

Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre...

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...but they are more deadly in the long run.
Mark Twain

Renovations nixed

by Susan Winkelaar

Plans to renovate Dewey's Pub have been squashed by HUB Mall management. Dewey's is a Students' Union business, operated for the students of this university, and according to SU Business Manager Tom Wright, the establishment is in dire need of renovations.

Dewey's food service has been expanded from last year and the hours of operation extended. Instead of opening at 3:00 p.m., Dewey's has been opening at about 7:30 a.m. since September.

While this seems to have met with great approval among students, it has created problems for the staff. Increased service cannot be provided effectively or safely in the 100 square feet of kitchen space currently available.

The limited space has been the cause of three accidents in the recent past, albeit minor ones. Though nobody was hurt seriously, the accidents have been bad enough to require applications for Workman's Compensation.

"When there are three people working in that kind of space, even a stray potato peel on the floor can become a danger," said Wright.

It was March 15 of last year when the SU first approached HUB management about expanding Dewey's. Anne Belik, Operations Manager of HUB, says that the initial proposal was only for expanding the menu, and they had no problems with that.

The SU then proposed expanding Dewey's food service and was given approval on principle, pending the approval of HUB's architect.

SU hired a designer and submitted plans, only to have them sent back. This occurred "about four times", according to Wright. Each time the HUB architect requested more details: electrical, mechanical, plumbing, etc.

Finally, last month, the architect approved the plans, and the SU was ready to go ahead. Then, a little over a week ago, SU received a phone call from HUB management, flatly denying them the right to go ahead.

HUB is within its rights to do so under Dewey's rent contract. The contract states that if HUB does not approve of any concept proposed by its tenants, it has the right to veto.

Wright finds it hard to understand why HUB would allow the SU to continue submitting plans for a year before saying no to the proposal.

When questioned on this point HUB manager Belik's response was, "We had no problem with them submitting plans."

The renovations would double the size of the kitchen area and would also provide for a Deli at the mall level to serve mall customers.

"We were striving for a fresh foods approach," said Wright. "Lots of salads, sandwiches, we'd make our own buns, that sort of thing."

According to Belik, the kitchen improvement was the only thing okayed by HUB. She says that the university has a policy regarding the number of food outlets on campus and HUB has the maximum number possible.

HUB's argument is that the new

design proposed by the SU is really, the addition of a food outlet, so that there would be a Dewey's Bar and a Dewey's Deli.

Tom Wright feels that the reason for HUB's rejection is that mall merchants are whining in the ears of HUB management.

"Some of those people are operating in spite of themselves," said Wright. "They're able to run a sub-standard service because they effectively prevent any competition from coming in."

Wright's belief is that mall merchants feel threatened. "If our proposal were to go through," he said, "it would force other establishments to upgrade their services."

When asked whether HUB's rejection came out of a fear of competition, Belik's answer was, "No comment."

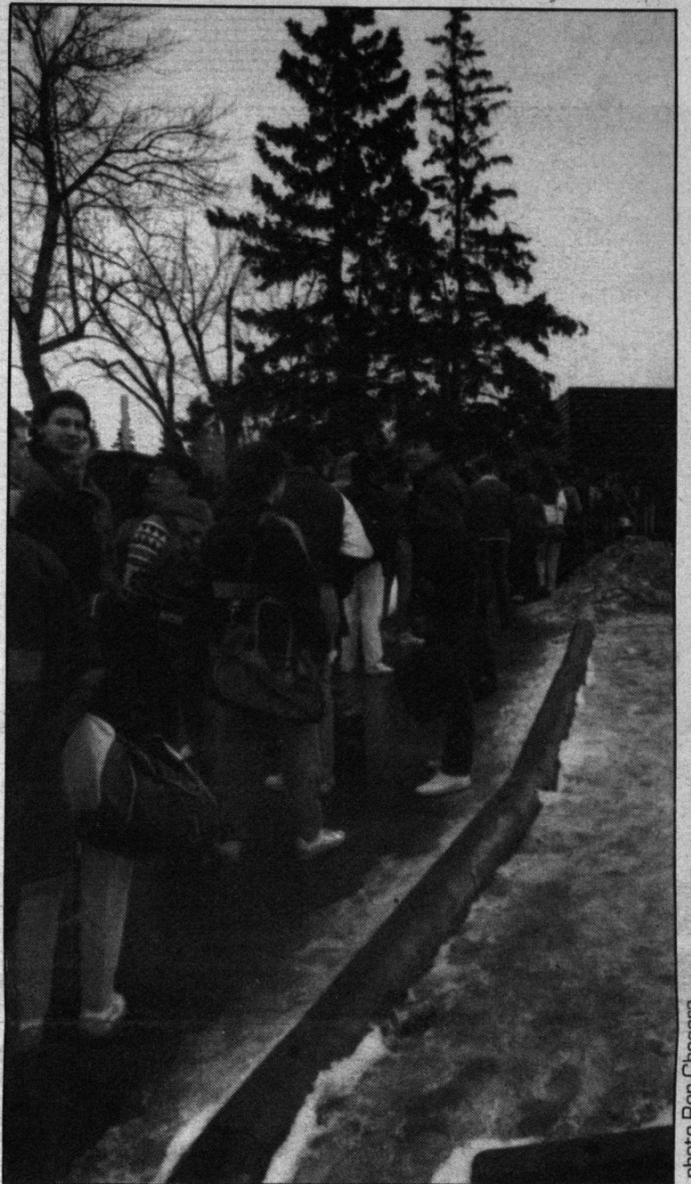
The SU feels it did a puppet dance to the whim of HUB management for a year, in continuously providing new designs for their proposal. They plan to regain the costs of architectural fees.

