

"He reminds me of a Bob Hayes type of sprinter, the height, the texture of the muscle tone and the build..."

The Gateway

Former World's Fastest Human Bob Hayes, on Ben Johnson
...Johnson tested positive for steroids yesterday.

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Judge overrules S.U.

by Dragos Ruiu

A lawsuit filed by Students' Union against the University Administration two years ago was defeated in court on Thursday.

The lawsuit contended that the Library and Computing Service

fee constituted a "fee for instruction" and should therefore be subject to the Minister of Education's ten percent cap on tuition increases.

The Library and Computing Service fee is thirty dollars for full time students and ten dollars for part-time students. The Students' Union argued that these fees should be considered as part of the tuition increase. This would have placed tuition increases above the ten percent limit.

The Court of Queen's Bench, however, did not agree with this deposition and stated that "'fee for instruction'... refers to those fees which entitle the student to pursue a course of study in a faculty or department of the University."

The ruling went on and stated, "The fee for instruction does not encompass all aspects of learning nor all services which assist students in doing course-related

work and in acquiring knowledge."

The court chose to acknowledge the narrowest definition of 'instruction'. The dictionary definition was used, requiring actual classroom tutorial for 'instruction'.

On the other hand the ruling grants "the Board of Governors the broadest possible powers in the management and control of the university." Judge E.A. McFadyen went further on to interpret the Universities Act as precluding interference on the part of the Minister of Education.

University President Myer Horowitz considers this ruling important for "University autonomy... fortunately supporting autonomy and more specifically the power of the Board of Governors."

S.U. President Paul LaGrange

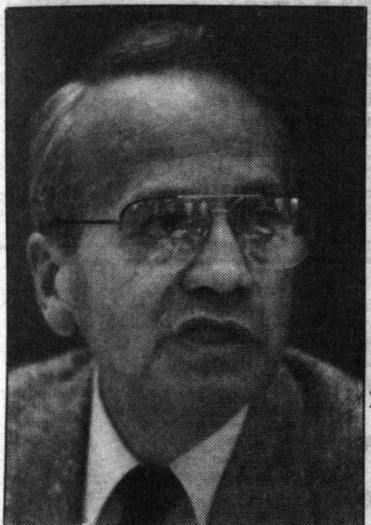
said, "This ruling sets a dangerous precedent. It's a tremendous opening to skirt tuition limits."

Horowitz stated that the University will likely set a fees policy at some time in the future.

LaGrange said, "We have no plans to appeal. We entered the legal system, received a ruling, and now it will be time to enter the political arena to try to limit fees."

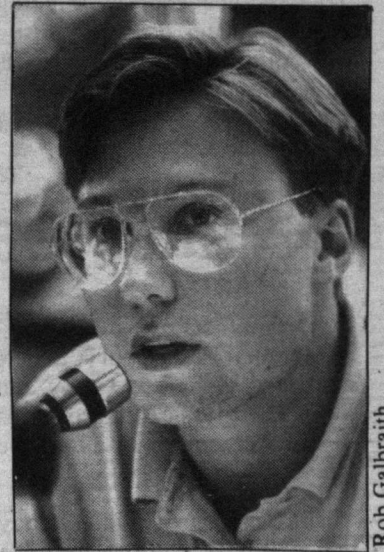
As it stands, the University is limited in what tuition fees it can levy, while other fees are not regulated. The Library and Computer fee is currently treated by the University as general operating revenue just like tuitions.

"The current policy hampers the University and students alike. Some fees are restricted and others aren't. The policy should be set to either limit fees or free the University's hands," said LaGrange.



Myer Horowitz, University President

Rob Galbraith



Paul LaGrange, S.U. President

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The suit has been pending seventeen months and has cost the Students' Union twenty thousand dollars. "At this point, we were glad to finally get a judgement," said LaGrange.

Postcard protest

by Lisa Hall

The Students' Union is giving students a chance to voice their comments about Housing and Food Services through a postcard program.

The S.U. is working with the Lister and Pembina students' associations to distribute and collect the postcards, which will be sent through campus mail to University president Myer Horowitz.

"The postcards ask for the University administration to look

at the services cut back and the prices that were raised," said Aruna D'Souza, S.U. Housing and Transport Commissioner.

There are two different postcards, one for general students and one specifically for residence students. Both cards show concerns over how students returned to campus this fall to find that food prices were higher and that Subway was closed. They ask that services be restored at fair prices.

