

My girlfriend ran off with another guy...

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...so I left her.

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SU seeks HUB riddance

by Greg Neiman

Information leaked to *the Gateway* has verified a request on the part of the SU executive to the Board of Governors to continue negotiations possibly leading to the university's taking over HUB.

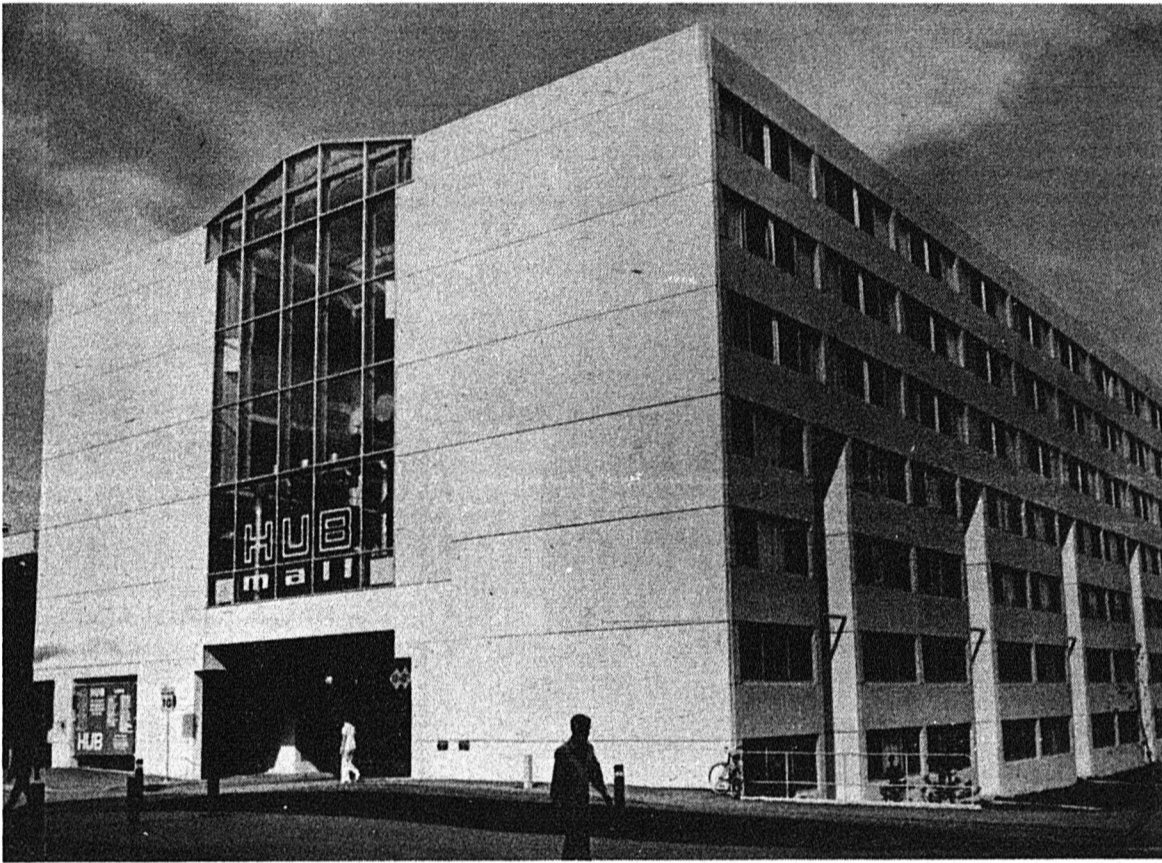
A copy of a letter signed by SU president Graeme Leadbeater implies negotiations had informally begun as early as September 30, and requested that secret negotiations continue on a formal basis, with the possible transfer of ownership of HUB completed in the new year.

It has long been hinted, around the offices of the Students' Union, that some desire to be rid of HUB had been bureaucratically expressed to the university, but no concrete evidence of the negotiations' occurrence could be found to prove it, and the executive wasn't talking.

The letter asks that the substance of the negotiations be kept secret, but it is also known to *the Gateway* what some points of discussion are.

Sources tell us the university wishes to complete the transfer as early as the beginning of January 1976 but the Students' Union is hedging, trying to delay the time of transfer.

The ownership of both the mall and the residences are to be passed on, but the SU is asking that a separate board constructed of both students



The white elephant in contention. It was once thought that even the hustlingest salesman could not relieve us of this burden, yet the Board of Governors seems almost willing, if not eager, to end takeover procedures.

and university administrators continue the management of the residence.

It is probable the university will have to pick up both the capital cost and the operating deficit of HUB, which over its

lifespan built up a cumulative debt of more than \$15,500,000 before the provincial government's intervention last March.

As well, the projected

deficit for 1975-76 was estimated at \$120,000, and would probably be less with time's progression.

Whatever the final cost, HUB represents a massive investment for the Students' Un-

ion to lose, or the university to acquire.

