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Don Mckenzie  
joke?

# The Gateway

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## SUB art gallery to be investigated

### It's too expensive — Council claims

The SUB Art Gallery may be in big trouble.

Last night Students' Council voted to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of finding supporting or alternate financing of the SUB Art Gallery.

The motion, proposed by Frans Slatter, would set up a committee composed of two council members, one member of the Art's Resource Board, one member of the Art Gallery Committee, the Students' Union treasurer, and the manager of the Arts Area (who will act ex officio).

Earlier, Slatter, Student Union Treasurer, had clarified his position and the true nature of the motion.

"This motion is an approval in principle—we need to refinance, and we want to keep the Art Gallery; that's what the space was designed for." This concerns only the Art Gallery section—not the music listening room. The 16,000 grant the gallery has now should be supported by the University. I would like to see the University art gallery now housed near the Faculty Club combined with the SUB arrangement, and save the 16,000. I'd as soon spend that money elsewhere for example on Academic Affairs. It's ridiculous to have two Art galleries," he said.

Myra Davies, Director of SUB Art Gallery was most upset about the entire matter.

"Other students and I have been developing this gallery for four years. Since then we've developed it to exceptional status recognized by the National Gallery." Davies said that gallery activities included the video library, the flea market which is presented every second Friday, the biannual print rental, the various exhibits, the musical facilities, the reading areas,

special events concerts, and the periodicals not readily accessible elsewhere."

Art Gallery Committee Chariman Kathy Hines presented a defense of the Art gallery area to Council. She said she could not understand why the motion to abolish or relinquish SUB Art Gallery to the University had not been discussed with Director Myra Davies or with any of the other department heads of the Gallery. She said SUB Art Gallery provided students with high-quality art exhibitions, art show catalogues from around the world, and poetry readings. "It is also important," said Kathy Hines, "that students see other students and their work...If the gallery becomes the ward of the University the exhibits will become "more academic and less fun."

Doug Black, Students' Union Coordinator, said that "this executive is concerned about priorities—where the money is going. It's an excellent art gallery, and to can it would be unwarranted but we want the money to come from elsewhere." Black said that the art gallery budget, including the music area amounts to \$24,000. This is the union's fourth largest allotment after Administration, Building Operations, and the Students' Council Budget.

"We need a larger grant fund; the existing one is only \$6,000. We need to free money for activities such as a social action group, with a hired activist to organize various political forums and other topics of current interest. I sense we are becoming aware; we need someone to activate the campus and to educate it. This executive has different priorities," said Black.

"I've arranged for grants to supplement our budget; \$2,000 from the University and a further \$1500 from the province of Alberta plus additional private grants. But no one has ever come to talk to me about our budget, or to suggest we cut down on non-essentials. I am willing to discuss the priorities; the gallery isn't the be-all and end-all of the Union; the voluntary and paid staff deserve to be consulted. Money and facts should be balanced out. It seems so stupid to hire, train research and then ditch it all. It depresses me—such a lot of time and effort—and this; one year of crackpots in Council said Davies."

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photo Terry Malanchuk

Here are a few of the thousands of students that annually wander through the Students Union Art Gallery. Shown above is the current exhibit of hangings. The question is however, whether or not the gallery will be around much longer if council has its way.

### in CRTC dispute

## Council backs CKUA

Students' Council has criticised the CRTC (Canadian Radio and Television Commission) for its intention to revoke the operating licence of radio station CKUA.

CKUA is licenced to the University of Alberta and operated by Alberta Government Telephones. Normally a radio station is considered to be owned by

whoever holds the licence, but since AGT owns all the equipment used by the station and pays the salaries of CKUA employees it is not so clear cut in this case.

The CRTC has been instructed not to grant operating licences to provincially owned agencies. This means that when CKUA's licence expires next year, it can no longer be operated on a non-commercial

basis or under its present management.

Students' Union president Don McKenzie said that the reason for the ruling was to legitimize the CRTC's refusal of a licence to Radio Quebec. McKenzie's motion that he be mandated to write a letter to the CRTC strongly objecting to the closure of CKUA passed unanimously.

### telephone directories

The student directories will be here at last. Treasurer Frans Slatter said they will arrive sometime this week. They will be available in SUB to students upon presentation of an ID card.