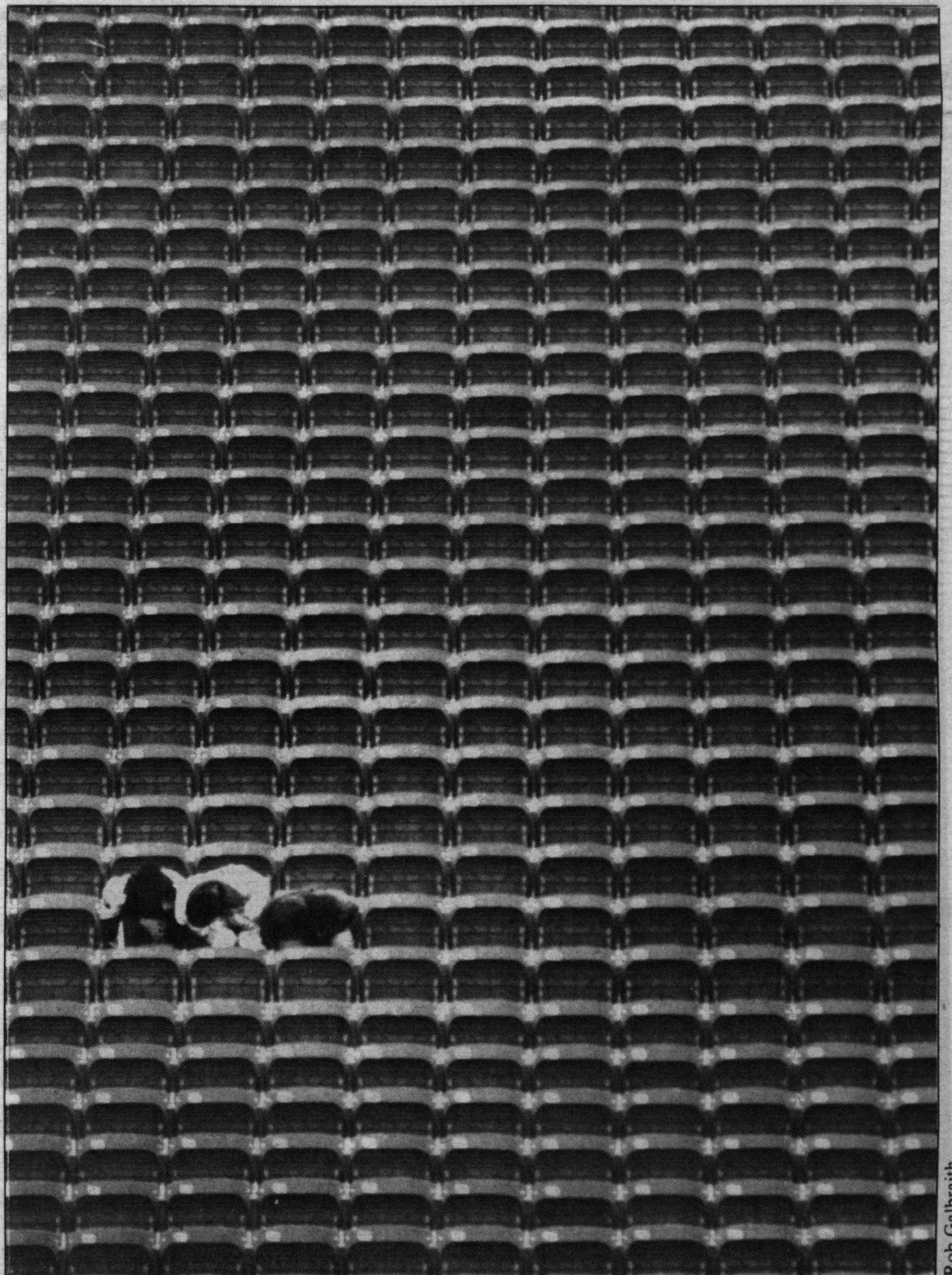
The postcard from residence students also emphasizes the importance of trying to make residence a home, and that the higher prices and discontinuation of some services, like hot breakfasts at Lister Hall, are preventing this.

The cards also leave room for students' own comments.

Postcards are being distributed through Pembina and Lister Students' Associations, and the S.U. Info booths. D'Souza expects a 95 percent response from residence students, and hopes for a good turnout from others.

D'Souza said that S.U. had been getting a lot of feedback about Housing and Food, and that the postcards would "let administration see the extent of concern on campus. It's not just the S.U. doing all the work, but the S.U. working with Pembina, Lister, and other students."

Housing and Food has already agreed to review their services, but D'Souza hopes that a large deposit of postcards on Myer Horowitz's desk will help administration realize the levels of discontent among students, and that changes should be made.



Can't bear to watch... Only 700 people turned out for the first game of the annual Shrine Bowl series. These three young fans couldn't stomach the Golden Bear loss to the Calgary Dinosaurs. The score was 44 - 3.

Rob Galbraith

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