

# 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

...h Doctor!  
...to is this man and why is he smiling? It's 4th year med student Doug  
...ner recalling his first time in surgery, and he's smiling because the 30th  
...ual med show is on in SUB. This year's show features a skit named  
...TTLESHIP PROPHYLACTICA, a game show called BEAT THE COCK,  
...the third coming of the unforgettable Frankie Siphalama. In general its  
...kind of program that would make an engineer blush. The bad news is  
...the last show is tonight and tickets are as hard to find as a dentist with  
...ns.

## Manitoba says NUS ain't us

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Students of the University of Manitoba voted 2195 to 578 against joining the National Union of Students referendum held here Tuesday.

NUS executive secretary Gibson said she did not think the loss was a big setback for the organization, although she did not think it would have been good for NUS and the U of M if the referendum had passed.

Gibson attributed part of the loss to the fact that the referendum campaign was not as well received by many people to have been run solely by out-

siders. She said NUS would learn from the defeat that "as successful a 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."

The U of M has never been a member of the National Union

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

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Ekelund's motion defeated 15-7

## Council rejects FAS referendum

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

as 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

suggesting a re-structuring of the FAS executive at the organization's conference in early November.

Duncan McGregor, Ed rep. suggested that the U of A considering withdrawing from FAS because their amendments were voted down was like Peter Loughheed 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 MacEwan Community College (GMCC) were holding a referendum suggesting withdrawal from FAS, and to announce to council the results 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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## FAS loses referendum at Grant MacEwan

Grant MacEwan Community College (GMCC) 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 Tom Barrett expressed concern about the events surrounding the referendum but declined com-

ment until the final Council decision is known.

An unidentified member of the GMCC student newspaper said she was optimistic about the future of FAS at Grant MacEwan. "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.

## Cut rate prices from CUTS



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

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 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 fall 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.