Although no exact amount has been decided yet, HUB has agreed. Payment will run around the \$4,700 mark and will likely take the form of a rebate on Dewey's rent.

As for the fate of Dewey's, Wright intends to propose they cut back to their original hours of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

"It's too bad," he said, "but the current service just can't be provided safely in the space we've got."

Such a proposal will probably go into effect May 1.



Students queue up for measles vaccine Wednesday.

photo Ron Checora

Hospital will go smoke free

by Jeff Cowley

The University of Alberta Hospital will become smoke-free as of April 1.

On that date, hospital administration will put into effect policies prohibiting smoking in U of A hospitals, labs, and offices. The move is in accordance with the growing concern over the side effects of secondary smoke inhalation, said Peter Portlock, spokesperson for U of A Hospitals.

"We are hoping the public will be supportive of patients," said Portlock, "but it will require some time to adjust."

However, in circumstances, such as with terminally ill patients, smoking will be allowed with the written consent of a physician.

"Generally, however, the hospital's intention is to operate in a smoke-free environment," said Portlock.

"The staff have been very supportive," said Portlock. "We don't anticipate any problems and are confident (they) will come through it well."

U of A hospitals have offered a series of programs to assist patients and staff who wish to stop smoking.

Portlock explained the decision came down during a general meeting last spring.

It was decided when the administration knew it would be moving into new facilities.

Hodgins' battle in court continues

by Cam McCulloch

Unsuccessful SU Presidential candidate Floyd Hodgins continues to pursue an 18 month old defamation suit against the Gateway.

Hodgins' lawsuit, which also names the SU as a defendant, arose from an article which was published in the Nov. 7, 1985 edition of the Gateway.

The article, by former Gateway writer Mike Evans, questioned Hodgins' reputation and status among his fellow students.

The SU countersued Hodgins for defamation based on articles which appeared in the *Grind* newspaper which Hodgins published.

Rob Splane, SU VP Finance at the time, says the SU brought about the countersuit in the hope that Hodgins would drop his litigation.

Splane says Hodgins' suit was "ridiculous" and that "the articles on the *Grind* were far more inflammatory than the Gateway articles."

So far, the rival suits have been tied up in preliminary legal battles.

Hodgins initially won a court petition that ruled the SU is a government so it could not sue an

individual.

The SU then won an appeal that ruled the SU was not in fact a government; therefore, they could sue Hodgins.

Hodgins says the dispute is a "legal argument more than a personal argument." Hodgins adds that he expects the case to take "a year or two."

USS elections undecided

by Ken Bosman

Amid much smoke, the Undergraduate Science Society has completed its annual elections — sort of.

Greg Stewart, USS Chief Returning Officer, has disqualified the entire *Science Students for Action* slate because of campaign violations.

Kevin Klapstein, the sole non-disqualified candidate left in the USS elections, said, "They (*Science Students for Action*) were not being fair" referring to numerous campaign violations. According to Klapstein, the disqualified slate was

warned by the CRO early Wednesday to remove remaining campaign materials, but did not comply by noon when the polls opened. This allegation is denied by disqualified candidate Nora Deisman who claims, "They found two posters and three handbills."

The disqualified slate has appealed to the CRO, but did not have their request for a new election allowed.

Stewart sought the advice of SU CRO Shelley Chapelski before confirming his actions.

The *Science Students for Action* slate is expected to appeal their

disqualification to the Students' Union Discipline, Enforcement and Interpretation (DIE) Board.

In other USS election news, a sister team of Jill and Dawn Fokema are, respectively, president and VP academic, defeating Chanprit Baweja for president 70-17 and Brent Rudy for VP academic 58-26.

Vacancies still exist for one representative to General Faculties Council (GFC), as well as other openings on Science Students' Council, Academic Appeals Board, and the Excellence in Teaching Committee. Nominations close Friday.

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