

The sign of a weak politician...

...is one who tries to keep all his promises.

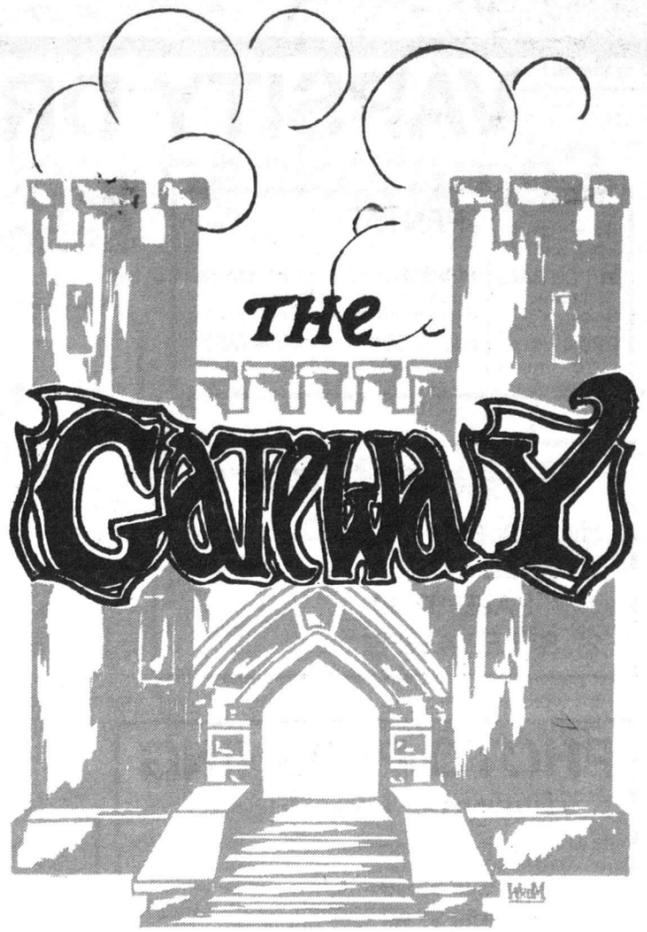
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Seventy-five years ago this fall an intrepid group of press groupies banded together to create *The Gateway* (see above). Though we've never had a TV show, or even a theme song (anniversary submissions now being accepted), we've managed over our history to attract such luminaries as that hiccup of Canadian history, Joe Clark. But we've not all chinless wonders. If you've got the Kirk Douglas dimple and want to rectify the damage done by the prince of High River, come see us. And even if you don't, come see us anyway. *The Gateway* offices are in Room 282 SUB.

HUB – profit in poor maintenance

by Lutfulkabir Khan

The university made \$470,260 in profit from HUBs 850 tenants last year but this is apparently discouraging them from maintaining the

apartments properly.

Carpets, appliances, floor tiles, faucets and air vents in many — if not most — units currently require either repair or replacement.

The tenants complain but responses from housing services is slow and often erratic. For example, unit check-ups should be done whenever a tenant moves out and necessary cleaning or repairs be done before the next tenant moves in.

Most often, however the new tenant finds the suite in the same condition it was left in by the previous tenant.

To cite an extreme example of an irregularity, the tenant of unit 01B-9207 moved out at the end of June and reportedly had to pay \$350 for cleaning and repair bills. When the present tenant moved in, he found that walls had not been re-painted, the carpet was unclean, and even the smoke detector was missing. After repeated complaints, walls were painted but even after two months the smoke detector was missing.

The tenants of unit 8904-2B were informed that the carpet would be replaced soon, but to date, nothing has been done.

In another case, a maintenance crew entered unit 8916-3A without prior notice, cleaned the whole unit and later billed the tenants for the clean-up.

These irregularities that often occur indicate either an improper management of maintenance services or a shortage of maintenance crews.

When contacted, student Housing Officer Penny Hiebert said that top management of the housing services has been changed and it is more efficient than ever before.

Two accommodation clerks, two housing assistants and one building assistant now cater to the needs of the tenants.

