

An innocent Kelly Featherstone, unaware of the mid-terms to come. Heh, heh, heh.

If the rain keeps up...

...it won't come down.

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Oops, no teenburgers for us

by Bill Doskoch

The Great Root Bear seems to be going into permanent hibernation, admits SU president Mike Nickel.

A letter dated Sept. 18 from U of A president Myer Horowitz to Nickel advised him that they had decided not to proceed with leasing the present Jumbo's outlet in Subway to an A & W franchise.

Nickel would not release a copy of the letter to *The Gateway*, saying he hadn't yet had an opportunity to discuss the situation with SU VP Finance Rob Splane.

However he indicated one of the major problems the university had

with the proposal was that it faced a drop in revenues.

Housing and Food currently runs Subway in university-owned space. The university keeps all revenues from Jumbo's, the Saucy Noodle and Greenfield's.

If the A & W replaced Jumbo's, the university would have to share revenues with the students' union.

Acting U of A VP Finance Al Renie, who authored a report for president Myer Horowitz that killed the proposal, declined to comment on the issue. Horowitz was unavailable for comment.

However, Nickel and Splane said

they were exploring other options.

Some of those options include a Baaco pizza in RATT and/or having Baaco set up a make-shift kitchen to heat up pre-assembled pizzas in Dinwoodie during cabarets.

"We're not ruling out space on the main floor," said Nickel, subject to traffic flow and venting constraints.

Splane, however, indicated the RATT location would be more probable because of space considerations and pointed out that there had been no detailed discussions with Baaco as yet.

The party's over

TORONTO (CUP) — The students' union president at one of University of Toronto's largest colleges has resigned after his administration spent over \$19,000 more than it should have.

University College Literary and Athletic Society was supposed to spend \$19,000 on orientation activities, but President Glenn Stuart had co-signed expenditures totalling \$39,714.

Stuart's crew bought 250 cases of beer, but students drank only 100 cases. Of 500 tickets purchased for a baseball game, only 100 were claimed. Two square dance callers were hired when only one was needed. The council brought in an outside caterer to supply a banquet rather than the campus food service.

The council's total budget is only

\$50,000. Treasurer Doug Tisdall has presented a financial plan that would cut the funds available to clubs, athletics, the newspaper, the sex education centre, the playhouse, the yearbook, and other areas.

Earlier this year Stuart survived an impeachment vote that centred on an alleged assault on a female don.

Stuart had intended to stay on. "I wouldn't have resigned if I knew it would hinder the council, (but) with division in the council I realized they needed a fresh start."

Vice president Jordan Lipton, who also signed the cheques this summer, and Treasurer Tisdall each maintain their own innocence but blame the other for part of the fiasco. Both may face motions of impeachment.

We are not alone...

Literacy failures

MONTREAL (CUP) — Many of the honoured and respected products of the Canadian education system do not know how to write, according to the results of writing proficiency tests at two Canadian universities.

All students entering Bishop's university in Lennoxville, Quebec must pass an exam testing their ability to write before they can graduate. They are asked to write a short essay on a given topic. They are not graded on their knowledge of the subject, but on their grammar, spelling, vocabulary and ability to coherently and logically develop an argument.

One quarter of the first year students failed the exam this year.

A similar test at Concordia University in Montreal had even worse results. Students entering the university after 1983 had to pass the exam before they left. 66 per cent of the students who wrote the first test in November 1983 did not pass. Harry Hill, a Concordia English professor and head of the committee which planned the Concordia

tests has no qualms about blaming the education system for such a failure rate.

"It's not their fault, one bit, but we can't give our diplomas to students who can't write... it's the education system," he said.

The pass rate has improved, he said. Last year, only 48 per cent failed. This downward trend is similar to other universities which have instituted the writing proficiency tests, he said.

"It could be due to the fact that students were panicking in their last years... maybe the students can write better in their third year than in their first and second," he said.

Only 59 students wrote the exam the first time it was offered at Concordia. The majority of this year's potential graduates have put it off until this year. Although students can write the exam as many times as it takes to pass, there are only three sittings each year.

Marks from the exams do not appear on students' transcripts.

