

What do you call
a black Hobbitt?...

The Gateway

...A Tolkien negro.

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THE HUB CRISIS IS OVER

by Greg Neiman

Its over. Joe McGhie settled comfortably in his chair and took upon himself the hard-earned privilege of telling the world our troubles are over.

The Housing Union Building, for five long years the thorn in the U of A Students' Union's financial side no longer can threaten us with the dread spectre of financial insolvency. The provincial government has listened to the pleas of the Students' Union with greater sympathy than most people had ever predicted.

Joe McGhie smiled as he settled comfortably in his chair to tell his fellow students not to worry anymore.

Essentially, the Department of Advanced Education will be giving \$300,000 to the Board of Governors, \$100,000 of which will go towards the operating deficit planned for next fiscal year. \$200,000 would be used to go towards repayment of a loan the Students' Union incurred in past efforts to pay for HUB. As well, the Department will recommend to the Board that a \$700,000 loan it gave to the Students' Union, now due for repayment, be converted to an outright grant.

Next year, the SU will be contributing only \$20,000 to the HUB operating deficit and further smaller amounts in the future until HUB becomes self-

sustaining, as was planned five years ago.

The projected operating deficit for 1975-76 is \$120,000.

The proposal becomes effective subject to the formal ratification of Students' Council and the Board of Governors, all of whom had representation in the formulation of the new plan.

Subject to criticism from the press and fellow students, McGhie has held to a belief that he cannot divulge information to the public, a factor which many believe lost him the general election last month.

In fact, a press conference held to make the settlement public was almost called off when Jim Foster asked that the agreement not be made public this soon, possibly until it had been ratified by Council and the Board of Governors, which may not have occurred until after

McGhie's term of office had expired.

From the beginning of his term of office, the McGhie administration, on request that the Students' Union show itself as trying to solve its financial difficulties, has operated on no less than skeletal budgeting in all departments and services, something which neither the students nor administration have liked.

Services were cut back or made more expensive or were cut out completely. Throughout SUB the cry was "make money" not "offer services" and a careful perusal of various independent budgets under the Students' Union General Budget will show record incomes and low deficits for this year, and the same projected for next year.

As well, reams of informa-
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Engineer's deficit recouped

by Bob Blair

The Mechanical Engineering Club will receive a grant of \$150 from the Students' Union as a result of a motion passed at Monday's council meeting.

The motion rose from a representation by the club requesting a grant of \$400. The club is budgeted to deficit this amount the 1974-75 fiscal year, and a representative of the

current Mech E executive explained that they did not want to leave this deficit over to the new executive.

In the course of the representation, he gave a rather lengthy list of services the club supplies its members.

No recommendation was forthcoming from administration board as a result of failure by them to achieve a quorum.

In moving to grant only part of the request, Tony Melnychuk, VP services, explained that he agreed the club provided important services, but was not moving to grant the full \$400 "... because the Mechanical Engineering Club has not made a deficit but plan to incur a deficit."

Dent rep, Blair Bennett, pointed out that part of the deficit the club plans to incur is \$320 to be spent on sweaters. Inasmuch as this is a capital

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Photo by Morrie Eaman

After eight months of silence, a relieved and pleased Joe McGhie delivers the good news to a small gathering of press and friends.

Pigeon Scarecrow Frightens Humans

ENS - A campaign against pigeons in Dubuque, Iowa has been so successful it may have to be discontinued.

Officials of the city recreation department placed 24 rubber snakes along the window sills of the Orpheum Theater, a favorite pigeon haunt. Each of the 18-inch snakes is rigged to a piece of

wire, so that when a pigeon lands on a piece of wire it causes a nearby snake to "strike".

Since the experiment began a week ago, the building has been completely abandoned by the pigeons. The trouble is, three persons passing by the theater in the past week have sighted the snakes and fainted in their tracks.

Gateway introduces....

How to survive as a student on \$225 per month. That's the 30-day assignment of a U of A professor, working as a special correspondent to the Gateway, with only the equivalent of an average student's income from a government loan to get by on. The Gateway is carrying a twice-weekly account of our prof's experience.

Day 1 - Tuesday, March 11

Here I am on the first day of my assignment as a student for a month.

The only articles I was allowed to bring along with me are a faded pair of Levis with a satin patch across the crotch, two sweaty T-shirts, a pair of sneakers, a half-bottle of Apple-jack, and a small collection of Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers comic books.

I'm using my first day to get set up for the coming month but I had to pass up the opportunity

to live in a co-op house for \$30 monthly due to lack of funds. Someone told the Gateway that student loans never come through on time so they won't let me have any money yet.

I now only have \$1.57 on hand, which I'm afraid won't pay rent. I think I will accept the kind offer of one of my students. She says that I can crash at her place for the night if I will give her a "7" on her Geography final.

Day 2 - Wednesday, March 12

Well, I made it through my first day with no problems. I had a restful night at the Geography student's home but will have to find other accommodation since her boyfriend is returning home tonight.

I had a fulfilling supper of beernuts in RAIT yesterday, where, unfortunately, I also had to purchase three beers in order to keep up the image of my being a student.

I feel if I am going to act as a student I should cut my classes today so I have time to find someone to buy me dinner. The most difficult adjustment that must be made in my temporary life as a student will be to forego the kind of meals I am accustomed to. As a professor I am used to taking advantage of the culinary excellence of the Faculty Club.

I have been informed by several regular student types, hanging around SUB, that if I can't find any accommodation immediately the Students' Union has provided sleeping facilities on campus. These rest places are the council chambers and SUB Theatre and are open for sleeping during council meetings and S.U. Forums.

With the delays I am experiencing in obtaining my equivalent of a loan I may have to take advantage of these

Confidential student dossiers defiled?

by Greg Neiman

The Women's Caucus in the Faculty of Law was recently granted permission from the Dean of Law to gain access to information kept in the confidential files of their fellow students, says a group of students enrolled in the Law Faculty.

The group, which prefers to remain un-named, says the Women's Caucus asked the Dean for access to ALSAP (Alberta Law Schools Admis-

sion exams) scores to be correlated with the sex of the applicant, for the purpose of determining whether or not women are being discriminated against in the decision of who gets into Law.

This permission was granted.

What the group is angry about, though, is that the Caucus had free, unsupervised, and unlimited access to other information as well as ALSAP scores. The group charges that the vault was merely opened and the girls walked in to pursue what ever course they wanted.

This, they charge, is an affront to their right to personal privacy.

Individual students are not allowed to see their own files, therefore why was the Women's Caucus allowed unlimited time to dredge through the personal pasts of their peers? The group is especially concerned since they feel the Women's Caucus "already has an axe to grind."

One member went so far as to request a full inquiry by an impartial third party, from university vice-president Dr. Willard Allen.

Allen himself had a very official "no comment" for the Gateway saying he could not discuss the case before all the facts were gathered.

The Women's Caucus has officially apologized for the way the information-gathering procedures were handled from their end, but nonetheless a petition is being circulated through the student body in the Law Faculty requesting some action on the issue, perhaps through GFC.

Student For A Month

I will utilize my time today in searching out entertainment that a student can afford on such a limited budget. Already I have observed that coffee drinking is a favorite activity and I must search out some of the fellows in Kelsey. Apparently they have come up with some novel and amusing pastimes that are very inexpensive if one takes care not to be caught.

I can see that my life as a student is going to be quite a sacrifice to me but I also believe some insight can be gained into the life a student must lead on such a budget.

The following is a copy of my budget for the last two days.

MY BUDGET	
On Hand	\$1.57
Purchases:	
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Beer	1.50
TOTAL	1.55
BALANCE	\$.02