

## Freshmen will take writing skills exam

All first-year students may have to take a writing skills test as early as September of this year if a General Faculties Council (GFC) proposal is implemented.

Part of a Writing Competence Committee (WCC) recommendation, the test will be given in the first two weeks of classes and will resemble the pilot test administered to 406 freshmen students last September.

Over 50 per cent of the students who wrote that test had "unsatisfactory" scores and had trouble with grammar, spelling and diction.

Other WCC recommendations, including building a remedial center to help students who do poorly on the test, were referred back to the GFC executive for clarification and modification.

The writing skills test would be comprised of the Test of Standard Written English (TSWE) and an essay question. TSWE itself "is particularly designed to make distinctions where special assistance may be required but does not differentiate between students of better than average ability," the WCC report says.

## Editor appointed

A third-year political science student, Keith Krause, has been appointed *Gateway* editor for the 1980-81 school term.

Krause, currently managing editor of *The Gateway*, says he wants to make the paper more responsive to the student body.

"I'm going to bring in a lot of new people next year, which

should prevent the paper from being insular," he says.

"I think it's important to run a variety of articles to interest a large number of students."

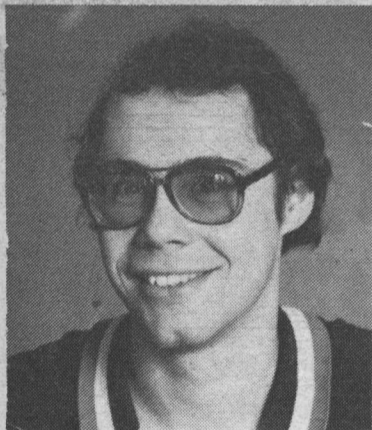
Krause said he plans to reorganize the internal structure of the paper, which will include hiring a production editor to handle the layout of the paper.

He also says he wants to adopt a higher profile for the paper, which will involve more public relations work with university groups.

"There have been problems in this area, and they haven't helped either the students or the paper," he says.

During the second semester last year, Krause was a newswriter and CUP editor for *The Gateway*.

He was selected editor over Steve Lawrance, a U of A graduate and a former sports reporter for the *Grande Prairie Daily-Herald Tribune*.



Keith Krause

## UBC polling station inconvenient

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia will finally get a polling station in the February 18 election but some student residents and area candidates charge the single poll at Gage Towers will be inconvenient.

The station will be located in a residence situated far from the junior residences but is a change from previous plans to have the polling station in a secondary school three kilometers away.

"This is a change. They (the students) were to go to the University Hill Secondary School but that's been wiped out," said Isadore Pelmann.

Liberal candidate Peter Pearse said he is not satisfied with the decision but added it is too late for action to be taken now.

"It's not as much as we had hoped for but it's better than nothing. If we asked for a revision of that decision it would only cause confusion," said



Edmonton South NDP candidate Gordon Fearn addresses students at the election forum Tuesday in SUB.

photo Karl Wilberg

## Candidates speak on election

by Portia Priegert

Only about 85 students attended a low-key election forum for Edmonton-South candidates Tuesday in Dinwoodie Lounge.

Tory incumbent Doug Roche gave an uninspiring speech on human rights in the world today, avoiding election issues entirely.

"Canadians have begun to discuss foreign policy more," he

said, "but we must look at it in more complete terms."

"Foreign policy must be looked at in terms of development, trade and foreign aid," he said.

But the other candidates centered their remarks on current developments in foreign affairs and Canadian economic problems.

Liberal candidate Bob Carney berated Clark for his recent foreign policy actions.

"We've got to stop ad hoc ill-conceived foreign policies," he said.

The "free world" should not give up on detente, he said. "We must not forget that we do all things in the shadow of a thermonuclear holocaust."

Carney also commented on the Tories' handling of internal affairs.

They promised tax cuts, real economic growth and less unemployment, but they have been unsuccessful in all three, he said.

"Is anything sacred under the Tories?" he asked.

NDP candidate Gordon Fearn said the NDP believes

social policies must keep pace with economic policies, but spent the majority of his speech discussing energy policy and foreign ownership.

"Energy is the number one policy issue in the upcoming election," he said, "but there is more to the story than pricing."

Fearn said energy pricing must be an integral part of a national energy policy.

He said the NDP would tax windfall profits, establish Canadian control of all major new energy projects and increase spending on research and development.

Mary Joyce, Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada candidate, challenged the NDP on their statement that they can improve society by working from within.

Revolutionary change is the only way to improve the lot of the ordinary people according to Joyce.

"The Marxist Leninists oppose all imperialist powers. We denounce the Soviets, the

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## Thorkelson protests SU election results

by Lucinda Chodan

Unsuccessful Students' Union presidential candidate Scott Thorkelson is officially protesting the results of Friday's SU elections.

And he's taking his opponent Nolan Astley, the rest of the Astley slate, independent candidates Mary Ann Gillies, Darrell Rankin and Returning Officer Sue Savage to the SU's Discipline, Interpretation and

Enforcement (DIE) Board.

Thorkelson's letter of intent to DIE Board says unfair election practices make the election results invalid.

He cites bylaws defining election slates, unfair campaigning practices and voting procedures in his letter.

If his appeal is successful, election results would be nullified.

Thorkelson declined to

comment on his presentation, other than to confirm that he would present a brief to DIE Board.

However, new president Nolan Astley did comment on the proceedings.

"I'm disappointed that there would be anything going to DIE Board, but it's their right to take it there, and we fully intend to argue the case."

Independent candidates

Gillies and Rankin also had no comment, but their campaign manager Brian Mason said the DIE Board action was unfortunate.

"I think the election shows that students have more serious problems than yearbooks. I'll wait till I see their DIE Board petition, but I think it's just sour grapes."

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Scott Thorkelson