

FORUM FIVE



Fee referendum

On Friday, students will be asked a very important question. The question simply asks whether or not students would favor a raise in Students' Union fees of two dollars.

This two dollars per annum probably will not make much of a dent on your own budget. It will however help the Students' Union to maintain several student services that students have found quite useful and necessary over the years.

If services like Gateway, Handbook and Directory, CKSR-FM, student housing (ie HUB), Music Listening, Arts and Crafts, Theatre, Freshman Orientation Seminars, Forums, Concerts, and Operation Placement (ie summer jobs) mean something to you - vote yes.

If maintaining the Students' Union as your representative before important Boards and Councils of the university, and as your assistant in Academic grievances means something to you - vote yes.

Because of inflation, and the lack of increased revenues in the past three years, a number of popular services such as Art Gallery and Photodirectorate have been cut. Unless revenues increase, more will have to be cut.

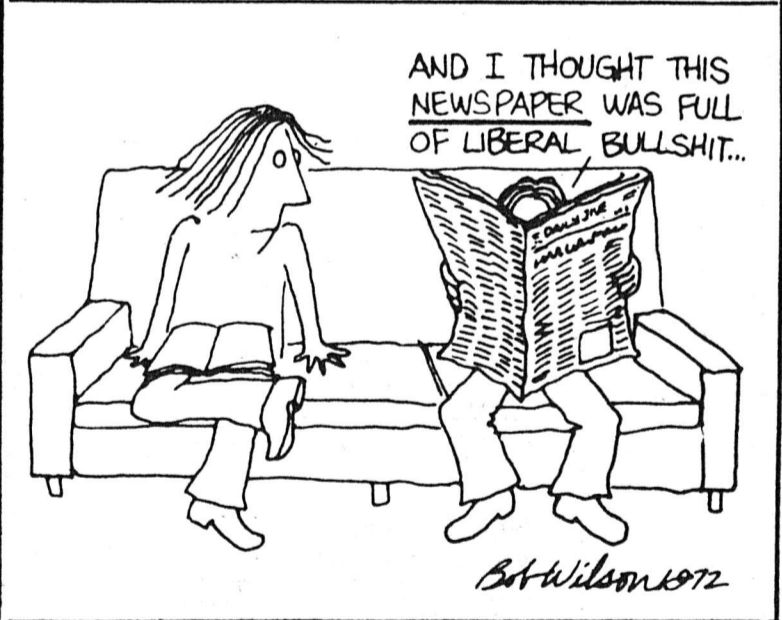
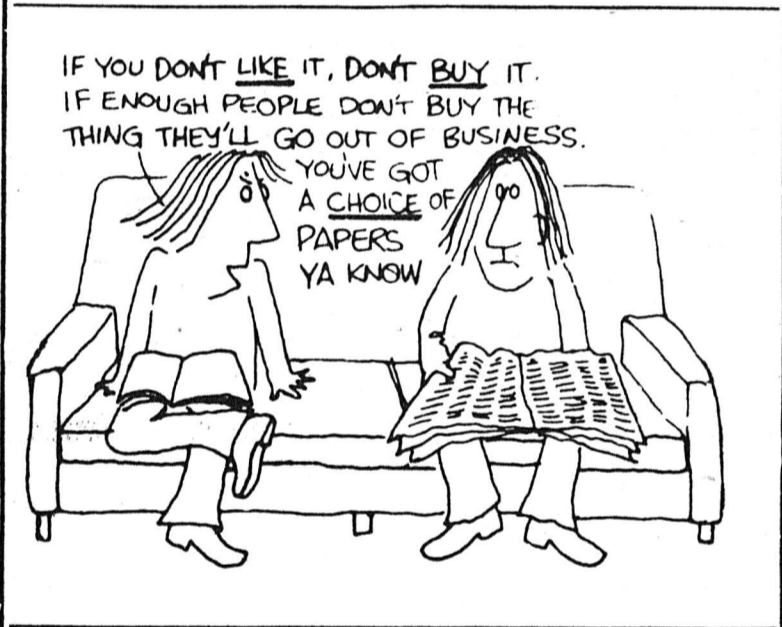
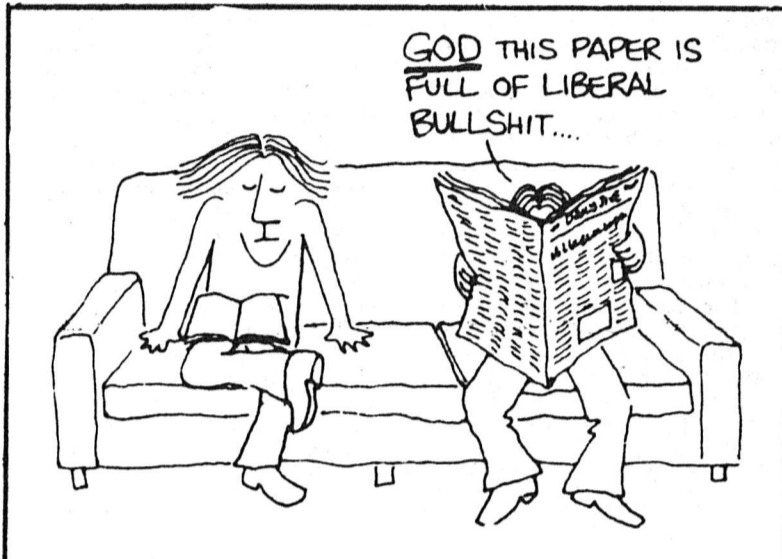
Vote yes, and for a strong student run Students' Union, why not check Tuesdays Gateway and get on a board or committee or Gateway or something and get involved.

