

The Gateway



U of A student, Khalid Taha, caught in West Bank conflict.
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Election irregularities crackdown

by Ken Bosman

Reduced election irregularities are the objective of Students' Union Chief Returning Officer Craig Cooper, as he prepares for the 1988 elections.

The Students' Union provides campaign funds to ensure that a potential candidate is not deterred by the financial costs of campaigning, but this has led to problems in the past. "Candidates would submit bills and get the money from the SU, but then not pay their printers.

Then the printers would come to the SU again for the money," said Cooper.

This year Cooper will have the SU pay for all purchases over \$100 directly, thus sidestepping the money going through the candidates' pockets.

The change is in response to the disqualification of Peter Sesek, a presidential candidate in 1987, because \$610.15 which the SU paid to Cooper's slate never made it to the printer to pay Sesek's bills.

Cooper will also require all photocopied materials to be produced at Copy Cats, the SU photocopy shop, because "in the past there has been a lot of illegal photocopying."

Cooper will not reveal how he will be able to distinguish Copy Cats photocopies from those done illegally elsewhere saying "if I told you how it would be easy to duplicate."

Steps will also be taken to boost voter turnout. "It costs us \$5.00 for every student who actually votes," said Cooper.

"More aggressive advertising" by the CRO's office, as well as a change of tone will be tried this year.

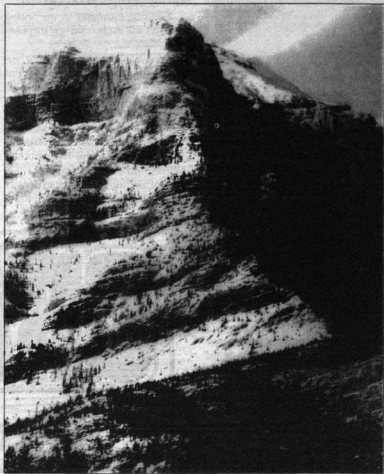
"Before we had a pleading attitude — this year it will be accusational," said Cooper. "You have all the people complaining about things all year — I'd be interested to see how many of them voted. If you don't vote you can't bitch."

Cooper, who was also last year's VP Academic for the SU, sees two issues for the election: "The funding outlook isn't getting much brighter."

A second election issue Cooper expects is *The Next Decade and Beyond*, a University planning document that outlines evolutionary plans for the U of A which Cooper characterizes as "the crazy Administration with their pipe dream vision of a University which will totally alter what the U of A has been so far."



CRO Cooper plans to clamp down on rule violators. photo Bruce Gardavaz



Kananaskis before the Olympics photo Bruce Gardavaz

SU election nears

by Gateway staff

Nominations for Students' Union Executive positions, and the Undergraduate Board of Governors seat, close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1st.

Candidates must submit a nomination with 25 signatures from other U of A students, a letter of academic eligibility from their faculty, and a \$25 deposit, refundable if they get more than 10 percent of the total votes cast for each position winner.

Candidates may run independently, or in a slate.

The SU will pay all the costs incurred by each candidate up to

the following limits:

- Independent candidate: \$600.00
- Two Person Slate: \$750.00
- Three Person Slate: \$900.00
- Four Person Slate: \$1050.00
- Five Person Slate: \$1200.00
- Six Persons or More: \$1350.00

Campaigning begins on March 8th and extends to March 16th.

Voting will be on March 17th and 18th.

Persons interested in running can contact the Chief Returning Officer, Craig Cooper, in Room 234 SUB, or phone 432-2231.

New Gateway Chief

by Gateway Staff

The new Editor-in-Chief for the Gateway has been selected.

Dragos Ruiu, a fourth year Computer Engineer and long time Gateway volunteer, was affirmed by the joint Gateway/Students' Union Media Selection Committee last Saturday.

"I'm confident the Gateway will be in good hands," says current EIC Rod Campbell. "Dragos has proved himself as a reliable and enthusiastic volunteer. He is undoubtedly committed to maintaining the quality and balance of the paper."

Ruiu is experienced in all aspects of the paper's operations and has made over 100 total contributions to virtually all areas of the paper.

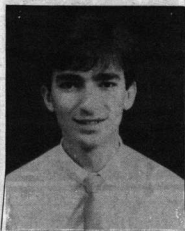
He has previous editorial experience at the *Carillon* of the University of Regina, where he helped produce the paper's summer editions of 1987.

Ruiu strongly advocated the withdrawal this year of the Gateway from the Canadian University Press, an organization the Gateway help-

ed found in 1937.

A priority for Ruiu will be the acquisition and installation of a newer, more advanced typesetting system for the Gateway.

Ruiu's 8th month term begins August 15th, 1988.



E.I.C. designate Dragos Ruiu

I was sent for the children.
Michael Jackson

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Tuition fee protest

by Andy Tomoc

BURNABY (CUP) — The students' union at Simon Fraser University will launch an elaborate campaign this week to mobilize students against impending fee increases.

Through the "freeze the fees" campaign, SFU students' society external relations officer, Paul Mendes, hopes to convince the university's board of governors to vote down the package of fee increases scheduled for the board's Feb. 23 meeting.

"The administration seems to think they can keep jacking up our fees every year with impunity," said Mendes, "but with a little help from the student body, we can show them enough is enough."

Fees are rising across the province, keeping B.C.'s tuition at the second highest in Canada, behind the Atlantic provinces.

Tuition at SFU and the University of British Columbia make up roughly 16 per cent of the universities' operating budgets, causing the fees to rise every time the budget changes.

SFU's campaign will take a multi-pronged approach which will include a "freeze the fees" information table staffed by Mendes and 40 student volunteers and a "100 meter-beef" — a massive, scrolled, open letter to the board protesting the fee hike.

The campaign will also feature a postcard campaign, aimed at education minister Stan Hagen and local MLAs with anti-fee hike mail and series of short classroom talks

by student volunteers.

The events will culminate on Feb. 23 in a "freeze the fees gala", an elaborate inter-student union social which will precede the board of governors meeting.

"We are not impatient in this matter," said Mendes. "We don't have to stand by and watch these increases happen time and again. If we can mobilize and effectively show a consensus, then we can prevail in this."

Efforts to stop rising fees were also underway at the University of Victoria, where student president,

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Music mourns

The Department of Music will be holding a service Wednesday in memory of three recent Bachelor of Music graduates who were killed in accidents in January and February.

Cathy Boehm-Eichner and Carol Pfeiffer died in a car accident near Red Deer on February 6. John Newman was killed in New York in January.

The service will be held in Convocation Hall on Wednesday, February 17 at 4 p.m. It will be performed by Reverend Steve Larson of the Chaplain's Office.