

"Good-bye,  
cruel Gateway!"  
Lorne Holladay

# The Gateway

"I wonder  
what's in the box?"  
Tom Wright

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## Cool calculation on hot merchandise

by Mary MacDonald

If you intend to buy a calculator in the near future, think twice.

Two of the most popular hand calculators used by engineering and science students are made by Texas Instruments and Hewitt-Packard. Most calculators provide about the same functions and capabilities but there are sometimes large price differences. According to Sandy Fleming, President of the Engineering Students Society, "In fact it appears that all calculators imported from the U.S. have suggested list prices about 25% HIGHER THAN THEIR U.S. prices and current costs and taxes do not nearly account for all this difference."

The particular model which you choose is a matter of personal taste and finances but there are two things to be taken into consideration - service and depreciation.

"A major U.S.-built calculator which has become very popular in the last four months has recently had its list price cut by \$25-\$35 depending on who you talk to," says Fleming. The reason for this appears to be based on the development of a new model which will be on sale in Canada in about two weeks and which is now being advertised by dealers. It seems this model will also be available in larger quantities than previously.

"The Engineering Students Society has been offered bulk discounts by two dealers on this machine, stated Fleming.

While investigating this offer the ESS was told by the local distributor/service depot:

- this company had a large staff lay-off in the U.S.

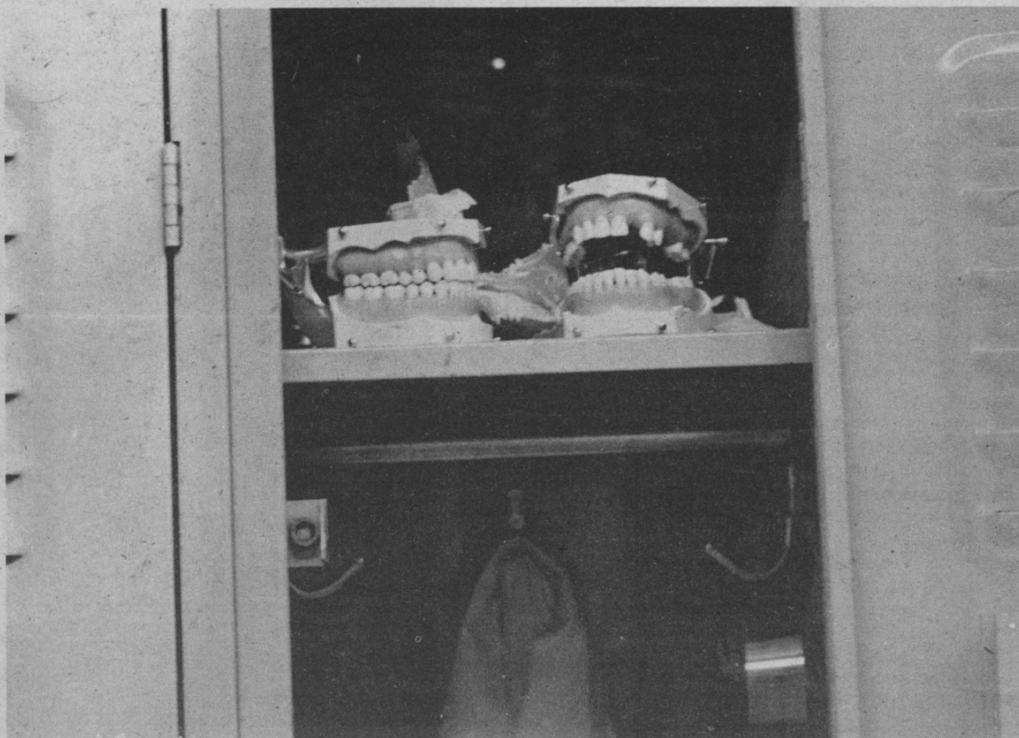
- a large quantity of calculators which were moving slowly on the U.S. market were "dumped" on the Canadian market to any dealer who wanted them.

- the list price had been drastically reduced thus depreciating the value of those models purchased before at a higher price.

- according to the local authorized service dealer, "We will service only those machines which we have sold."

- this is the only western depot in Canada and any calculators purchased elsewhere will be sent to Ontario for servicing.

- despite claims to the



"Hey Mac, would you please close the door? We'd like to be alone IF you don't mind. Man, I gotta tell ya, Dental Health Week is a real invasion of privacy, like there's these displays all-over campus, and competition with the Med Show and... well you get the picture, never caught with my mouth closed."

## Task force on student aid without students

Ottawa (CUP) A combined federal-provincial task force reconsidering the whole question of student aid in Canada has been quietly operating since last fall. The task force meets only in closed session, releases no minutes or records to the public or press and has no student representation.

