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The Getaway

Blow is just a figure of speech.

-Playboy

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EVERYTHING'S "KAPOOT"

Time changes for metric progress



Next kilopoot's GATEWAY production will be geared to the new metric system.

Phase Two of Canada's conversion to the metric system promises to be even easier than Phase One. Now that everyone is thinking metric, the introduction of the metric measurement of time on June 1, 1975 will be a relatively simple extension of our newly acquired knowledge.

In the same fashion as the gram being the standard weight measurement, time is measured in POOTS. A poot is based on one complete rotation of the earth, and is easily remembered as being a 24 hour period, or one day.

The magic of the metric system is its foundation on the number 10, and this makes the poot conversion a simple exercise in multiplication.

Charts on page 4 of poot's issue clearly illustrate this simple technique of measuring time. Study and memorize the units, and apply them to your normal day.

Street corner buttons strictly libido

by Chomondeley Featherstonenough

Pressing buttons on street corners does nothing to make lights change faster, a Senate Task Force on Street Corner Buttons has concluded.

Quoting city Street Corners Commissioner Dave Ward, the report says, "they have nothing whatever to do with making the lights change faster. Nobody said that was their purpose. They are simply there to make people adhere to traffic rules and wait for the light."

This quote was gained, said Senator Hal Speliscy, after rigorous testing of a sample cross section of street corners in Edmonton. Thirty-seven street corners equipped with street corner buttons were tested against a stopwatch to see if pressing the buttons

made them change faster.

Averaging the results, the Task Force discovered it would have to delineate different types of street corners, due to a wide disparity in street corner light change times.

In the busy three-lane street corners in Edmonton (109th St. and Whyte Avenue for example) the lights changed every .839 millipoots on the average during rush hours, if nobody pressed a button. When the cycle returned, the buttons were pressed immediately following each light change for an entire cycle and the average was .833 millipoots.

In the regular two lane intersections (105th ST. AND 109th Ave. for example) the average light change time was .786 millipoots if no street corner buttons were pressed, and .787 if they were, indicating a loss in time of one micropoot.

"There seemed to be no direct correlation in times," said Dr. Baldwin, Dean of Arts, and a senate member, "during the 17 decapoots we've worked on the project, we couldn't find any favourable systematic relation between pressing the buttons, and not pressing them."

With the knowledge gained from these lengthy experiments, the Task Force requested a response from Commissioner Ward regarding lack

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Grant used to build empire

by Saxby Philips with thanks to Jack Faraday

Waving off student council allegations of "empire-building" and "unmitigated arrogance", SU president Laeame Geadbeater yesterday revealed a plan for the construction of a 350 metre extension to the Housing Union Building (HUB) along 89th Avenue.

Geadbeater states that the idea was formulated in a closed meeting with the University Planning Committee April 1st adding that funding for the immense project will come from the one million dollar grant recently received from the provincial government to alleviate the SU financial crisis.

In general, the plan calls for the closure of 89th Avenue during this .37 kilopoots Christmas break, with the bus routes and shelters moved south of the Education Building to 87th Avenue. Actual construction is scheduled to begin January 15, 1976 with initial occupancy expected by the fall of 1977.

Education representative Hrent Batch, speaking on behalf of Students' Council, claims not one member of council nor of Geadbeater's executive were aware of the plan for the extension until its implementation. He points out that had a motion asking for implementation been brought before council it surely would have met defeat.

"He (Geadbeater) has gone power-mad or something," says

VP academic Joan Brothell. "I just can't believe he'd stoop so low as to not tell us his personal secrets."

In defense of his scheme, Geadbeater stresses that the extension will provide desperately needed additional low-cost student housing on campus at a time when various administrative groups are predicting huge enrollment increases over the next few kilopoots. Other benefits to students, says Geadbeater, include several employment opportunities made available with the influx of new stores and services as well as the undisputed convenience of a covered pedestrian route connecting the Fine Art/Law Complex with the central campus area.

"At any rate," concludes Geadbeater, "the HUB extension will undoubtedly be financially solvent within five kilopoots."

Neiman's objectives

In his inaugural speech last Tuesday Greg Neiman, new editor of the *Gateway* disclosed that his projected 75-76 policy will involve a fusion of Marxist-Bunker philosophy. Said Neiman:

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In a striking speech which involved elaborate hand waves and facial gestures, Neiman

asked *Gateway* staff members and a passing janitor the question:

"Where have all the radicals of the 60's gone? The revolutionary spirit is not dead! The time has come for frustrated graffiti-ists and frustrated non-academic staff members to emerge from their respective cubicles and their

Gateway editor dead in Cecil

The provincial coroner has demanded an inquest into the mysterious death of Bernie Fritze, Editor of the 74-75 *Gateway*. About 8 Decipoots this morning, in the tavern of the Cecil Hotel, Mr. Fritze passed away while celebrating with some friends.

The coroner's first unofficial verdict was alcohol overdose, but this was soon dispelled when he learned it was quite normal for Mr. Fritze to maintain such high levels in his blood. (This was confirmed by persons present, since Bernie

was a past employee and avid patron of the Cecil.)

Three other possible causes of death are under the scrutiny of the coroner's department. They are: (1) Earlier in the poot, Bernie was seen EATING in the SUB Cafeteria; (2) That evening in the Cecil, in a fit of desperation, Bernie toked up on what was reported to be a slightly used feminine napkin (medical research is now fervently working on the possibility of this reaction); (3) The last and most suspect cause is that of an organized hit.

After a notorious, gallant year as editor of the *Gateway*, Mr. Fritze was retiring this week. During his career he had attracted many powerful enemies and numerous threats. Activists being investigated by City Police includes: the Student Union Executive (both past and present!), HUB Merchants Association, The Klu Klutz Klan (Edmonton Chapter), and the obscure, but powerful Social Credit Party. (Results depend on the usual efficiency of the E.C.P.)

This tragedy touches the souls of all who knew Bernie.

His intense work for the *Gateway* will not be forgotten. (The auditors hope to be finished within the next three weeks.) The Board of Governors will be meeting toopoot to decide on a suitable memorial for Mr. Fritze. It will probably be erected in Quad where it may be admired by the majority of students and pigeons.

Bernie is emotionally remembered and survived by numerous lady friends, the *Gateway* staff, The Students' Union, and three of his known children.