



## NASA and B of G fights graffiti

by Scott Partridge

In an effort to curb the graffiti epidemic now in evidence on campus, the Non Academic Staff Association (NASA) has made a request to the Board of Governors to approve funding for the instalment of one-way mirrors in all campus lavatories.

NASA spokesman, Ron Chamberland, says, "the mirrors (to be mounted in the doors of the lavatories, mirrors facing inward) should provide an effective deterrent to the urges of all potential graffiti graphers." The reasoning is that is possible offenders are aware of someone watching their every move, they would be less likely to scrawl useless pornography on the walls, yet at the same time, the mirrors would allow for a complete sense of privacy necessary for human excretory activity.

The benefit to the university, says Chamberland, can be seen in a slower turnover of janitorial staff, who presently must suffer long hours of sanded the scribbling off.

Staff and student comment, while relatively sparse, has been sufficient to indicate that opposition to the mirror issue will be universal, the strongest argument pointing out the inevitable loss of the university's primary creative outlet would lead to a rapid decline in morale.

G.H. Fridman, Dean of the Faculty of Law, contends that one of the most frequently-used information resources centres is the lowly lavatory and any move to reduce its efficiency will affect the quality of education on campus.

The lavatories are also invaluable to engineering students as study aids, according to the Engineering Students Association. They attest this fact using the vast conglomeration of mathematical formulae that can be found in the restrooms on the sixth floor of CAB as an obvious example.

As there is a definite need for preventative measures in controlling the graffiti epidemic however, President of the Board of Governors, Gerald Swanson, states that the request by NASA is receiving due consideration, adding that approval of funding is a distinct possibility at this time.

In order to determine both short term and long term effects of the mirrors on campus life, Swanson has extended an invitation to all interested parties to submit a brief concerning all aspects of the graffiti epidemic at tomorrow's Board of Governor's meeting (Friday, Dec. 6) at 10:30 a.m. in room 3-15, University Hall.

Those wishing more information are asked to contact

Rick Pilger in the Public Relations Office, at 432-4201.

## Italian interests buy HUB for 1.5 million

The Students' Union announced today that it has successfully concluded negotiations for the sale of HUB. This action should remove the many problems involved with the operation of what has long been considered a "White Elephant" on campus.

The selling price is reportedly adequate, and sufficient enough to successfully eliminate the financial problems created by this building in the past.

The buyer was identified as a Mr. Nunzio Pocennello, who has behind him a long and successful business history.

He apparently immigrated to Canada in 1956, after making his fortune in Italy selling roses. Although further information is scanty this was apparently his only source of income.

On his arrival in Canada, he established a lucrative export-import business. Due to his close ties with related business interests in Italy it is impossible to estimate his exact wealth.

Pocennello himself was unavailable for an interview; we were however, able to talk with one of his assistants. Pocennello apparently plans to accomplish

the unenviable task of converting HUB into a revenue-producing establishment.

He plans to evict all merchants on the East side of the mall and expand the pub to include this entire area.

Rents for the remaining shop space will be raised to remove those merchants who do not wish to remain. These spaces are expected to be filled by displaced merchants from the east side of the mall.

Pocennello is also planning to increase apartment rents by an estimated \$40 per person per month.

Management personnel employed in the building are nervous of the possibility of being replaced, as Pocennello has a reputation of employing only Italians in management positions.

Although a complaint about this alleged practice was laid with a Government agency, it was dropped when the official responsible for it refused to act.

Pocennello's assistant expressed confidence that his business expertise will be more than able to convert HUB into a revenue-producing business.

## SHOCK NOTES

### "Capilano girl"

Dustin Hoffman, famous for his appearance in many movies like "The Graduate", "Papillon" and "Little Big Man" will come to the U of A campus to shoot his forthcoming picture tentatively entitled "The Girl from Capilano".

This tragic Canadian epic tells the story of Ephraim, a ninth-year arts student, who discovers the love of his life in a religious study course. Having finally made his advances to Vivian, Ephraim's chosen one to be played by Katherine Hephurn, the movie's "hero" falls victim to the Canadian winter by freezing to death on the U of A Quad in front of CAB.

Dustin Hoffman indicated in an interview with *The Getaway* that he is pleased to play such a challenging role.

The happy tip-toe soundtrack music will be written and performed by Canada's leading comedian, Leonard Cohen.

### "Harrison at Con Hall"

George Harrison will appear at Convocation Hall on February 30, 1975, Dark Hoarse Productions announced today.

Harrison, a promising new singer who became locally established with his hit song "My Sweet Loaf", will be joined by some friends including John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr.

Ticket's are available at Peter's "Dream On" agency.

### "Rocking Peter"

Rockin' and Stompin' Peter Trudeau and his Free Liberal Band are back in the charts with "Son of a (Expletive deleted)". The old rock 'n' roll superstar who caused a phenomenon called Trudeaumania-not unlike Beatlemania - in the late sixties - landed a surprising comeback this summer with Alice Cooper's tune "Elected". The recent revived success of Peter has been partly attributed to the hit single his wife Margaret had on the "Campaign Label" with "I Love him, I honestly Love him."

### "White Getaway"

Bernhardt Fritze, janitor-in-chief of Canada's leading bi-weekly, *The Getaway*, announced yesterday that the newspaper will extend its services by printing in white from now on. Mr. Fritze said that he felt "a white newspaper could be of essential help in certain emergency situations."

"Sometimes the print comes off the paper and looks like a mess after using it."

*The Getaway* also intends to make the texture of the paper softer. It is not clear whether this new policy is in any way related to the paper shortage in SUB and Tory washrooms.

H. Knuckertz

### "SUB bedroom"

Students' Council decided last Monday to make fifty beds in SUB available to students during the upcoming Christmas exam week.

Joe McGhie, Students' Union president, explained in an interview with *The Getaway* that "students should have a possibility to have a little snooze

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## Contract negotiated for SU general manager

by Doug Moore

After the controversy last year surrounding the inaccessibility of the SU's General Manager's contracted salary, Student Council has now ratified the new manager's contract which is available upon request.

Interested parties have voiced pleasure with the new contract and agree that the SU is finally offering a salary and benefits commensurate with the position.

The high points of the contract were the salary, fringe benefits, and the cost of living

clause.

Basic salary is now \$44,200/yr. with annual increments of \$1,000 to a ceiling of \$50,200. Benefits include the pensionscheme, based on 10% of total earnings paid annually after vacating the position. The new general manager is entitled to unlimited use of the suites on the 6th floor of SUB, Students' Union and university vehicles, and all Students' Union facilities on a priority basis. An unlimited but accountable travel and entertainment budget are included.



Chariot of the Gods? Well, just maybe...This UFO was spotted hovering above the Tory Building last night, and disappeared to the south, followed by a dozen private airplanes.