

Meeting with administration Wednesday

# Angry Res students fighting changes

Alison Thomson

Students in Lister Hall will meet with the administration Wednesday to present their criticisms of the proposed new policy radically alter student government in residence.

"If we locate the key issues, bring out reasonable and sensible arguments, we may be able to change the proposal to fit their objectives as well as our own," said Mackenzie Hall resident Frank Whipple.

Whipple and floor chairman John Little outlined the reasons of the proposal they agree with to the *Gateway* on Monday.

The change in the role of the chairmen, or coordinators, under the new policy, is a contentious point. If the proposal is accepted the chairmen's discretionary powers will be referred to the Residence Community Coordinators (the successor for the present chairmen of Residence).

According to Whipple, this will have the effect of removing the authority of the people in student government.

"Gail Brown says the chairmen have trouble disciplin-

ing their peers" said Whipple. "I think it will be worse asking people to tell on their peers (to the RCC)."

The position of RCC is also under dispute. At present the Deans of Residence are under the jurisdiction of Student Services. Under the new system, their replacements will report to Housing and Food Services. John Little says this will reduce their objectivity and impartiality. He says the deans are supposed to be "on the student's side" and that they can't be if they report to the administration.

Various financial issues are also involved in the dispute. The continuing complaint that residence costs too much surfaced once again, with Whipple stating that "they're pricing themselves out of the market." At the January 12 public meeting in residence, Mel Poole, Associate V.P. Finance, explained—  
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mention politics!

## Election deadlines near

Nominations for the S.U. General Election, to be held on January 9, will be closed at 5 pm Thursday. Nomination forms still available through the

receptionist in the S.U. Executive Office (rm. 259 SUB). Candidates are encouraged to submit nominations in advance, if at all possible.

The *Gateway* is planning to print the names of all candidates, and the pictures of the presidential candidates in its Friday, January 26 edition. (Photographs of other candidates will be run at a later date.) However, all photographs for Friday's paper must be processed prior to the nomination deadline. Therefore, presidential candidates are requested to contact the *Gateway* so that arrangements may be made for pictures to be taken by Thursday.

Candidates are advised to contact the Returning Officer (rm 271 SUB) prior to making such arrangements, and to check the bulletin board outside the Returning Office regularly for important notices.

## New boss for RATT

RATT will soon have a new leader — Frances Taylor. Taylor, who will assume her January 29th, replaces Ron Hart, who is resigning because of outside interests. The position became vacant December 15 and is being filled by part-time staffers at present.

Taylor is bringing plenty of experience to her new job. She worked at the Jasper Park Centre, and in many bars in Toronto. The job is the only full-time staff position in RATT.

## Pembina residents getting used to rude awakenings

Loreen Lennon

At 7:36 am on Saturday Campus Security received an anonymous phone call. A male voice issued the warning—a bomb placed in Pembina would explode in ten minutes. He hung up.

Immediately Campus Security sounded the residence's fire alarm and 135 Pembinites were evacuated from their homes for the fourth time in as many months.

Spilling steadily into the chilly, morning, clad in the ultimate in winter attire, the pod-people from Pembina were as much irritated as they were alarmed.

"This is getting ridiculous," muttered one wrapped in a combination bathrobe/downhill-ski-jacket. She shifted gingerly from one frozen foot to the other. "If it's another bomb, we'll be out here for hours. I'll freeze first."

Inside, Campus Security and city

police swiftly scoured the building. They completed a preliminary room check in half an hour. Satisfied that the bomb threat was a hoax, they allowed students to return just forty-five minutes after the alarm had sounded.

Meanwhile residents, expecting the worst, had sought shelter—and a hot coffee—in SUB and the Power Plant. As the sun came up small groups, forlorn and resigned, discussed the situation to kill time.