Wayne Madden
Education

On Friday, April 5, students are being asked to vote on a referendum requesting an increase in Students' Union fees of two dollars. The two dollar request is in addition to a previous approval of a \$1.00 increase by the Students' Council, who has the constitutional right to raise fees a maximum of one dollar per year without a referendum. Thus, in effect, the referendum on Friday will request the approval of the same amount of increase (total of \$3.00) as the February referendum.

Why does Students' Council feel it needs an additional \$3.00 to operate, and what conditions have changed since the last referendum to warrant the existence of a second referendum? The answers are quite simple. The Students' Union preliminary budget shows an overall deficit figure of \$117,800.00 for the 1974-75 fiscal year.

The Students' Union will also, for the first time ever, be required to obtain a \$200,000 short term loan, just so it can operate over the summer months. At the time of the last referendum these figures were not yet available. It was not known then that Course Guide would be axed, the Operation Placement budget would be reduced by \$500, that Women's Programme



Center would have to seek application for funds a different way.

Faculty Assn. Grants, forums, Gateway, student directory, music listening, CKSR, virtually every service containing a deficit budget will be reviewed for reduction or elimination should the fee referendum fail on Friday. The Students' Union has not received an increase in revenue due to fees for the last five years. You as students are being asked to MAKE YOUR CHOICE between supporting a fee increase or a reduction of services.

Jack Redekop
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Penpal

My name is Charles Mack, I am a prisoner here at McNeil Island. I seek to have my name added in your paper, I seek female pen pals any race, creed or religious beliefs. I am 5'6", weigh 149, and I am black. I am from originally Wash, D.C., where I will return upon my release. Any cost I will pay at your request. I sincerely hope that you will be able to help men. Peace always. I will accept picture is any are sent.

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editorial

Divying up the loot

The University Athletic Board will be holding a preliminary budget meeting April 8, mainly to decide who gets first call on that extra \$30,000 students voted them last Friday.

Meanwhile, on this side of the street, I've heard many second thoughts voiced by persons who voted "yes."

The biggest worry seems to be that the intercollegiate teams will get the whole wad, or at least the major portion of that extra thirty thou, leaving the intramural groups in the cold.

My own opinion, based on observations made over the past two years, is that it just ain't so. According to UAB chairman Gordon Wick, a student himself, the intramural budget has never been cut, and intramurals traditionally get more or less whatever they ask for. The intramural people are being asked to submit bigger budgets at Monday's meeting, budgets that will include provision for more equipment, among other things.

Gordon also told me that he is working on a budget for the recreational clubs. There has never been a budget category for rec clubs, and if something can be worked out, it will mean that UAB will once and for all lay claim to them.

Head football coach Jim Donlevy told me he would be more than happy if his club receives the same amount of money next year as they got this year. And he meant it. None of the major teams are looking for more money, and according to Gordon, none will get increases.

There will not be any extra trips added to the travel schedules. There will be no salary increases.

What the fee increase does mean to the major teams is that things they got this year as hard-won luxuries will be next year's fringe benefits. Most of those fringe benefits will benefit the fans as well as players--things like players' names on the back of uniforms or numbers on the shoulders.

Like I said, I've worked with the people in the athletic department for two years now, and I've come to know them fairly well. They're honest people, not grasping politicians. I don't think the vote of confidence you gave them last Friday was misplaced. They're not going to rip you off.

Allyn Cadogan



The UAB won't take you for a ride.

The Gateway

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