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The Gateway

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THE ELECTRIC PRUNES SHOULD HAVE SUCH CLASS
... Al Anderson, Phil Ponting and wailing Glenn Sinclair in a Christmas pageant

High-spirited elves help out Santa with enthusiastic Christmas foofra

Under the influence of Christmas spirits students turned into elves and then into teeny-boppers to help Santa Claus.

Gateway wins two firsts in CUP trophy competitions

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. — The Gateway won two trophies and placed second and third in two other competitions at the 30th annual conference of the Canadian University Press in Burnaby Dec. 27-30.

The Montreal Star Trophy, for photographs, was won for the third consecutive year and the N. A. MacKenzie trophy for best features was won for the fifth time in seven years. Also ranking first in the feature competition was the University of Western Ontario Gazette. The photo trophy was first offered for competition three years ago.

In the Southam Trophy for gen-

eral excellence the University of British Columbia Ubyssy was first followed by the Varsity of the University of Toronto and The Gateway in a second place tie.

There was a four-way tie for first in the Bracken Trophy for best editorials. The Gateway was third.

In a constitutional change later in the conference CUP voted to abolish trophy competitions.

The chief argument against trophies was that the critiques of the papers given by the judges were just rationalizations of the reasons for their decisions in awarding trophies—not in-depth evaluations.

The students' union held a dance Dec. 19 to aid CHED's Santa's Anonymous campaign. Instead of an admission charge a wrapped Christmas gift was the entry fee.

Monday afternoon preceding the dance, a carol singing session was held in the SUB theatre. Under the inspiring direction of the golden-toned students' union executives, Al Anderson, Glenn Sinclair and Phil Ponting, a small audience sang haunting renditions of familiar Christmas melodies like Silent Night and Jingle Bells.

Jerry Lawrence of the SUB program panel said "400 gifts were collected, and everyone there seemed to enjoy themselves."

"Everything was donated. All the performing groups gave their time freely and Woolco department stores sold us toys at cost price," he said.

Students' union treasurer Phil 'Mitch Miller' Ponting said "the idea has great potential and I hope next year's panel will continue the program. It's a real worthwhile idea for student participation."

Finance change is fees-able

By MARGARET BOLTON

Next year, students' union fees might be changed. In a Dec. 15 referendum 2497 students voted in favor of the proposed changes, 434 voted against, and 538 ballots were spoiled.

If these revisions are accepted by the students' council and the general faculty council, all full-time students will pay students' union fees of \$27.50 for their first four years. Students after their fourth year and those in affiliated colleges, including nurses, would pay \$15.

Previously, graduate students had the option of paying either full membership or of paying \$5 for associate membership. Nurses paid \$4.50.

As associate members, grads and nurses did not receive yearbooks or telephone directories and could not vote in students' union elections or hold office.

Grad students voted strongly against the motion: 123 against and only 34 in favor. Nurses, whose fees would be raised from \$4.50 to \$15, voted 78 for and 23 against.

Dental, medical and law students, all of whom are in courses lasting five or more years, voted 314 for and six against.

If accepted, the revision would mean an increase of about \$6000 in the students' union budget.

"However," said students' union treasurer, Phil Ponting, "this would not mean an increase in revenue. We would have to provide these students with yearbooks, telephone directories, and increased services."

The 3469 votes represent more than a third of the voting population.

Many of the spoiled ballots—158 of 538—were cast at the Cameron library poll. There was a suspicion of ballot-stuffing when many votes were cast without the poll clerk's initials.

However, students' union president Al Anderson said the spoiled ballots showed approximately the same proportion of yes's and no's as the total vote.

"I don't think anything can be gained by re-taking the vote," he said. "The vote is still well over the required 2/3 in favor anyway. It was probably the mistake of an inexperienced poll-clerk."

Returning officer Stewart MacAlister said there was probably a lack of supervision at the poll in question caused by "lack of cooperation by certain members of students' council."

Council gives approval to grievance committee

The final form of the academic grievance committee was approved by council at its last regular meeting, Dec. 18.

The committee has been planned since July.

Its purpose as stated in the by-law is to hear "grievances relating to the academic welfare of the students. It shall have no formal powers but will have the right to use responsible means to resolve grievances."

The members, to be appointed by the students' council on the recommendation of the Personnel Board, will consist of the chairman, one graduate student and one member of the incoming academic relations committee.

Informal procedure to be followed by the committee would include an investigation into the validity of the complaint, determination as to whether an injustice has been committed, then an attempt to ensure the normal corrective means have been exhausted.

BOARD POSSIBLE

If informal procedures fail, a Board of Enquiry could be established and its findings published. This would only be an extreme measure as the committee will strive to avoid adverse publicity.

Jim Matkin, chairman of the academic relations committee stated the success of such a committee depends largely on the calibre of the committee members.

Committee members will be appointed each spring.

In other council business a motion approving amendments to the constitution and by-laws stating that no executive members may enter into contract with council was passed.

Students' union vice-president

Judy Lees was mandated to form a committee investigating council-student communications. It was suggested a regular discussion of council policy held in forum style perhaps in the theatre would improve relations.

B of G rep accepted by council

Students' council has approved a motion calling for student representation on the Board of Governors and the faculty councils.

Council indicated student membership on the faculty councils was desirable for the adequate formulation of curriculum. These committees now consist of the dean, the department heads and various professors.

Jim Matkin, chairman of the Academic Relations Committee stated that this would receive support from the committee.

Council also hopes to appoint a non-university member to the Board of Governors.

Students' union vice-president Al Anderson said the purpose of this appointment would be to have a young member on the Board of Governors who is in close touch with student opinion.

Board of Governors member Mr. Louis Desrochers said he was in favor of student representation when the idea was presented last spring, and he is in favor of it now.