

"I think about life and I think about death..."

# The Gateway

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...and neither one particularly appeals to me."

Morrissey, lead singer of The Smiths.



Photo Alex Miller

Fraternities seek new image

## Greeks getting straight

by Bill Doskoch

The goal of Greek Week is to make the campus more aware of the fraternity system and to show that "the 'Animal House' image doesn't apply," says Inter-Fraternity Council executive vice-president Jim Toogood.

There are nine men's and four women's fraternities on campus, said Toogood. He gave a "ballpark" estimate of membership for men's fraternities at 300-500.

"Scholarship, brotherhood and social service" were the three cornerstones of frats, he said, and those who weren't interested in all three things would probably be more interested in some of the other clubs.

For those who would like to consider joining, this is the week to do it because it's Rush Time, which is the first step on becoming a fraternity member.

"Rush gives you an opportunity to meet the frat and for it to meet you," he explained.

After Rush, the members vote on who they would like to accept as pledges. If the pledges decide to join, they go through an education program and initiation follows before a person is considered a "brother."

Toogood made it clear that hazing initiates is banned by local and international fraternities.

Reasons for rejection include poor academic performance (most fraternities require at least a 5.0 grade-point average) or poor character, such as a person who "just wants to go to parties, get drunk and be obnoxious," said Toogood.

Toogood assured this reporter that fraternities did imbibe in liquor but re-emphasized that they did other things as well.



Photo Bill Doskoch

Toogood: "It's hard to talk to people about Rushing when they're pissed out of their minds."

Some of those other things include running the beer gardens in quad and several other events designed to increase participation and involvement.

Wednesday is Record Breaking Day. "Some of the guys got a hold of a Guinness book of world records and were looking for possibilities."

Some of those possibilities include the ubiquitous telephone booth and Volkswagen stuffing or the ever-popular human pyramid.

Wednesday is also Rush Night which will culminate with a party. There won't be any booze served

during rush itself because, as Toogood explained: "It's hard to talk to people about Rushing when they're pissed out of their minds."

On Thursday at 12:30 p.m., the Greek will take on the engineers and anybody else with a team in a tug-of-war competition and Friday will feature the Earthball challenge in Varsity stadium.

Saturday is the Greek God/Goddess competition at Garneay Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. Profits from the admission will go to the Firemen's Burn Centre.

## Root Bear rejected?

by Suzette C. Chan

It looks like the Great Root Bear will have to wait a little longer before he finds a home in the Students' Union Building.

SU VP Internal Scott Richardson said last week that the university will most likely reject a request to house an A&W franchise in the Subway area.

Subway is the only area within the building that is university owned and controlled.

The SU wanted to replace the university's Jumbo's outlet with the A&W but Richardson said, "The university says they don't like the idea."

Richardson said the matter is more than simple replacement of one hamburger joint with another.

"The food prices would be cheaper and it provides competition for the university," he said — but the bottom line is revenue.

A "brand name" franchise would

theoretically bring in more business. The SU would be able to charge the franchise rent or take a cut in its total monthly gross.

The SU receives no revenue from any of the Subway outlets while food merchants such as Charlie's and Mmuffins are charged either rent or nine per cent of monthly gross.

SU executives started in May to look for a fast food operation that would be willing to move into the building. A&W was approached among others and has stated it is willing to pay an estimated \$50,000 for renovations for space on the first floor.

University facilities management officials declined to comment on the fate of the A&W, saying official word will be issued this week.

Meanwhile, the search for a university dorm for the Great Root Bear continues.

## Terry Fox trot Sunday

On Sept. 15, the fifth annual Terry Fox run will start from the Students' Union Building (SUB) at 1:00 p.m.

The course is 10 kilometers in length and can be covered in any self-propelled way the participant chooses.

The Students' Union has endorsed the run and is promoting it in co-operation with the student associations of Grant MacGwan Community College and N.A.I.T.

The University has also been helpful by providing free parking and supplies, said run co-ordinator Gord Stamp.

Stamp expected between 200 and 2,000 people to participate but felt it would be closer to the latter

figure. For those wishing to participate in the run, pledge sheets are available at the following locations:

- Store Plus More
- SU Records
- Physical Education equipment room desk
- All 7-11 stores
- the YMCA or YWCA
- City Hall information desk
- Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets
- Four Seasons Hotel
- Girl Guide Shop (Whyte Avenue)

For more information on either running or helping organize the event, phone either Gord Stamp at 432-2134 or VP External Gayle Morris at 432-4236.