the executive - a set-up he believes would seriously hamper the paper's editorial freedom.

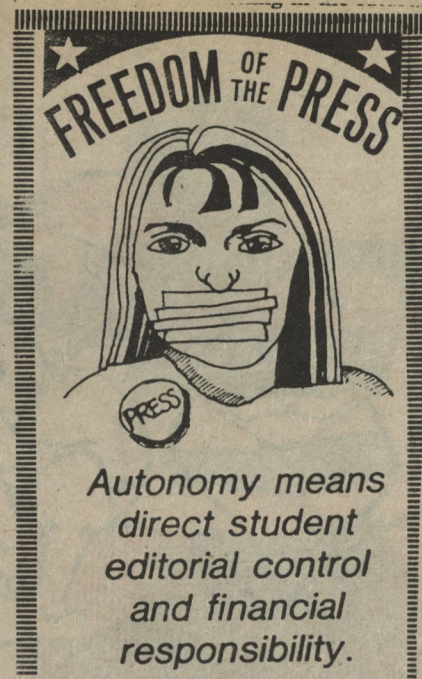
Poonian confirmed Case's description of the editor's role, but says that "there will be more than adequate autonomy (from the executive)."

Case fears the new paper will be less likely to cover education and global issues, something for which the Goliard was noted.

The fate of the new paper lies with the students

of Okanagan College, when the constitutional change goes to a campus-wide vote at a General Meeting this month.

The Goliard was founded in 1979. In 1983, the paper became an editorially autonomous, registered publishing society. ■



## CORRECTION CORRECTION

The letter from UPEI President Eliot as it appeared in last week's Gem was erroneous. In the second paragraph, the word 'here' was mistakenly inserted before the phrase "the the University of...". In the last paragraph, the phrase 'each and every' should read "each". The Gem apologizes for this unintentional mangling of the original letter.

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