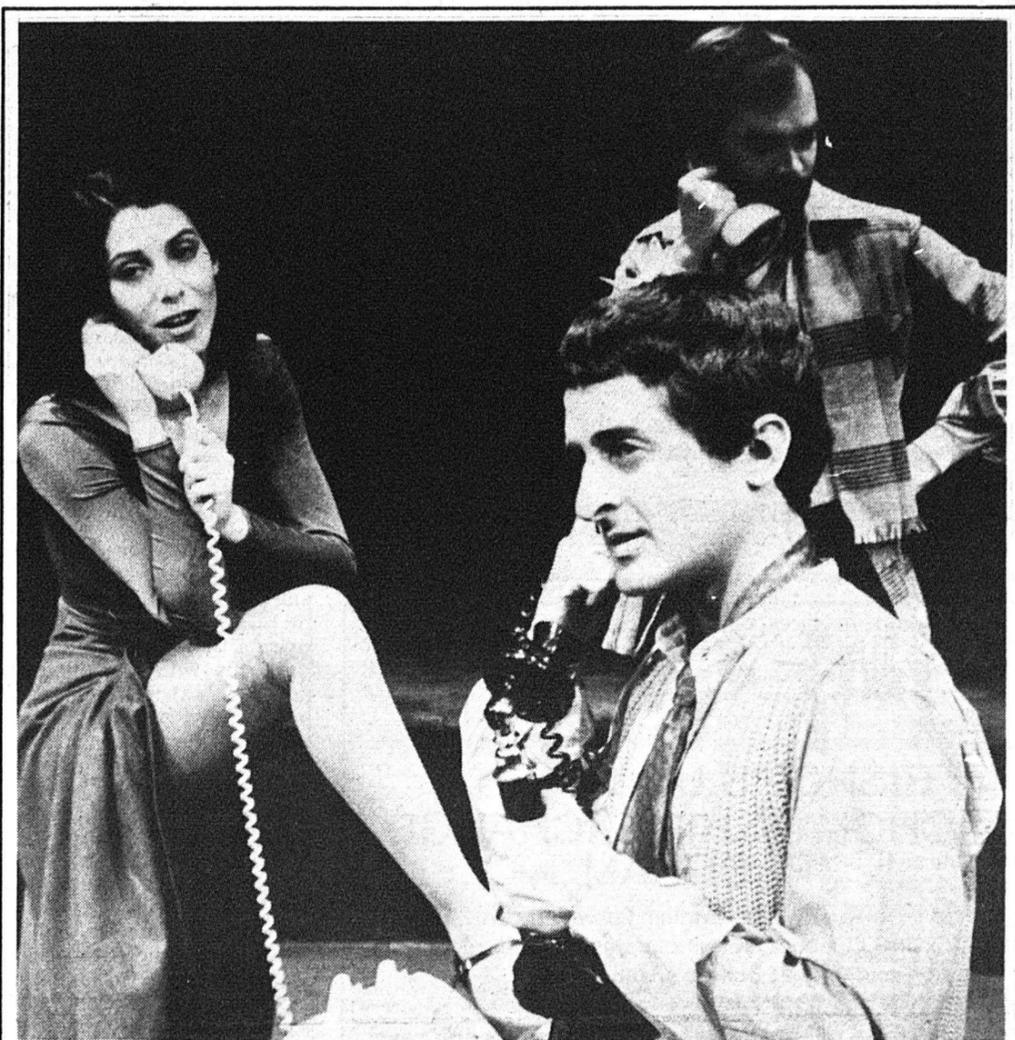
"I guess this is one way to find out what everyone looks like in the morning," quipped one student, de rigeur in his green and grey night shirt, brown cords, bomber jacket and overboots.

A bitter voice offered, "Yeah, I shut off my alarm, then I pulled out the plug and then when it didn't stop I nearly chucked it out the window. What a way to wake up."

"You know," said another, "I'm not really scared anymore but it's eerie to think we're at some nut's mercy." Others

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"Hello, how are you..." A scene from Theatre 3's current production, *Seasons*, which opens tonight. A western Canadian work, *Seasons* deals with the behind-the-scenes production of a play. See review in Friday's *Gateway*.

## Search for new Pres ends Friday

by Tom Barrett

The U of A may have a new president by the end of this week.

On January 24 or 25 the Board of Governor's will meet with the three remaining candidates at a site off campus. A final decision will probably be reached by the Board on Friday morning, but no date has been set for the official announcement of their choice.

Final contract negotiations and the notification of all the candidates could delay the an-

nouncement. There is also a very slim chance that the Board will reject all three individuals.

The three people being considered for the position are the University's Academic Vice-President Myer Horowitz, Peter Meekison an instructor in the Political Science Department who is now on leave and working for the provincial government, and an unidentified administrator from the University of Toronto.

The final list of three was submitted to the Board in mid-

December by the Presidential Search Committee, which has been meeting and screening candidates for six months.

Apparently there was a great deal of confusion when Dr. Harry Gunning was chosen as university president five years ago. It seems that Gunning left the country just before his selection by the Board and the announcement was ultimately made before a contract was signed or he was officially notified.

expressed genuine concern. "This guy's building up to something. What next?"

Commenting on the incident yesterday Campus Security Director W.G. Perry said "Yes, we responded quickly. We had no choice; there was only ten minutes leap time. Of course, we were very relieved to find nothing."

Pembina Hall, a residence for mature students, has been the scene of three previous evacuations, most recently because of a similar bomb scare in December. In October and November identical hall fires forced residents into the now-familiar surrounding grounds. Following the second fire security was tightened in the building, smoke detectors were installed and flammable materials were removed from public areas.

A general siege mentality set in. Student Association President Gordon Burns said that, ironically, he had been considering relaxing some of these restrictions. Now he'll have to

wait. On the lighter side, Burns said he'd prepare an agenda for a residents meeting in case this happens again.

"It's a sure way to catch everyone's attention," he frowned.

Although there seems to be an attitude of acceptance among residents Burns admits some tenants are genuinely fearful.

"One person even volunteered to have his phone tapped by police—to be eliminated as a suspect," he said. Several students privately conclude that "its someone in the building."

Campus Security and City Police have no information, or any idea, about the identity of the caller. Interestingly, after noon Saturday Campus Security received another call.

Another male voice thanked the campus police. He wanted them to know he was "pleased they had checked (Pembina) out."

If it was a grateful Pembinite, he didn't leave his name. He hung up.