Documents from the committee show that the task forces was set up last August through an agreement between the Chairman of the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) and Secretary of State Hugh

Faulkner, at the initiative of CEM.

According to one document, marked "draft mandate" the purpose of the task force is to, "give immediate consideration to those changes necessary in existing federal plans for student assistance in order to bring them into line with existing needs and educational patterns." The task force is to report its findings next August and make recommendations to CEM, also a closed body, and to the Secretary of State in Ottawa.

Bob Buckingham of the

National Union of Students (NUS) wrote to the CEM on December 4, 1974 stating that NUS "has learned that the Council of Education Ministers is considering proposing changes in the existing federal plans for student assistance" and requesting that students be represented in these deliberations.

The reply from CEM Secretary General Maurice Richer made reference to "ongoing studies regarding possible changes in existing student assistance schemes" but gave no indication of the existence of the high-level task force set up last August.

Richer rejected the possibility of student representation on the CEM because, "Council policy precludes representation on our committees by professional or other interest groups."

"I can assure you, however, that the provincial authorities are giving very careful consideration to the students' concerns and this, in turn, is reflected in the deliberations of the council," he said.

He advised that students in

## Breaking in as a writer

by Greg Imler

Have you ever felt that your poetry, short stories, or plays have been good enough to print? Good enough to print and make money on? Good in any case? have you ever considered writing as a career? I mean serious writing, writing for a living.

If you have entertained any of these wild fancies, and you feel your material is good enough for publishing, there is always the question of who to send it to for judgement, and how one breaks into this writing business. How do you get that first story published, the one that will send editors clamouring for more, the one that asserts your professionalism?

Literary magazines are the answer.

These underbudgeted, often floundering publications are usually the first means by which new writers are printed. There are a great number of them throughout Canada, one of them, *White Pelican* is printed on this campus.

Last week a representation of editors from four of Canada's leading literary periodicals visited the university in conjunction with "Short Story

Canada Week" to explain what literary periodicals try to do, how editors react to literature given them, and how young writers can get involved in the profession of writing.

Kent Thompson, Fiction Editor of the Fiddlehead in New Brunswick, and also a reputable writer himself, explained that his magazine, although it is Canada's longest-running periodical, it is a Canada Coun-

cil grant that allows its continued existence.

"There is no way we can possible make money," he said emphasizing (along with laudatory comments on the goodwill, generosity, etc. of the Canada Council, which had a representative chairing the discussion) that these influences have an effect on what the magazine prints.

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### Appeal upheld,

## Candidacy re-established

Wayne Chase's candidacy in the upcoming presidential election has been ratified by DIE Board, following his appeal of returning officer Bruce Ney's decision to disallow him from running.

Ney had disqualified Chase's nomination for the office of Students' Union president on the grounds of illegal electioneering in *Gateway*.

According to By-Law No. 300, no electioneering can be carried out until a week prior to the election.

A submission by Chase to

*Gateway's* Election Forum column was printed Jan. 28, but it was not proven either that Chase had intended his article to be printed early, or that *Gateway* had intended to jeopardize his candidacy.

DIE Board therefore concluded that it was a series of errors on the part of Chase for not stating the proposed date of printing, and of *Gateway* for not believing the article was serious in nature.

"After having solicited campaign articles from candidates

on a first come - first served basis," states a DIE Board memo, "and having received an article clearly submitted for use in that column, it does not seem reasonable that any article should disqualify its author."

After hearing this news, Chase made his official non-election press statement, not intended for election purposes: "Well, now, let me say this about that: it is certainly a particularly pleasurable privilege to be able to participate in this particular election at this particular juncture in this particular time."

## Support Whatsisname

ENS - The faculty the University of Letbridge are pretty distressed about this year's sophomore class to say nothing of the way the university president feels.

In a photograph-name association test, only one-third of the students were able to identify a photograph of University President William Beckel, who's been in office for four years.

Beckel probably shouldn't feel too slighted. None of the students recognized Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

## Student job opportunities overseas

At this time of year, when a lot of students are looking for summer jobs, an interesting idea is to consider the possibility of a working holiday abroad.

Many people would like to travel in Europe, but are put off by the cost. One of the advantages of a working holiday is that you only need to consider the air fare in your budget - the rest of the time you are earning. Salaries are considerably lower than in Canada, but they are enough to live on, and many jobs include free accommodation and board. Another great advantage of having a job is that you become part of the scene, and not just an onlooker or tourist. You get to know the country and the people, make new friends, and enjoy a whole new set of experiences. If you want to travel after the job is finished, you are well placed for visiting other parts of Europe.

How do you find a job? A Toronto firm offers two services

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