

# McGill phasing out its professional students

**MONTREAL (CUP)** — The archetypal 'professional student' is no longer welcome at McGill University, following a recent decision to place time-limits on undergraduate degrees.

Full-time students in arts and science programs will have a maximum

of eight and six terms, respectively, to complete their regular-length programs.

"We feel it is a reasonable standard to impose," said associate dean of sciences Roger Rigelhos. "We hope students see it as something positive — and not bureaucratic."

Rigelhos said the policies were created to generate general standards. "We want students graduating in the same year to have completed the same program," he said.

Rigelhos does not think the policy will in any way inconvenience students.

Of this spring's graduating class, only one student took more than eight semesters, Rigelhos said.

Associate Dean of Arts Martin Petter said that a few students abuse the system by continually withdrawing from courses.

"We went through an exhaustive

procedure," Petter said, adding student opposition has been virtually invisible. "If there had been opposition, it would not have gone through."

The McGill Engineering faculty has had a time-limit policy in effect for five years.

# Forum to showcase grad students' activities

by Lisa Hall

The work of graduate students of the University of Alberta is usually inaccessible to other students. The Third Annual Graduate Research Symposium hopes to change that. The symposium allows grad students to display their completed and progressing research to the public.

Annette Richardson, President of the Graduate Students' Association, said the purpose of the event is not only to allow grad students to showcase their research, but also to attract an audience of undergrads.

"Especially fourth-year undergrads," said Richardson, "to show them what they can do in graduate studies."

Richardson thinks the U of A has reason to be proud of this symposium, the only one of its kind in Canada. "It makes our University look good," Richardson said. "The Administration feels it is a worthwhile endeavor. It shows the quality of research we have going on."

Many students have been doing research on their topics for months. With about 50 displays in all, a diversity of topics will be discussed including breast cancer, smoking, what it means to become a father, and even the costumes worn in *My Fair Lady*.

Students will give 20 minute presentations on their topics throughout the day.

The symposium will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free to everyone. Programs of the presentations and their times will be available from Lister Hall on Wednesday, and several are posted in various locations around campus.



## Gateway Editor Elections

### Positions Open for 1987-88:

- News Editor (2 positions)
- Managing Editor
- Entertainment Editor
- Sports Editor
- Production Editor
- Photo Editor
- Circulation Manager
- CUP Editor/Advocate

Voting takes place on Thursday March 19 at *The Gateway* Staff Meeting.

Interested parties direct inquiries to:

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Editor-in-Chief  
Room 282  
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**Note: Application deadline is this Thursday at 12 noon!**

## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

- 1) Delete Section I (e) The Gateway is a full member of Canadian University Press.
- 2) Delete Section II (d) The Gateway shall be an active member of Canadian University Press, discussing and following the Canadian University Press Statement of Principles and Ethics.
- 3) Include in Section II The Gateway will not publish material of a sexist, racist, or homophobic nature.
- 4) Delete III (c) (4) Senior editors shall be elected by the staff of the newspaper at a quorate staff meeting which has been publicized by posting a notice in a conspicuous place in The Gateway office. The notice shall list eligible voters. Also, one (1) advertisement shall be placed in The Gateway in each of the four (4) issues prior to that staff meeting, naming the senior editorial positions to be filled.
- 5) Include to Section III (c)
  - The following editors shall be selected from applications, received by the outgoing Editor-in-Chief, by the Editor Selection Committee:
    - Two News Editors
    - Sports Editor
    - Entertainment Editor
    - Production Editor
    - Managing Editor
    - Photo Editor
    - Circulation Editor
  - The selections must be made before March 20 of each year.
  - The Editor Selection Committee will be composed of:
    - The outgoing Editor-in-Chief (Chairperson)
    - The incoming Editor-in-Chief
    - Four (4) Gateway staff members
    - Three (3) students at large
  - The chair will vote only in case of a tie.
  - The candidates will be screened in an open and closed forum.
  - Notice of vacancies and closure of applications shall be published in The Gateway in at least four (4) issues over a period of two weeks prior to the consideration of applicants.
  - All applications shall be submitted to the outgoing Editor-in-Chief at least 24 hours prior to the consideration of applicants.
- 6) Delete Section III (c) (6) Every ballot will give voters a "no" option along with the names of the candidates for each editorial position. In the case where there is only one applicant for a given editorial position, the applicant must be subject to a "yes/no" ratification vote.
- 7) Include to Section III (c)
  - The members of the Editor Selection Committee will have a "no" option along with the names of the candidates for each editorial position. In the case where there is only one applicant for a given editorial position, the applicant must be subject to a "yes/no" ratification vote.
- 8) Delete Section III (c) (8) Eligible voters shall consist of the staff as defined by Section III.D.
- 9) Include in Section III (e)
  - Also, the Editor-in-Chief may suspend without pay or dismiss an editor.
  - An editor may be suspended without pay or dismissed by a majority vote of the rest of the editorial staff.
- 10) Delete from Section IV (a) (2) "quorum for general meetings shall be twenty-five (25) per cent of the voting membership."
- Amend to read: Quorum for general meetings shall be at least twelve (12) staff members with voting privileges including at least three (3) senior paid editors.
- 11) Delete Section IV (a) (6) The Editor-in-Chief shall chair the meeting subject to Section III (b) (3) and (4).
- 12) Delete Section IV (b) The staff shall determine the editorial content of the newspaper at a simple majority vote of staff members present and voting at a duly called staff meeting.
- 13) Delete from Section IV (f) (2) "at a staff meeting."
- Amend to read: All other grievances on any matter concerning the publication of the newspaper or liability that may slow the publication of any matter in the newspaper shall be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief who shall determine the matter. (at a staff meeting). Such determination is appealable to the Publications Board (see Bylaw #600).
- 14) Delete from Section IV (f) (2) Further appeal can be made to a Canadian University Press Investigation Commission as per the bylaws of Canadian University Press.

## BYLAW CHANGES

- 1) Include in Bylaw #200 Section C (1) The provision and maintenance of feature stories.
- 2) Include in Bylaw #200 Section F (1) The provision of Photo Mechanical Transfers (PMT's)
- 3) Delete Bylaw #200 Section I (1) The position of CUP Editor will normally be held by one person.
- 4) Delete Bylaw #200 Section I (2) The duties of the CUP (Canadian University Press) Editor are:
  - a) the collecting and filing of CUP materials
  - b) actively participating in CUP activities, including attending all CUP National Conferences.
- 5) Delete from Bylaw #200 Section I (4) the phrase "CUP Editor."
- Amend to read: The Advocate shall be paid as per Bylaw #300.
- 6) Delete from Bylaw #300 Section B (k) the phrase "CUP Editor."
- Amend to read: The Advocate shall be paid no salary.

Voting on Constitutional and bylaw amendments begins on Thursday March 12 Staff Meeting.