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to tell you how  
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## Council debates - Is NUS us?

by Cathy Partridge

Student Council last night approved a recommendation to hold a referendum on October 3 concerning the National Union of Students which will give students an opportunity to decide whether or not they wish to join NUS.

Council was nearly unanimous in approving the motion.

"Since it costs a dollar per student," said Rick Cooper, "they should certainly have a chance to make up their own minds."

The issue of NUS came to the forefront again this summer when it was feared that the organization would go bankrupt. A large number of universities agreed to give or loan money to NUS in order to keep it solvent.

Our own student council lent \$3,000 to the union on the basis that U of A students should have the opportunity to decide for themselves if they wished to become members. This was felt to be impossible without aid to NUS as it was feared the union would go belly-up without it. NUS now appears to be in much better financial straits.

The concern over the financial status of NUS appeared to

be valid, as it's parent organisation, CUS, had previously suffered from similar problems.

In the late 1960s CUS became more radical in its viewpoints, causing the more moderate unions, beginning with the U of A, to pull out. This split finally destroyed CUS in 1969 because it no longer had any broad support, financially or politically.

In 1972 NUS was founded. It has since expanded and has specified its areas of concern. The major areas of interest lie in financing of post-secondary education, housing, employment and the status of women students.

At last night's Council meeting it was generally agreed that now was a good time for the NUS referendum. Said Joe McGhie, "It's a good time to put the question to student. NUS has never looked better. They've certainly come a long way."

It will soon be up to the students on this campus to decide whether the U of A will join the swelling ranks of NUS.

At least, said Brian Mason, "Whether win or lose, it's my hope that this referendum will have the impact of educating a lot of students in some important issues."



Harry M. Goldberg, from the Department of English, to the Students' Union.

## B of G won't barge on College matter

by Greg Neiman

St. Steven's College does not stand on university property, it is not the University's concern to "barge in" on off-campus problems, and the U administration should certainly not attempt to change decisions of outside bodies regarding their property holdings.

Thus the Board of Governors decided last Friday to allow the St. Steven's governing board to continue with demolition plans for the campus' oldest historical landmark.

Described as "an eyesore and a firetrap", the Board decided it would not be worth the University's expense to refurbish St. Steven's College for use as office space, a residence, or anything, for that matter.

Although no studies were done into the cost estimates for renovating the building, some Board members gave what they called "shotgun estimates" of between two and four million dollars for renovation costs.

Ronald Dalby, University Chancellor, and a member of the St. Steven's governing board would not give figures from the United Church's viewpoint either, although he said costs were simply seen as too high to warrant renovation.

Certain legal aspects of the University's involvement with land claims of the site were discussed during the closed portion of the meeting, and were hinted at during the public session.

It seems the United Church's agreement with the University states that if the site is abandoned by the United Church, land ownership would

revert to the University.

One Board member suggested that the University should encourage the destruction of St. Steven's "to get the land back here where it belongs."

Another member felt an outside legal opinion would be necessary before the University  
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## New Gen Manager announced

by Greg Neiman

Effective November 3, Harry Goldberg will be the Students' Union's new General Manager.

Ratified at a closed-session meeting of Students' Council yesterday, Goldberg will succeed the retiring Burt Krull who has served since the summer of 1974.

As far as the *Gateway* can tell, there was little opposition in Council to his appointment, and the recommendation of the Committee to Select the General Manager to appoint Goldberg passed quickly through Council.

At the age of 41, Goldberg feels, somewhat differently from his predecessor, that his position is a political one as well as financial and social.

"I think everything is at least a little political," but he stresses the financial involvements he sees his job requires.

With experience in many areas of business management, from the ownership of a small retail business, to the management of the U of A Department of English, Goldberg feels his personal qualifications are that he can get along with people and that he's willing to listen to both sides of issues.

With regards to the Students' Union, Goldberg says he looks forward to working with students.

He sees his job as a role "to carry out the mandate and policies of the Students' Union Executive", and says that although instances may arise when his preferences may differ with those of the student ex-

ecutive, he nonetheless intends to carry them out to possibly discuss them later.

Goldberg sees HUB as both a business and a service, a business as regards the commercial tenants, and a service as regards the student tenants.

Still with a great deal of catching up to do on the day-to-day aspects of carrying out a General Manager's duties, Goldberg expects to do some large amount of talking with people and listening before November 3 rolls around.

## Lottery fever at Simon Fraser

VANCOUVER (CUP) - A monthly draw lottery is in the works to raise \$400,000 for student housing at Simon Fraser University.

A proposal submitted by McFarlane and Associates, managers of the Orpheum Lottery, has been forwarded to Ross Powell, student union president.

Initially the proposal was sent to SFU administration who apparently were not interested, and then to Powell.

"We've just started to check out the proposal," said Powell, "but if the scheme seems workable, our position will be that the administration should

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## The song that won their hearts

The *Gateway Four*, proud winners of the hotly contested Media Challenge songwriting competition display their coveted prizes. Standing (left to right) are Greg Neiman (songwriter and music arranger) and Kim St. Clair (bass and rhythm expert). Seated are Scott Partridge (lead singer) and Berry Westgateway (missing). Words to the now-hit tune are on page six.