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Looking back over the news files for this production year, I discovered that there may actually be a basis for some criticisms levelled at the *Gateway* for "burying the news." Some very important events occurred this year which are now returning to dust in the backs of our cabinets. So I thought I'd dig them up and bring back some items I feel were important this year, those which affected the university most since September.

THE HUB CRISIS

If I were forced to choose a single most important local event for students of this past year, it would probably be the ending of the HUB crisis.

Essentially, it works out that the government is coming up with just over a million to save the Students' Union from being swamped by HUB. Although the negotiations were kept secret, the matter probably boiled down to a test to see whether Joe McGhie could come up with the right amounts of information to satisfy the Department of Advanced Education before April 1st. The outcome couldn't have come out any better, though, the only negative stipulation to the Students' Union is that HUB rents will have to be raised, and the general budget set up to appear as maximally viable as possible. Hence the restrictions on some services like CKSR and the Art Gallery, and the raising of prices in others.

U FINANCING

For the university as a whole, the biggest issue this year and for the future was that

of university financing. When people say higher education, "higher" means the cost, and despite the record-breaking grants from the government and different associations for next year, they still don't keep up with inflation, much less increased student populations and other costs.

Out of this problem come most of the others.

QUOTAS

This year the university was forced to recognize that growth cannot continue forever. Although President Gunning predicted in January that we would have "some time yet" before we would reach the 24 thousand population limit set by the government, quotas will likely have to be enforced in some faculties much sooner than that.

A Senate report tabled late September showed the public is suspicious of the university, largely due to a lack of knowledge as to how the university operates, and where its priorities lie.

A later report on university size, the Quon report, set out to examine what the university's priorities are and should be, and from there postulated how big certain sections of the campus should get. The report, although most agreed with its principles, was poorly received by GFC because it did not attempt to solve the problem of university size.

The basic premise of the two major reports is that when the crunch comes, the university had better be well prepared to cover all bases, because skepticism and criticism will likely be high.

The major governing bodies here all agree that a

system must be established to guarantee fairness to all, but little has been found in that direction as yet.

MARKET SUPPLEMENTS

Teachers in some of the professional faculties have found it more profitable to work in their professions than teach in them. Since the university already allots about 80% of its budget to salaries, its drawing power in these faculties has become severely cramped, and the best in the professions cannot be found to teach.

In fact, some dental profs threatened to walk out last October if their salaries were not raised to levels that practicing dentists could earn.

But the Board of Governors has agreed to grant market supplements in order to equalize these disparities. Now problems have arisen as to how these supplements can be fairly divided amongst the numerous staff members applying for them.

Most of the information is as yet classified by the Board, being the subject of secret debate at closed meetings. Which brings us to another issue.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Pressures from without and within the Board of Governors is forcing that body to make more of its debates public.

Obviously most media people would be happier if they would no longer need to quote "reliable sources," and some members of the Board express moral obligations to make things better known.

"Reliable sources" tell us that next year, more will be discussed in the open portions of their meetings, but big money debates and such like will still be done behind closed doors.

STATUS OF WOMEN

June Sheppard presented to Senate a report on the status of academic women here. In my

opinion it was poorly constructed with page upon page of statistical gibberish an engineer would have trouble with, offering to legislate changes for an overnight turnover in peoples' beliefs.

The report ignores the impossibility of legislating changes in peoples' attitudes, doing more harm than good by requesting forced changes in just those areas which personal beliefs are strongest and most deeply rooted. For this reason, the report is likely doomed to existence on library shelves, to be withdrawn only to enforce personal arguments.

There are some other issue areas which were also important last year, but little concrete changes have yet been derived from them. One was the federal conference on student aid. It will be a little while yet before any earth-shaking changes will arrive from it, but most informed opinion expresses belief that a lot of good changes may occur, perhaps by next September.

HUB rent hikes codified

The new rent schedule for the Housing Union Building has been compiled, and residents will notice increases straight across the board.

Council agreed to the new rent schedule on the recommendation of the past president Joe McGhie, and the reasons for the increases base largely on the outcome of McGhie's negotiations with the provincial government for the financing of HUB.

One of the stipulations of the agreement between the Students' Union, the Board of Governors, and the provincial government, is that rents must be held "on a competitive basis" until such time as the HUB complex once more becomes a viable financial concern.

The Students' Union is not to begin once again on the same ride it just got off, says the agreement. Therefore, the Students' Union is not to begin subsidizing student housing until it can be shown that subsidisation will not hinder the Union.

Plans for the building have it that if HUB begins to profit, those monies will be ploughed back into the complex to keep rents low.

Although plans for low rents for future students do little to ease the plight of those already here, the following rent schedule will become effective September 1, 1975. More information the the rent schedule can be obtained by calling 432-1241.

1 Man Unfurnished	\$130.00	4 Man Unfurnished	\$280.00
Furnished	\$150.00	Furnished	\$320.00
2 Man Unfurnished	\$180.00	Special End Unit Unfurnished	\$195.00
Furnished	\$200.00		

LIBRARY INFO

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Listed below are the End of Term deadlines for the return of Library Material by Students.

IMPORTANT

1) All Material due prior to the deadlines must be returned no later than the date due stamped on the date due slip of the material or fines will be assessed.

2) All other material, regardless of the date due, must be returned by the deadline.

DEADLINES

APRIL 30TH

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GRADUATES (Exception - Graduates not receiving a degree at Spring Convocation must return or renew material by date on date due slip of material or fines will be assessed)

MAY 8TH

DENTISTRY

MEDICINE (First and Second Year)

MAY 23RD

MEDICINE (Third and Fourth Year)

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