Other points may hinge on suggestions made by Peat and Marwick, the consulting firm that recently administered the second phase of its study on the HUB mall in closed session to Council.

Leadbeater told *the Gateway*, that individual merchants were named as desirable or undesirable to the continuation of the mall, therefore no information on Phase II was to be given to the press.

But these and other similar considerations may be under review once the transfer solidifies.

Both staff and leaseholders, it is suggested, are being discussed in the transfer negotiations.

Critics of the outcome of HUB's construction have said it degenerated the existence of the Students' Union, relegating it to a business run by amateurs with little experience from the service organisation it was meant to be.

It is also true that HUB has directly hampered the SU's ability to provide services, for as the HUB deficit mounted, services were cut back or forced to become self-sustaining.

Some people view the impending transfer with relief, some with regret, but the occasion will mark a definite change of face for the Students' Union, should it occur.

Enough is Enough for Hayter

by Cathy Partridge

"Some of the leases being signed today practically make a concentration camp out of some apartments," claimed Alderman Ron Hayter, as he urged tenants to fight for their rights, during a presentation at Monday night's Student Council meeting.

"In the past two years the situation has become critical," said Hayter. "In the 4,000 cases that have been brought to my attention the average rent increase has been 45%."

To illustrate this climb of rents he gave council two examples: in Brookside Terraces rents have gone from \$270 to \$395 since July 1974

and in Rosslyn Manor rents have almost doubled in the past year, climbing from \$180 to \$325.

Enough is Enough is a program which Hayter feels will bring the problem to a head.

"The situation in Edmonton is scandalous. It's an example where greed is running rampant ... the acceptance and promotion of greed is something that cannot be condoned," said Hayter, who emphasized shelter is a basic need.

"The textbook theory of supply and demand is simply not working," claimed Hayter, who, although agreeing that we need more housing, noted "we can't forget the people living in existing housing."

He argued against the attitude of people such as Ron Ghitter who claimed in the October 23 issue of the *Calgary Albertan* that the only answer to this problem is more housing and that the people would just have to suffer until this comes about.

Hayter also felt that building incentives to developers wouldn't work. "The federal government has been approached numerous times by this city council for incentives to encourage people back into construction," he said. "I think we're fooling ourselves if we think that will suddenly bring about great spurts of new housing construction."

"Developers are going to have to change their way of thinking," said Hayter, "they just can not expect the lavish return on their investment they have become used to in this city. There's a social responsibility attached to housing and they (investors and developers) have to accept some of this responsibility."

Hayter called for a tenants bill of rights as well as rent review boards. He felt the bill of rights was necessary so that tenants wouldn't be evicted for complaining about poor maintenance or other things they should be entitled to. This is one of the focal points of the Enough is Enough rally. He felt a need to gain support and draw attention to tenants needs for

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Moral support for gay Sask. prof

At a meeting last Monday night, Students' Council, at Brian Mason's suggestion, decided to send a letter to President Begg of the University of Saskatchewan stating that merit should be the sole criteria for the hiring and firing of university employees.

This move came about after a presentation by Bob Radke, representing the Committee to Defend Doug Wilson.

Doug Wilson, a lecturer in the education faculty at U of S, was removed from his position as a supervisor for practise teaching after he had placed an ad in the university newspaper, *The Sheaf*, for a campus gay organisation. The ad gave Wilson's name and an education building box number.

Wilson claims he was told that the ad was not the reason he was suspended but he "could not supervise because my public involvement with the gay movement made me unsuitable to be in public schools."

Complaints have been registered with the Human Rights Association and the Attorney General.

Committee rep. Radke, told council that at present "there is no specific mention of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in any civil rights legislation in Canada."

and that "It is not sexual orientation that is at issue it is political involvement."

Council appeared to concur, resulting in their letter to the U of S president.

Council joins FAS, grants \$5,000

The U of A Students' Union has officially decided to join the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), the newly formed organisation of Alberta college and university students' unions.

This decision was made by Students' Council Monday night, along with the decision to grant FAS \$5,000, which works out to 25 cents per student.

Commenting on the amount of money granted, Graeme Leadbeater, SU president, said this "shows that FAS is of high importance to us."

Some inaccuracies and problems in the FAS constitution were pointed out but council on the whole felt they were problems inherent in any new constitution which would be ironed out in time.

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I coulda voted?

The results of the students council by-elections in the faculties of arts and sciences as well as the results of the General Faculties Council by-election are in, without one poll booth being erected or any votes cast.

All seats were won by acclamation when only one contestant applied for each of the four positions.

The new arts rep on students' council is Kimball Cariou and Lauren Snell is new representing science.

The GFC reps are Jean Dumouchel for science and Debra Friesen for Household Economics.

By-elections in the faculties of physical education and

education are imminent and one in law, because law rep Joe McGhie resigned at Monday night's council meeting. It is not yet known whether these positions will be contested.

