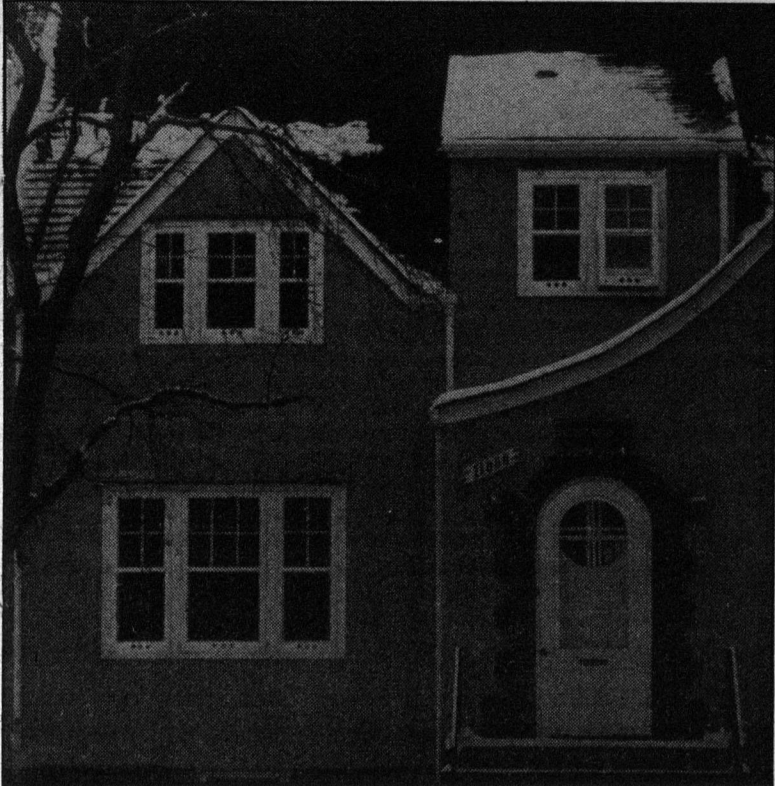


English department off campus



A house occupied by the Department of English

by Suzette C. Chan

The English Department has set up offices in two university-owned houses in Garneau to accommodate temporary staff.

The houses, which were acquired in a land-purchase in the sixties, are at 11050-90 Ave. and 11051 Saskatchewan Dr. just one block east of the Humanities Center.

There is room for ten sessional lecturers in each house.

The English Department's Administrative Officer Inge Brown says the department has "had to hire more staff to handle the incredible enrollment."

"This led to overcrowding in the department's Humanities Center offices. 'We already have three T.A.'s crowded in one office in this building."

Anticipating this problem, the department applied last spring to university Space Allocation Officer Wayne Hansen for more offices.

During registration week, the Faculty of Social Welfare, which had been using the houses for offices, moved off-campus, making the houses available to the English department.

Brown said the English administration felt "relieved but not very pleased because up to now, the department has been concentrated in Humanities; now it's spreading over quite a long way."

Two of the lecturers currently working in the houses acknowledge the problem of communicating between their offices and the head office. But they say other than that, they like the new offices.

David MacNeil says he likes "the character of the old house as well as the camaraderie among the staff and with the students."

Len Vandervort says "it's better than sharing offices in Humanities." He adds: "Students seem to like it - there are not as many distractions."

He also says that the houses are "a good bandaid solution."

Presently, only half the office space in the houses is being used, but Mrs. Brown says the houses will be full by next semester.

In fact, student enrollment is so unpredictable that Brown does no "know if we will have enough room in second term."

IBC endorsed

by Brent Jang

The Board of Governors endorsed the two-year-old International Briefing Centre at the Board meeting last Friday.

The Center prepares people for international business, providing information to reduce the culture shock usually associated with travelling abroad.

In a letter dated October 31, University Vice-President Academic George Baldwin gave General Faculties Council's formal recognition to the Center.

On Friday, the Board members approved the Briefing Center as an entity under Student Services.

Dean of Students Peter Miller had written to Baldwin earlier in October, pointing out that the Center had been dealing with more demanding programs of late, thus requiring the institution's approval.

Wilf Allan, an international student advisor, said the U of A has the fifth largest number of foreign students of all Canadian universities.

He said that foreign students spent twice as much as the Canadian International Development

Agency (CIDA) did on external assistance last year.

"I realize the issue is on the back-burner now, but I'm opposed to differential fees," said Allan, criticizing the higher fees that foreign students have to pay here.

Allan, filling in for Coordinator Mel Blitzer, who is in Thailand, said foreign students attending the U of A can be a great resource to the Briefing Center.

NOVA, the Alberta oil company, used the Center this summer for 26 foreign engineers and technicians examining the Alberta petroleum industry.

The U of A is designated as one of five orientation centers in Canada for CIDA-funded projects. These programs are a "mutual learning" concept with topics including farming, universities, corporate structure, and forestry.

