

A Canadian is
a person ...

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.. who knows how to
make love in a canoe.
-Pierre Berton

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No surprise- HUB for grabs

by Kevin Gillese

The HUB debate has only just begun.

Gene Borys, vp finance and administration for the Students' Union, announced today that the SU's final proposal for the university take-over of HUB has been completed.

"After six months of hard negotiating, I think we've developed a very fair and comprehensive proposal," Borys stated, "and I think the time has come to debate this thing fully and arrive at a decision quickly."

Borys said the Executive Committee is recommending that Council adopt this proposal because "further ownership of HUB will hinder the Students' Union both financially and philosophically."

In financial terms we'd be maintaining a risk which could bankrupt the Students' Union," he said, "and from a philosophical stand-point, we'd be obstructing the further pursuit of student interests."

"By way of example, HUB places an enormous drain on the human resources of the SU right now; we feel that those resources should be applied more directly to the students," he added.

The argument that HUB will break even or make money for the SU is a fallacy, charged Borys. "Whoever owns HUB, they will have to raise rents by ten or fifteen percent yearly, just to break even. If we raised them more than that, we'd be ripping off the students - we simply cannot be landlords and tenants at the same time and hope to satisfy people."

Borys was quick to point out that the proposal is just that - a proposal - and binds neither the SU nor the university to any legal responsibility.

It asks the university to "take legal title, including management and control of the HUB Complex as of April 1st,

1976." The motion will be introduced to Council March 1st. If the proposal is passed, it will then be advanced to the university's Board of Governor's for final approval.

Included in the proposal are five areas of possible contention following transfer. These are: residential policy, commercial leases, personnel, physical structure and maintenance, and mortgage.

For the first area, residential policy would be to run HUB as an apartment complex similar to the Michener Park arrangement - under the university's Housing and Food Services.

Commercial leases would involve a simple transfer, except in the cases of SU businesses currently operating in HUB. These business - HUB Billiards, SU Box Office and Records, and Friday's - would be given certain rent concessions for an initial

period of five years. After that period they would pay rates comparable with other HUB businesses.

Personnel transfers would be uncomplicated, as the proposal stipulates that everyone currently working with the SU would have a job with the university if they so wished, and that all salaries would remain the same.

Physical structure and maintenance will be the area of greatest concern and debate. A survey conducted by the university indicates that many alterations must be made to HUB in the upcoming years. Some of these are desirable and optional, such as a \$350,000 resurfacing of the Mall, but others are alterations which must be made, such as the installation of smoke detectors (\$60,000) to comply with city by-laws.

At worst there is \$560,000

worth of alterations that should be made to the complex; at best there are \$140,000 worth which *must* be made.

Gene Borys said it is doubtful whether the complex could pay for these alterations but that "the university with its greater resources and manpower could very likely absorb such demands."

The final area of possible contention in a transfer would be with the mortgage. In the proposal this transfer is clear-cut and offers little difficulty, Borys added.

Borys stated other factors in the HUB debate will be the fact that the mortgage must be renegotiated in 1978 and also that the nearly break-even situation with HUB this year was largely a result of a housing crisis, which brought in \$100,000 worth of revenue from temporary residents during the summer.

It could happen to you

The next time you hear the buzzer go off and the doors lock at the Rutherford Library electronic check-point, don't be so sure a criminal has been caught. It may be merely another innocent walking into the trap.

Most people realize that Rutherford Library placed magnetic tape in each of its

books last year and that such tapes must be de-sensitized at the check-out counter. If they are not, a switch is triggered, a buzzer sounds, and the doors lock.

But what most people *don't* realize is that Cameron Library is now in the process of "taping" their books - with sensitive tapes. And those tapes cannot be de-sensitized at the check-

out counters in Cameron.

Consequently, anyone who checks a book out of Cameron, goes over to Rutherford to study, and later walks through the check without so much as a second glance ... is in for a minor embarrassment.

R. Barter, Supervisor of Office Services for the university libraries, says that hopefully - "if the budget is kind" - de-sensitizing and check-point units will be installed in Cameron by the end of the summer.

"However, at the moment, we are still sensitizing all new books which we receive, plus we have started on the books in more LIBRARY, see page 2

You may be reading something, but it won't be us

While others are out skiing Gateway staffers will be travelling to Regina for a CUP (Canadian University Press) conference. *The Gateway* urges all to enjoy their reading week; the next issue will hit the stands March 2 after classes begin again.

From now on, no more mister nice guy!



Aw shucks, fellas.

Commencing April 1 all complaints and criticisms will get directed to Kevin Gillese, newly elected Gateway Editor-in-chief.

The decision to elect Gillese was made Tuesday after three applicants for the position presented their proposed policies and objectives to the Publications Board.

Longtime Gateway staffer Harald Kuckertz and third year Arts student Ken Larson also ran in the election.

