Campaign Countdown

Election Schedule

February 4:

CJSR forum with presidential candidates -4:00 pm.

February 6: Gateway election issue - pictures and platforms of candidates Campaigns in residence begin

February 7:

Election forum in SUB Theatre - noon Campaigns in residence end

February 8:

Gateway story on forum and final comments Advance poll: SUB Rm. 271 Campaigns end — 9:00 pm

February 9: **Election Day**

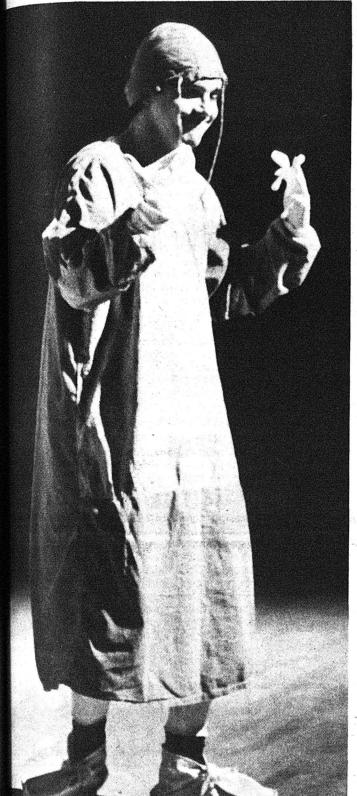


Photo Shirley Glew

Council rejects FAS referendum

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY

by Lucinda Chodan

Student Council defeated a motion that would have had U of A students vote on membership in the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) last night.

But heated debate accompanied the vote on a proposed referendum for the second council meeting in a row.

The motion, moved by Mike Ekelund, stated that a referendum be conducted along with the SU General Elections on whether or not the U of A remain

FAS loses referendum at Grant MacEwan

Ekelund's motion defeated 15-7

Grant MacEwan Com-ity College (GMCC) munity students voted by a razor-thin margin to support withdrawal from the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) Monday.

The final vote was 178 in favor, 173 opposed, with three spoiled ballots.

But the Gateway was told at press time on Wednesday that the GMCC Students' Council may decide not to act upon the result of the referendum. Their decision will not be made until the end of this week.

Because of the narrow margin and the confusing wording of the question on the referendum ballot, there is concern about the validity of the result. Final results were delayed for a day when the collected ballots from one of the five polling stations temporarily disappeared in transit.

FAS executive member I om Barrett expressed concern about the events surrounding the referendum but declined comas a member of the Federation of Alberta Students.

U of A students voted 76.3 per cent in favor of joining FAS in conjunction with last year's SU elections.

The debate at student council last night was initiated by Harvey Groberman, who stated he did not believe student perceptions had changed since the referendum last year.

In response to questions, Ekelund cited specific problems with the structure of FAS and the difficulties the U of A had in

ment until the final Council

the GMCC student newspaper

said she was optimistic about the future of FAS at Grant MacEwen. "I think the general

feeling is that FAS doesn't want to lose GMCC," she said. She

added the Council would

probably adopt a wait-and-see

attitude and refuse to take

formal steps to withdraw.

An unidentified member of

decision is known.

FAS executive at the organization's conference in early November.

suggesting a re-structuring of the

Duncan McGregor, Ed rep. suggested that the U of A considering withdrawing from FAS because their amendments were voted down was like Peter Lougheed suggesting Alberta withdraw from Confederation because they didn't agree with the other provinces.

Steven Kushner then stated the referendum would be "a positive process" to let students know what has changed within FAS since the last referendum.

Dave Fisher asked FAS executive officer Brian Mason to explain why students at Grant MacEwen Community College (GMCC) were holding a referendum suggesting withdrawalfrom FAS, and to announce to council the esults of the referendum.

Mason replied that the results were still unknown, but that GMCC students had suggested the Alberta student organization was concerned with issues not pertinent to the college, such as housing, cutbacks, and

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Cut rate prices from CUTS



specializes in low cost student travel arrangements, has four offices in Canada, in Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax and Vancouver. The new Edmonton office will serve both Saskatchewan and Alberta, making it easy for students in the west to take advantage of CUTS. Previously

this man and why is he smiling? It's 4th year med student Doug recalling his first time in surgery, and he's smiling because the 30th all med show is on in SUB. This year's show features a skit named TLESHIP PROPHYLACTICA, a game show called BEAT THE COCK, e third coming of the unforgettable Frankie Siphaloma. In general its ^{nd of} program that would make an engineer blush. The bad news is

Doctor!

the last show is tonight and tickets are as hard to find as a dentist with

't us lanitoba says NUS

MIPEG (CUP) — Students siders. She said NUS would learn University of Manitoba 195 to 578 against joining ational Union of Students teferendum held here Tues-

US executive secretary ibson said she did not think s was a big setback for the ization, although she did would have been good for NUS and the U of M nts if the referendum had

bson attributed part of oss to the fact that the ndum campaign was

from the defeat that "as successful campaign must come from local students on the campus who believe that students need a voice at the national level."

Gibson said she did not think the defeat had serious implications for the upcoming referendum at the University of Alberta since it was her understanding that "people at the U of A want a referendum to decide, and certain councillors there support the idea of a national student organization."

been run solely by out- member of the National Union The U of M has never been a

of Students. The University of Winnipeg and Brandon University are members.

Gibson said she did not think NUS would attempt to run a referendum on the campus until there was a demand for a campaign from local campus leaders. She said NUS would still continue to provide information and help in organization students around the issues that affect them nationally.

She hoped the referendum helped in bringing the major issues facing students to the fore. In particular she said she hoped students had become more aware continued on page 2

Sharon Rempel new CUTS Director.

Does the thought of a trip to Europe tantalize you? But does the cost of it all worry you? Then the place for you to go to discuss your problems is the new Canadian University Travel Service (CUTS) office in SUB.

The SU has given the Association of Student Councils (AOSC) a loan of about \$5000 to open the bureau. CUTS, which

they had to make arrangements through the Vancouver or Toronto offices.

The Edmonton office manager is Sharon Rempel, a veteran traveller and travel consultant, with considerable experience in the area of budget travel. She is an expert in local camping tours and hostel travel.

Rempel's philosophy is the less money you spend getting there, the more you have left to spend once arrived. To this end, she is negotiating with several airlines for special group rates.

Rempel plans to make the CUTS office "a good information center" and hopes students will fell free to drop by and chat about their plans.

The office opens Monday Feb. 5 and is located in SUB opposite the Art Gallery. Office hours are 10-4 Monday to Friday; the phone number is 432-2592