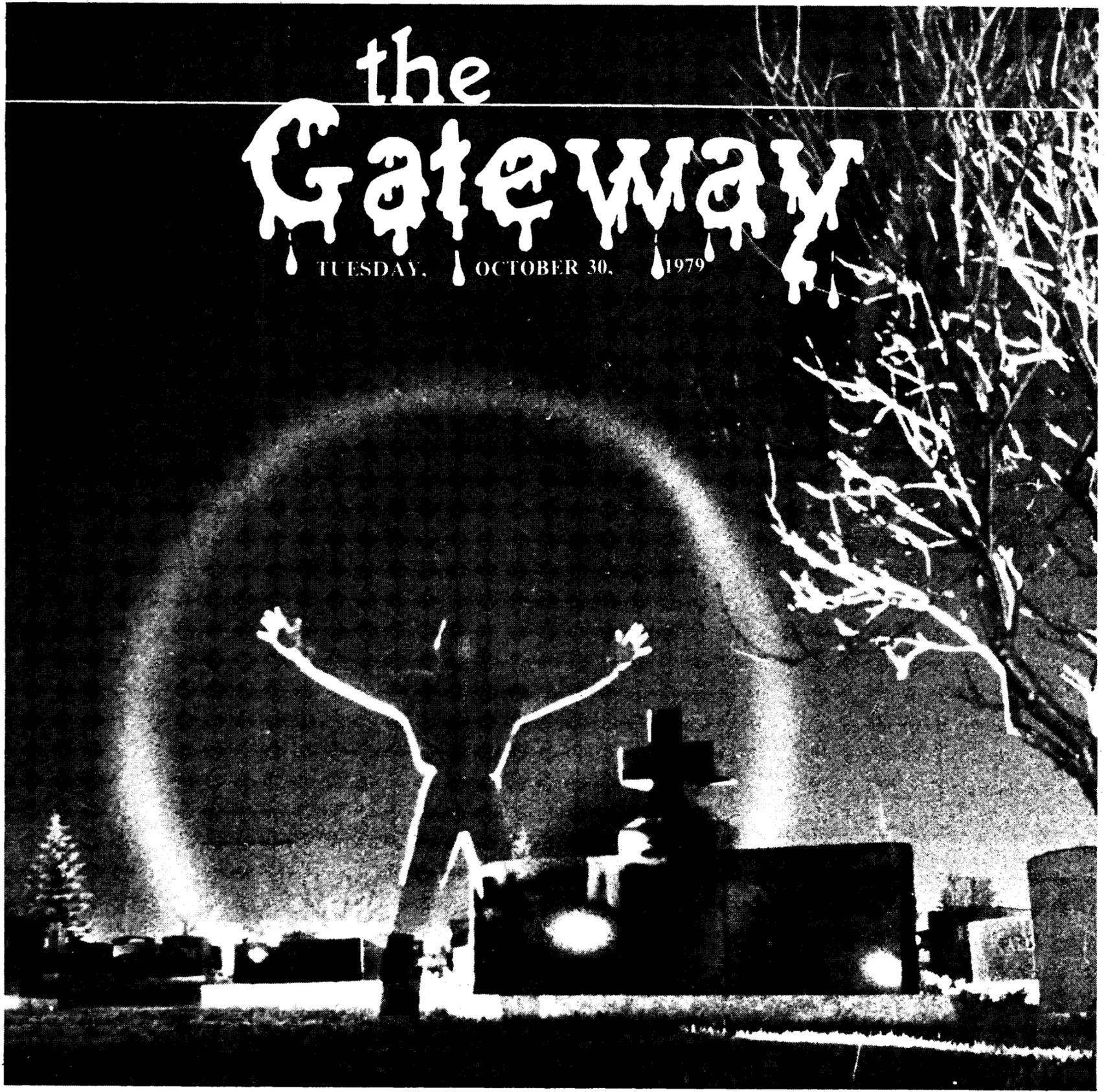# No solution for study space

by Julie Green

It does not look as if the shortage of study space will be alleviated in the near future.

And a motion cutting off discussion on the study space issue at yesterday's General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting left many student reps angry.

The motion to strike a committee to look further into the issue of the availability of study space left SU vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya riled. "The problem is the issue of study space. It does not need further study," he said.

Robert Kirk, the science rep who brought the issue to GFC, was also irritated about the lack of time spent discussing study space. The shortage of study space was first brought to the attention of GFC executive by Bhattacharya. Then it was referred to the campus development committee. "Now GFC has referred the matter to a non-existent committee," said Kirk.

The purpose of the committee, to be formed today, is to advise the administration how to act on the lack of study space. The committee will be appointed by university president Dr. Myer Horowitz and will include student members recommended to Horowitz by the SU president. The committee has not yet established a working time period though. Horowitz assured GFC that the matter will be dealt with quickly.

Kirk said he was satsified with the interim solution to the problem. He said, however, that "a lot is being done now only because we raised a stink."

Bhattacharya elaborated. "The problem is that the central administration didn't do anything until it was faced with a real crisis - and now they've referred the crisis to a committee."

The administration has been aware that there has been a shortage of study space since April, Kirk said.

The issue of the study space was originally to be discussed during the GFC meeting's question period. However, it was made an item on the agenda to allow for unlimited discussion

time. But discussion on the motion had been in progress for only 15 minutes when the motion calling for a committee to examine the problem in depth was carried.

The motion was pushed through hastily by GFC chairman Horowitz, though earlier he had requested a motion on a different issue to be withdrawn to facilitate further discussion.

Additional money has been approved by the president's contingency fund in order to keep the second floor study area of Rutherford South open until a solution to the space shortage is found. The space on the second floor will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., weekdays, 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Sunday.

A motion to keep Rutherford South study areas open on November 12, the Remembrance day holiday also carried.

GFC also discussed a report by vp academic Baldwin on internal reviews and program evaluation. "Mini-reviews" will

rexamine existing functions and programs of most university departments. The mini-reviews, to be completed before the year-end, ask for brief statement of the activities of various units and the priorities assigned to them.

GFC says it hopes information to establish a common data base and to develop a full-scale program evaluation. The review is to be completed by all faculties except medicine, graduate studies and research, and the department of extension.

FAS to meet with Horsman

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) will be meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Jim Horsman on November 19.

They will be presenting a brief and discussing student aid, tuition fee increases and national developments relating to the report of the Grantham Task Force, according to acting executive officer Punham Khosla.

Khosla says that FAS will be preparing the brief in the next few weeks. She says it will be ratified by member students' unions and students groups at the general FAS conference to be held at the University of Calgary the weekend of November 16.

She says FAS hopes to keep the lines of communication with Horsman open.