In his application form Gillese claims that "Most of the changes which have been made in the structure of *The Gateway* are good ones, but are - at this moment - temporary ones. I would like to see those con-

solidated and made permanent.

"In so doing," he continued, "I can foresee an even larger increase in the professional outlines of the paper and a greater credibility rating from our readers. After the *Pound-maker* incident, in which the entire Gateway staff quit, the paper suffered greatly from lack of expertise and credibility.

"It has taken four years, starting from scratch, to reach the semi-professional status we now enjoy. I believe that with proper management and funding next years' Gateway can offer students broader, more satisfactory coverage."

Speaking to the Publications Board, Gillese recognized staff shortages as a major problem facing *The Gateway*, but he defended the paper's position as a training ground for journalists.

He also stressed Gateway's role as a 'watchdog' for Council. He believes the paper should not be used as a political tool by Council or its Executive, but that it should remain an autonomous organ of the Students' Union.

Gillese, a third year classics major, has contributed freelance copy to the *Edmonton Journal* and worked briefly as a researcher with the Paris Bureau of TIME. He is currently Features Editor of *The Gateway*.

Congrats, Kevin, on behalf of *The Gateway* staff.

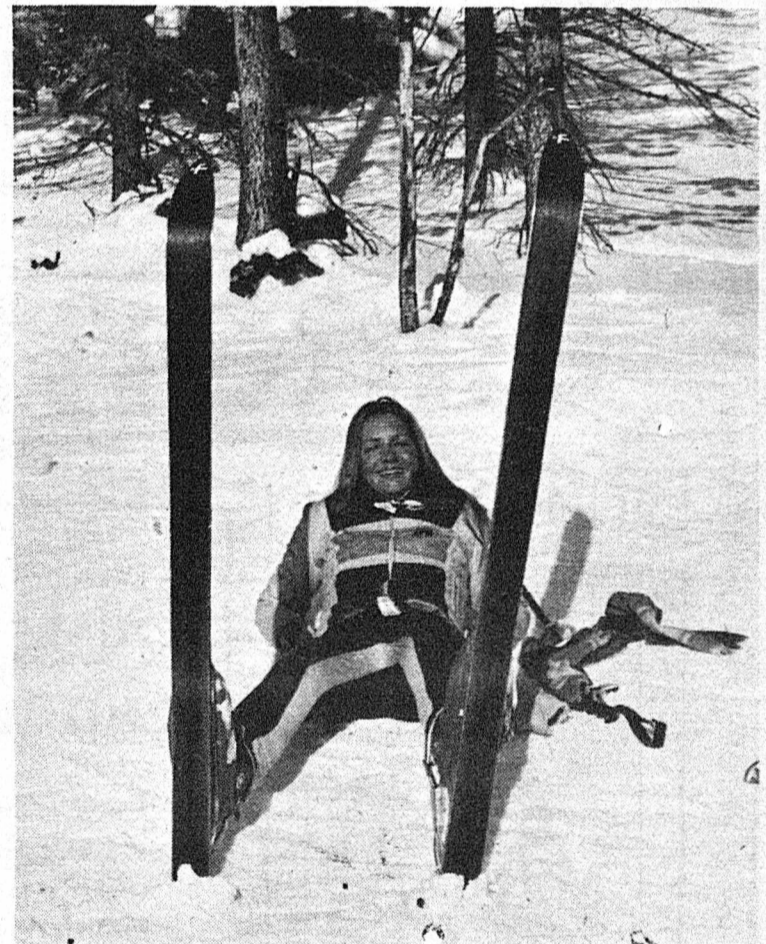


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Reading week can be a bummer

Election results disputed

by Greg Neiman

Law student Joe McGhie will take over as student rep to the Board of Governors despite a ruling of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board that his election by acclamation was unconstitutional.

Though the constitution reads that nominations for the SU general election must be advertised "in each and every issue of *The Gateway*" from 32 days prior to the election, it was not. The DIE Board ruled it could find nobody to blame for the omission.

The request for discipline was initiated by SU president

Graeme Leadbeater. He argued that, since all the required advertising had not been done students could not have been aware of the post's availability, and thus could not have made the election a contest.

Leadbeater, upon receipt of DIE Board's decision, told *The Gateway* he plans to appeal it before Appeal Board.

In his letter of request to the DIE Board, Leadbeater said he knew of possibly two people who would have run for the position had they known it was open.

The first advertisement for the elections in Jan. 13's issue of *Gateway* makes no mention

of the position opening. Later advertisements carried the correctly amended ad (the last one being a day late due to publication problems) but Leadbeater argued this was not enough.

DIE Board, in a memorandum on the issue said it "unanimously concluded that Section 8 was contravened, as strictly read."

But the contravention was not grave enough, in DIE Board's opinion, to nullify the election.

The memorandum continued: "The Board decided that this contravention may have more DIE BOARD, see page 2