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Gateway staffer Linda Fair gets in shape for "Reading Week," February 26-March 1. Classes will be cancelled during the week and the Gateway will not publish so that staffers can catch up on their "reading."

## reading week cure for February blues?

"It is much easier to develop this sort of thing in intelligent people."

So stated Dr. Cookson, acting Medical Director of Student Health, when asked about the general depression experienced by University students in February.

"More people realize it exists now because they know about it, whereas before they didn't recognize what they were experiencing."

Counselor Richard Kimmis of Student Counseling agrees. "Students have the same kinds of problems as everyone else but students are more aware."

February doldrums range from worry and feeling "down" to depression, anxiety, and tension, Cookson said that "the commonest kind is caused by outside sources - term papers and exams. These have to be separated from neurotic or psychotic people who are like this all the time."

"At this time of year, people who have a tendency towards procrastination are faced with making a decision towards continuing or discontinuing university" explained Kimmis.

The psychiatry department at Student Health is a lot busier this year but Cookson attributes this "not to more problems, but to the fact that we now have a psychiatrist - Dr. Campbell." "We have seen attempted suicides earlier on but there have been no successful ones. The suicide rate is low for the population and considerably less than for the province and Canada as a whole."

Cookson said that Student Health has noticed a definite increase in clients towards the end of November and beginning of December and since January - a "double bump." This year an increase occurred in November and December which in past occurred in January and February.

Cookson concluded that "it will be interesting to see the effect of reading week upon students."

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## potpourri for bibliophiles

Happy Birthday, Mikolaj and Chuck! Copernicus and Darwin, two revolutionaries who put man in his place, have just celebrated birthdays. Monday in a ceremony at Cameron Library the Canadian Polish Congress of Alberta presented the university with a collection of over 300 books in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Copernicus' birth.

As you remember, Copernicus, just before his death in 1543, published his famous treatise "On the Revolutions of Heavenly Bodies", in which he placed the sun at the center of the solar system and the six then known planets in their proper order. Some later proponents of these revolutionary ideas were less discrete than Copernicus and often paid for their loose tongues at the fiery stake.

# council tables "law and order"

In spite of elaborate manoeuvres to delay discussion of a GFC report on student disciplinary procedures, the Students' Council Monday night chose to hear a plea for support from the committee which had prepared the report.

The committee on law and order sought council support after their report had been attacked in a recent meeting of the GFC executive as being unfair to students. Committee chairman Phil Arnold told councillors "if the students vote against it, nobody's going to vote for it."

Patrick Delaney, vp-academic and a member of the GFC executive, objected to council hearing a presentation from the committee before councillors had a chance to read the lengthy document which they had received only Monday afternoon.

Critics of the report, including Delaney, succeeded in having the motion to support the report tabled until the next meeting of council, but were defeated in a bid to refuse to hear the committee's representation.

Council speaker Steve Snyder commented "In my term as speaker I've never seen so many roadblocks put in the way of someone trying to give us information."

Arnold, a GFC rep from the non-academic staff, began his defense of the report by saying "anyone who knows Charlie Richmond knows we haven't spent three years discussing ways to screw the student." Richmond, the grad rep on the law and order committee, was an activist with the Students for a Democratic University (SDU) when the committee was first struck.

Comparing the procedures recommended by the report to union grievance procedures, Arnold said "I know ruddy well you don't have this at the moment." He said the committee had attempted to unify and document all of the various regulations governing students, and to replace the Deans' Council (which now hears charges under the regulations) with a tribunal of students.

A running battle to maintain quorum (14 councillors) slowed council business, and it adjourned at 10:30 having considered only one of the eight items placed on the agenda as new business. Gary West, vp-finance and administration, announced that he would undertake an investigation into absenteeism among council members. Constitutionally, a councillor may be suspended from his position for missing five meetings of council.

The only new business to be considered by the council was a request from two students that the location of the business administration and commerce building be made a referendum issue on the ballot of the upcoming council elections. Greg Teal, who organized a petition campaign against the proposed site of the building, collecting 1,500 signatures, argued that the university Senate, which plans to review the whole issue of campus planning, might be able to persuade the Board of Governors to overturn their December decision if strong student opposition could be demonstrated. The Board ratified the decision of the Campus Development Committee to go ahead with the construction of the building in the Arts Court, just south of Tory.

## nine new faces in race

The three-week postponement of the Students' Union elections has coaxed nine new candidates into contesting executive positions and discouraged only two. The final list of candidates was revealed when nominations closed on Tuesday.

A DIE Board ruling that irregularities in nomination procedures the first time around invalidated all nominations resulted in the postponement of the election. March 9 has been set as the new date for the executive elections.

Two candidates for executive vp, Denise Guichon and Bruce Taylor, withdrew from the election by not re-filing nomination papers, but three new candidates have been nominated for the position. One new presidential candidate, three new candidates for vp-academic, and one each for vp-services and vp-finance have entered the race.

Norm Conrad added his name to the list of presidential candidates which also includes William Coppinger, Ken Fordham, Beth Kuhnke, George Mantor, Larry Panych, Glenn Pylypa and Saffron

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Previous nominees for executive vp Chris Bearchell and Gary Croxton, have been joined by Raymond Kirkland, Carl Kuhnke, and Yagwalt Thakur.

This year's vp-academic Patrick Delaney is seeking re-election to that post. Other new entrants into the contest include Keith Detloff and Brian Wagner. Also seeking the post are Donald Bell, Gary Draper, Wayne Madden, Sheila Mawson and Jim Tanner.

Rene Ozorio has been added to the list of nominees for vp-services, joining Barb Albert, Henry Malta, Randy McDonald and Robert Steele, who had previously filed nominations. Charles Hall, a new entrant into the race for vp-finance and administration, will face Kimball Cariou, Dennis Crockett, Roger Perron and Don Wiley.

Candidates will address an all-university election rally Wednesday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The GFC executive Committee has agreed that classes be cancelled from 11 to 12 to allow students to attend the rally. The election is scheduled for Friday, March 9.

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Long live the sheep!

Magul Surmenelai of Abkhazia, U.S.S.R. has his own way of managing the information explosion. Interviewed in last month's National Geographic, Magul, a retired shepherd, attributes his 108 years to the fact that he has never let anyone or anything go his goat. "I never had a single enemy... I read no books and have no worries." Hang on Magul, I may be out to see you before April.

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