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What do you call men
with no arms and no
legs in a pool?

Swimming trunks.

Seminars on the future

During Reading Week, (February 20-24) the University of Alberta will host the second annual *Canada, the World and the Future* conference.

Experts in various fields will be brought together to discuss some of the critical issues facing Canada and the world today - and in the future.

Sponsored by the Office of the VP (Research) the nine sessions have been divided into three categories: Education, Technology and Employment; Bigotry and Discrimination in Canada; and Life and Death issues.

Beginning Monday, February 20, the first session is entitled *Technological Change: What can we expect?*

"The aims of this session will be to discuss the transformations which are occurring and which will occur in business and industry due to the rapid growth of technology."

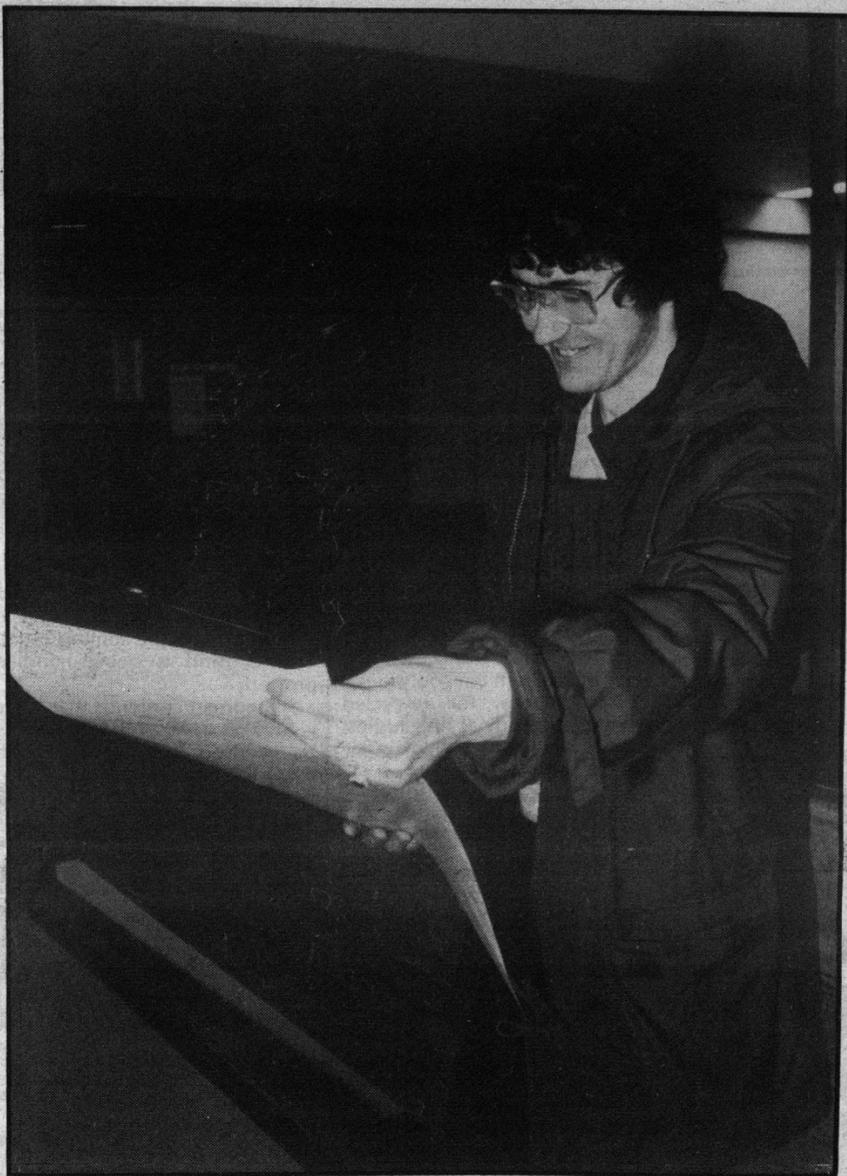
Session two, *Educating for Technological Change* will discuss how to plan systems of education which can adjust to new technology as well as train people for an expanding technological society.

Secondly, this session will deal with the effects occurring in educational organizations due to technological innovations.

On February 21, SU President Robert Greenhill will chair session three, which deals with the topic: *Job Training vs. Education*.

Former clerk of the Privy Council, Senator Michael Pitfield,

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Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer checks out a campaign poster. Campaigning for the Student Union election officially began yesterday at 8:00 PM. The election is on February 10.

Campaign '84 begins

by Mark Roppel

The 1984 Students' Union election campaign officially began yesterday and for the first time in the history of the SU there will be a NO campaign.