Careers' Day — check out the job scene

by Bill Doskoch

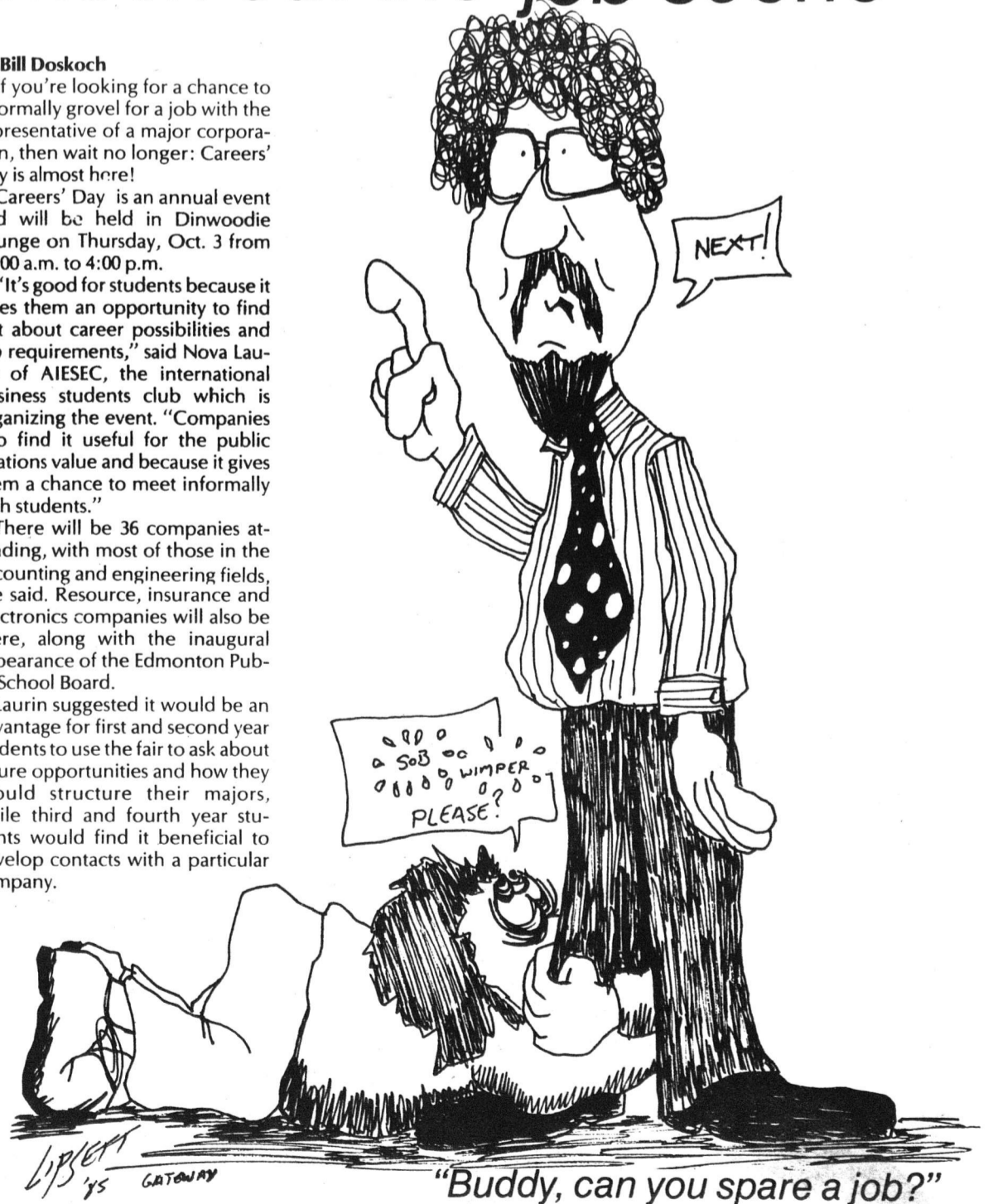
If you're looking for a chance to informally grovel for a job with the representative of a major corporation, then wait no longer: Careers' Day is almost here!

Careers' Day is an annual event and will be held in Dinwoodie Lounge on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"It's good for students because it gives them an opportunity to find out about career possibilities and job requirements," said Nova Laurin of AIESEC, the international business students club which is organizing the event. "Companies also find it useful for the public relations value and because it gives them a chance to meet informally with students."

There will be 36 companies attending, with most of those in the accounting and engineering fields, she said. Resource, insurance and electronics companies will also be there, along with the inaugural appearance of the Edmonton Public School Board.

Laurin suggested it would be an advantage for first and second year students to use the fair to ask about future opportunities and how they should structure their majors, while third and fourth year students would find it beneficial to develop contacts with a particular company.



"Buddy, can you spare a job?"