Why then, do these irregularities still occur?

According to Hiebert, the condi-

tions of all units in HUB are below standard and complete renovation is the most feasible answer to all the problems facing HUB.

Housing services already have

elaborate plans for renovation. Recently \$200,000 was spent to renovate 54 four-man units, but the university administration is reluctant to provide the several million

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Hi-tech registration

by Suzette C. Chan

With student enrolment at the U of A expected to match last year's number, the office of the registrar has lifted its quota on first-year students and is looking ahead to a new high-tech in-person registration system.

"We are predicting enrolment comparable to last year," said registrar Brian Silzer in an interview last week.

By December 1984, 23,617 full-time and 3,839 part-time students were registered at the U of A. There was also a handful of special and evening credit students.

Because the number of new students at the U of A is not expected to increase drastically, Silzer said the Board of Governors has decided to lift its quota on first year entrants.

"The quota on first year students was approved by B of G last year to protect the university from a complete inundation," said Silzer. "The number of registrants (last September) didn't exceed the quota, so in January I went to the administration and asked that the quota not be renewed."

He said as of last week, his office has processed 12,064 applications for new admissions and 6,083 re-admissions.

While "not all the applicants will qualify," Silzer said the office has mailed "some 11,243 actual offers of admission."

So far the faculty that should be expected the most dramatic increase in enrolment will be arts.

The education and science faculties may have a slight decrease while most other non-quota faculties will probably stay at "status quo".

Silzer said his department was pleased with the efficiency of its new system of processing applications and is anticipating a computerized in-person registration procedure within the next two years.

"We're hopeful this is the last year of [the present] format." He said he hopes students registering in the fall of 1986 "will have a modified registration procedure, an automated touch tone phone system so students can register from the comfort of their homes or phone booth or wherever."

He said the university is "very supportive for the developmental work" and has been monitoring a similar system at Brigham Young University, an institution of comparable size.

Silzer said the cost of installing and maintaining the system is still under study, but the cost of the hardware is about \$200,000.

Silzer has spoken to SU president Mike Nickel about the new system but has yet to make a more comprehensive presentation to the SU.

Nickel said the system "looks like a great advantage. You don't have to go through the bureaucracy or stand in line all day."

Silzer expects a more definite idea of when the system will be in place within the next few months.

Jobs up, money down

by Ann Grever

More students found jobs this summer than last summer but they were paid less.

This seems to be the conclusion drawn from the wealth of statistics compiled this summer about student summer employment.

The Canada Employment Development Branch saw a 52% increase in placements. The Hire-a-Student office placements were up 12% also.

Donna Beech, manager of the Employment Centre credits business and a moderate improvement in the economy with the increase in employment. "Employers have come back" said Beech, both in the private and public sector, although the majority of students were hired by the private sector.

The two new federal employment schemes SEED (Student Employment Experience Development) and Student Entrepreneurs were run from the Hire-a-Student office for most of the summer, according to Peter Block, director of Hire-a-Student's program. However the wage in real dollars decreased 6% from last year and 24% since 1981.

The Student Entrepreneurs Program was more successful in Alberta than anywhere else in Canada. About eight student businesses were established. "It could be a good program next year" said

Block, but this year "it came out too late."

Mike Evans was one of two students who ran Mantike Landscaping this summer. The company

Federal Government Programs

	1984	1985
COSEP	251	300
SEED/Summer Works		
Canada	851	358

General Placements

	1984	1985
Canada Employment Centre	1046	1591
Hire-a-Student	5842	7187

borrowed the maximum \$2,000 under Student Entrepreneurs. According to Evans the interest-free loan was "convenient but not much of a factor." "If it were more money" said Evans, "it would encourage students to take more risks... \$2,000 is not enough to make or break a business."

Two student employment programs continued from former years were COSEP (federal government department employment) and STEP (provincial government department employment). According to Roger Osborne who was employed with the Federal Solicitor General through COSEP, the big advantage of the program was "that the experience related directly to my education and future career goals."