

# editorial

## Free the campus rooms!

We are writing this letter to express our concern over the proposed policy of fee charges for all room bookings by student groups. We earnestly hope that such a policy will not be approved by the Campus Development Committee as it would be a heavy financial burden to any student group on campus.

Students come to university

for an education in depth as well as in breadth. Besides classroom learning, the activities organized by the various student groups provide another form of education which could contribute significantly to the well-being and growth of a student. In recent years student activities on campus seem to have declined. If the university imposes room-

booking fees on student groups it would only further discourage student activities on campus since most of the student groups are already working with a dwindling budget.

We do not think that a fee schedule on room bookings is a wise policy. It would be detrimental to student life and atmosphere on campus. The fees collected would not be of much help to the university finances. It would only cause more managerial work for both the university and the student bodies (e.g. more book-keeping work). The most important drawback is that it would reduce student activities on campus, and as a result, campus life will be drier and less colorful, and the students will be deprived of a valuable chance of learning as well as self-motivated and self-educating experience (which cannot be obtained from professors) and it is very important in a person's life to have such experiences.

We sincerely hope that the administration will understand our situation and support our request that such a policy be cancelled.

Betty Choy  
Chinese Students' Choir  
Flavia Wong  
Chinese Drama Club  
Judy Fung  
Chinese Youths' Organization  
Ellen Ho  
Chinese Grad Assoc. of Alberta

## Lifestyle is not the cost of res

In reference to an article in the March 6 issue of *Gateway*, Mel Poole, Chairman of the Housing and Food Services Committee (HFSC) of G.F.C. was quoted as stating that the low occupancy level in Lister Hall is "more attributable to factors other than cost."

Mr. Poole cited alcohol, vandalism, tensions from living in close quarters "as being part of

a bigger lifestyle problem" which in his opinion, was the prime reason for the present occupancy level.

If indeed the low occupancy level can be explained by the factors, Mr. Poole, how do you explain an occupancy level over 90% in earlier years (1975) prior to increases in residence rates? Isn't it true that "vandalism, alcohol" etc. were very much more in evidence during those years? Why did students move out then? Why only now?

It seems to me that HFSC should face facts, instead of trying to shelve the issues in hand. Certainly Lister Hall has its "lifestyle problems", regardless of the dramatic decrease in such problems, occupancy level still continues to drop.

Emille Gnanasaharan

# the Gateway

VOL. LXIX NO. 41  
FRIDAY MARCH 9, 1979  
TWENTY FOUR PAGES

If it happens on campus...it's news to us.

THE GATEWAY is the newspaper of the students of the University of Alberta. With a circulation of 18,500, the Gateway is published by its proprietor, the Students' Union, Tuesdays and Fridays during the winter session. Contents are the responsibility of the editor; editorials are written by the editorial board or signed. All other opinions are signed by the party expressing them. Copy deadlines are 12 noon Mondays and Wednesdays. The Gateway, a member of Canadian University Press and the Youthstream Network, is located at room 282 SUB, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2J7.  
Newsroom 432-5168  
Advertising 432-3423

STAFF LIST  
Kevin Peterson, Maxine Murphy, Shaune Impey, Jonathan (Son of Sam) Berkowitz, John Younie, Pat Grewer, Jim Connell, Milfred Campbell, Hollis Brown, Podlubny Convention—(look for their new album, "Dave Pegg and Alcohol"), Rick Lawrence, Lindsay, ..., er, Linda Wagner, Julie Green, Congrats Big M, Whatever happened to Adam Singer?, which reminds us to give special thanks to Portia Priegert, Veronica Uzielli, Len Thom and the provincial conservative party, YH meeting was yesterday, is the song over?

## Letters

Letters to the editor should be addressed to the Gateway, Room 282 SUB, Edmonton, or dropped off at our office. Please include your name, student I.D. number (if applicable) and phone number. Please limit letters to 250 words, or less. If you wish to write a longer piece, come to see us. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for libel.

## Lost and found

Campus Security operates a Lost and Found Department.

From time to time numerous items of clothing, books, glasses, etc. are turned into this office, and quite frequently no owner is identified thus the goods are disposed of elsewhere.

Also, on a regular basis, we collect from the various libraries, etc. items that have been found there and not claimed. These items are retained at Campus

Security for a period of four months before disposition.

In view of the fact that eyeglasses particularly, and sometimes items of jewelry, are turned in here and not claimed, it is felt that perhaps owners have not been informed that this facility is maintaining here.

W.F.G. Perry  
Director  
Campus Security