First year science student Richard Stedman is running a NO campaign against VP External hopeful Paul Alpern.

"I just want to raise as much shit as possible," says Stedman, who was also planning to run a NO campaign against the Eugene Brody Fund (see story page two).

"I hear Paul is a nice guy," says Stedman, but he doesn't want Alpern "to just get in by acclamation. Hopefully, if there is another vote, more people will run."

If Stedman's campaign is successful, a new vote for the VP External position will have to be held.

For his part, Alpern isn't too upset about the campaign against him: "I'd rather have something concrete to address than just phantoms. I understand why they (the members of the NO campaign) are doing this."

Watts slate members Paul Alpern and Christine Ens are running unopposed for the positions of VP Academic and VP Finance and Administration, respectively.

Stedman says the reason he decided to run a NO campaign against Alpern instead of Ens is "VP Externals don't seem to do anything."

Says Alpern, "If they (the members of the NO campaign) bring up some issues I will address them one by one."

Since there has never been one before, what exactly a NO campaign can and cannot do is vague.

Stedman is not running so he can not advocate anything: he must restrict himself to attacking Alpern's competence and the stands Alpern takes.

"Stedman has to take the position that it would be better to leave the position vacant at this time," says Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer.

Byer says he will have to deal with Stedman's campaign on "a line by line evaluation."

In other election news, Lois Dayes is President of Women's Athletics by acclamation.

The original deadline for nominations - last Thursday at 5:00 PM passed without a single nomination for President or Vice-President of Women's Athletics. So Returning Officer Byer extended the deadline to Tuesday at 5:00. Dayes was the only one who applied.

(Stedman also filed his application for a NO campaign on Tuesday - just in time for the late nominations deadline. But Christine Ens is safe, it is too late for anyone to start up a NO campaign against her.)

Kevin Kaardal is Vice President of Men's Athletics by acclamation.

Now, here is where things really get twisted. Since the Men's and Women's Athletic positions are separate from the SU and not covered by the SU constitution, people can be acclaimed. There is no option for a YES-NO ratification vote.

Actually, the SU constitution was changed to allow NO campaigns as recently as 1981.

In that year, Engineering Student Ken Lawson won a position on the Executive by acclamation but then had to quit because he was failing his courses.

Students Council then decided that a YES-NO ratification vote would ensure that candidates were more serious than if they won by acclamation.

The next year, 1982, Mark Hoye ran for VP Academic unopposed but no one bothered to run a NO campaign.

As manager of the NO campaign, Richard Stedman is entitled to \$500 from the SU to finance his campaign - just like any candidate.

Stedman says he will spend all his funds on a full page ad in the Gateway.

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U of A not alone

McGill politicians up own salaries

The U of A Students' Union isn't the only place in Canada where student politicians like to fill their own pockets.

At McGill University, student executives of the Art Association voted to split the 1982-83 surplus.

In 1982-83, the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS), collected \$10 from each of the 6000 students in Arts and Sciences. But they didn't spend it all.

In January, the Executive Council of the ASUS divided \$4580 of its 1982-83 surplus among the seventeen members of last year's council. The total surplus was \$8390.

Six of the eleven voting members in the motion to divide the surplus sat on last year's council.

President Katy Armstrong said that last year's council performed well and therefore deserved the money.

Arts Rep Bob French voted against the decision and said, "it's not the principle of honoraria I object to, because I do feel that in our positions we put in a lot of time and effort. But awarding them retroactively with such a conflict of interest is totally unethical."

"Honoraria should only be seen as compensation for work and time put in. Its role is not as a reward. Rewards involve value judgements," he said.

Last year's president will receive \$750. The VP Finance will pick up a cheque for \$650, \$550 goes to VP Arts and VP Science, and \$350 to the Secretary.

The remainder of the funds will be divided up among the twelve non-executive members of last year's council.

"They are trying to turn themselves into a personal-profitable venture - it's setting a dangerous precedent," said student Rob Martineau.

Marc Cote, an organizer for McGill's speaker series, is pretty surprised with "such worthwhile projects (at McGill) that they (the ASUS exec) voted themselves an increase."

VP Arts Susan Himel said, "It would have been better to outline a program of honoraria for next year's council before elections. The ASUS council, as well as students, would be aware of the demands of their positions and their accountability to the students."

Most important meeting of the year. Gateway staff meeting in room 282 SUB at 4:00 PM, Thursday, Feb. 2 1984. All staffers urged to attend. We'll be discussing next year's staff structure.