According to a Briefing Center document, there is a "high failure rate in recruiting and retaining personnel working in international settings."

The Center hopes to alleviate the problems with intercultural training and other consulting programs.

Gateway expands service

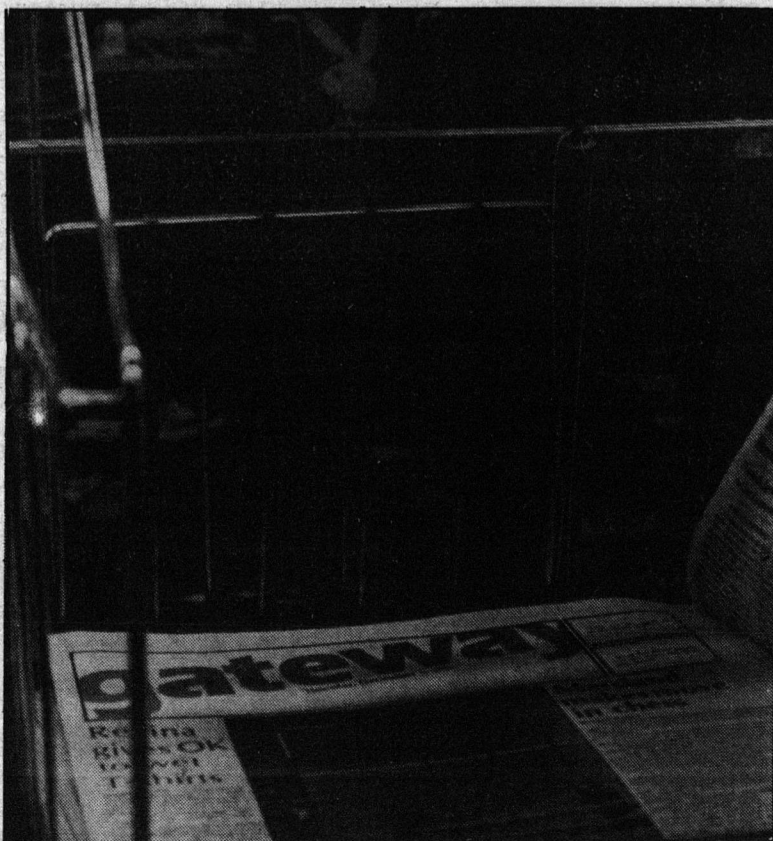
by Suzette C. Chan

The Gateway is set to infiltrate Edmonton's South Side.

For the past few weeks, the Gateway has been distributed to off-campus locations, including HUB Cigar on Whyte Ave., the 9th Street Cafe, and the High Level Diner. Managing Editor Gilbert Bouchard hopes to convince more restaurants and magazine and book sellers to distribute the paper.

Bouchard says the Gateway has potential to serve as a community newspaper for the South Side, like the UCLA newspaper serves that university's surrounding community. If this were to happen, the Gateway would have to expand its scope to cover off-campus events.

With impending Gateway autonomy, the paper would have increased responsibility to go along with increased freedom. Bouchard says: "We could become responsible for the community and not only the SU and the campus."



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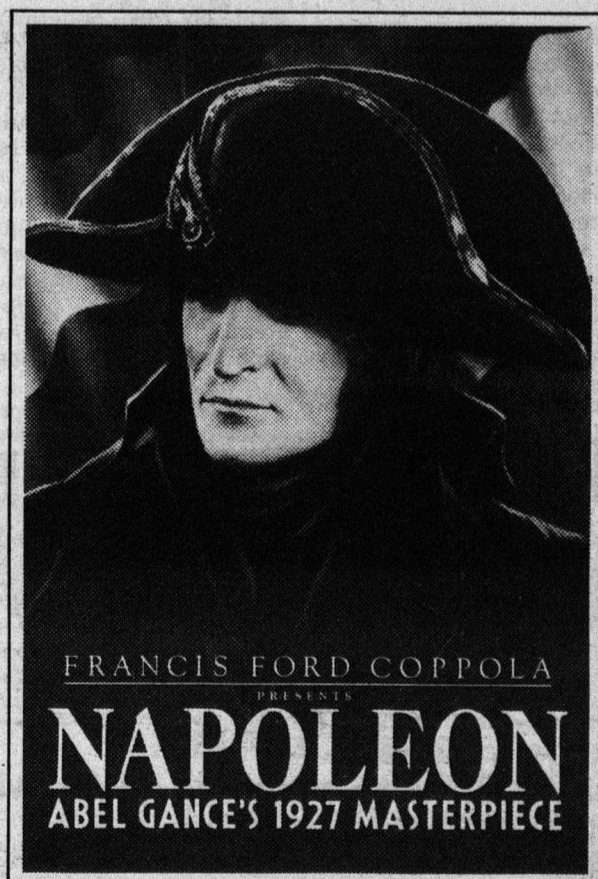


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