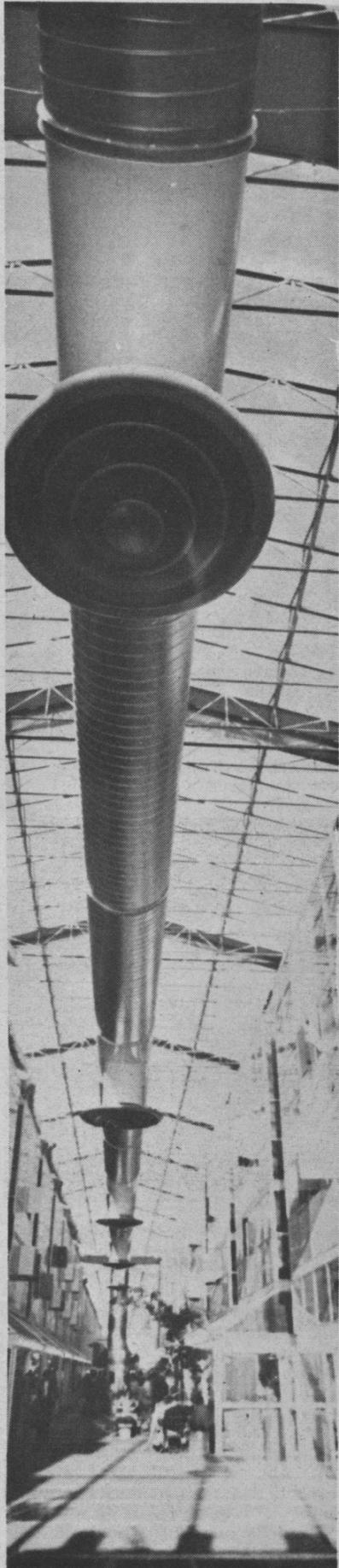


1973-74



The student-owned Housing Union Building (HUB) opened in October 1973.



A cool stalker rips down HUB one day.

by Julie Green

Government interference in university affairs and streaking were the two predominant issues of 1973-74.

Members of the Board of Governors (B of G) were angry with the provincial government for not consulting them over a government proposal to establish a joint planning and research division. "It's just a waste of time and we might as well give up," said one disgruntled board member.

"Canadians have directed more criticism at educational institutions than at other institutions and if continued, such criticism will be paralyzing," said U of A President Max Wyman at Fall Convocation. Others charged that the quality of university education was threatened by government interference in university affairs.

The HUB "streaking" mall became a notable hang out for those who wanted to strut their stuff. Headquartered in Henday, the streakers also terrorized crowds leaving the Jubilee Auditorium, and student residences. A Gateway reporter who talked to the streakers learned that "streaking is a visual art and is dependent on precise timing. Streakers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your virtue!"

A transit strike disrupted daily routines in late November. More than 6,000 students who regularly took the bus to school were relying on car pools or hitchhiking or not coming at all. There was no fear that final exams would be cancelled or postponed because of a little problem like this. The

administration assured students that exam centers would be set up around the city so that students could write exams there if need be. Absenteeism during the strike was reported to be 10 to 15 per cent higher than usual.

Changes to the student finance program resulted in students being able to repay loans according to their ability to do so. Payments were linked to income rather than loan size. The loans had to be repaid starting six months after graduation and within nine-and-a-half years after finishing school.

In other news:

- 1973/74 saw a "record enrollment of 18,780 students, and quotas in many faculties are imminent," president Wyman said.

- advanced registration became a reality with the computer matching courses with students.

- the stanine grading system came under fire at General Faculties Council (GFC). Alternative grading systems proposed included pass/fail, letter grades and a three-point system. GFC eventually voted down any changes.

- the SU vp academic resigned over the disappearance of \$2300 in travel funds.

- the SU was finding it difficult to get HUB out of the red. They sought to defer a \$1 million loan payment to the B of G.

- HUB and SU services were the main issues in the SU election. One slate suggested that bitch boxes be set up around campus to field complaints.

How does that saying go? ... The more things change the more they stay the same.



The transit strike kept some students away from the pressing concerns of academia.



The Chinese Folk Festival was enjoyed by many students.



Superman arrived a bit late to help students weather the trauma of in-person registration. The decision to implement advanced registration made life easier for everyone.



How do we get out of this mess? The Gateway's "How to save the world" supplement aired a few answers.



The Humanities Centre opened in September 1973.