



Two dancers strike a dramatic pose during the Chinese New Year's celebrations Friday night in the Humanities Centre. The evening was sponsored by the Chinese Students' Association.

photo Stan Mah

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Now and then . . .

. . . an innocent man is sent to the legislature.  
Abe Martin

## Top bucks for top marks?

by Julie Green

Scholarships based on academic merit could be awarded to the top five per cent of students if General Faculties Council (GFC) endorses a proposal to establish a new scholarship program.

The awards would be allocated to each faculty on a per capita student basis. Scholarships would go to the top five per cent of students in all years of the faculty, says the proposal, a product of GFC's Undergraduate Scholarship Committee (USC).

The value of each scholarship would be directly related to the student's academic record. Students in the top 1.5 per cent would each receive \$500, while students in the next 1.5 per cent would receive \$350.

Students in the next two per cent would receive \$250.

The proposal allows USC to distribute the scholarships equitably, says director of student awards and chairman of the committee Larry Henderson.

The current student awards program, worth \$250,000, would remain in place, the proposal says. The awards policy adopted by GFC is based on the "bursary" principle rather than solely on the academic principle.

GFC adopted the bursary system in 1971 because it assumed "a large portion of students were coming from the middle and lower family income levels."

In the present system, scholarships and prizes based solely on academic merit do not exceed \$200.

The new academic scholarship program would cost \$250,000 to implement. Funding for the scholarship would come from several sources, including supplementary scholarship funds from the university's operating account, allocated by

the Board of Governors (B of G). A Scholarship Fund-Raising Committee could be established to seek financial support from business and industry, the proposal suggests. New donors could be encouraged to contribute to the

Faculty Scholarship Fund, says the proposal, and this income would be shared by faculties on a per capita basis.

The USC's proposal was accepted in principle by GFC executive committee.

GFC will consider the proposal at its next meeting.

## Farkas still new vp

A vote recount for the position of Students' Union (SU) vice president external has reaffirmed the victory of Kris Farkas (Astley slate).

The recount, held Thursday, showed an eight-point spread between Farkas and opponent Lisa Walter (Thorkelson slate). The final count was 1505 Farkas, 1497 Walter.

In the original results, Farkas defeated Walter by five votes.

The position is still up in the air, however, pending a Scott Thorkelson appeal to Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board.

If the Thorkelson appeal is successful, a re-election for the position is possible.

## New CJSR director

A fourth-year Computing Science student is the new campus radio station director.

Steve Cumming, Students' Union science councillor, replaces Gary McGowan as CJSR director.

Cumming says he has no major changes planned for the station, but pursuing an FM license and general improvements will be priorities.

"We ultimately want to go FM, and I want to continue to increase staff proficiency —

there's always room for improvement," he says.

Cumming, whose past radio experience includes on-air work and news and sports reporting for CJSR, says he expects to be director for a one-year period.

He says he also plans to give up the science seat on Council, which he has held for the past three years.

"I can see definite conflicts of interest," he says.

Cumming takes over as station director April 1.



Steve Cumming

## Mr. Gateway cops out

Joe Clark is finished and it's all *The Gateway's* fault.

Readers may recall that a few weeks ago *The Gateway* was contacted by the Progressive Conservative Party to see if we were interested in contributing funds to help Joe Clark's re-election campaign. We opted against making a donation at that time.

Well, late last week we received a telegram from the Party, informing us that "a special election contribution of \$25.00 from you will ensure a PC government."

But we delayed and debated, and, before we knew it, Joe Clark was out, and the PCs are going to hold us responsible.

The telegram noted that Mr. Gateway is one of the PC Canada Fund's best supporters, and concluded that "WE MUST NOT FAIL TO WIN."

Look, Joe, we're sorry that our \$25.00 didn't materialize and that it cost you the prime ministership.

But it's still heartening to know that the little guy, you and us, can still make the difference between victory and defeat — only with a mere 25 bucks.