

Administrators discount rumors of fees increase

By JUDY SAMOIL

A rumored increase in U of A tuition fees for next term has been discounted by government and university administrators.

Deputy Minister of Education T. C. Byrne said Friday "I think the view of the government is there ought not to be an increase." While he could not definitely commit himself, Dr. Byrne did say the probability is there will not be one.

U of A President Max Wyman says the university is now negotiating with the government for a larger grant per student. He is hopeful the government will comply with the university's request and thus prevent any increase.

U of A's vice-president in charge of finance and administration, D. G. Tyndall says he

expects the government will provide the necessary increase.

Education Minister Robert Clark doesn't seem to want to see the fees increased, he said.

A definite decision will not be available until next month when the education budget is passed. Dr. Byrne added that the education bill is higher than last year, but whether the universities will get what they want, I'm not prepared to comment.

The last fees jump occurred when the university announced a \$100 increase in March, 1968. At that time the Universities' Commission had requested \$2,540 per student from the government. The government was prepared to give only \$2,440 per student and the difference was made up by the increase. Massive student protests were

launched but the increase remained.

Where the final decision about an increase lies depends upon who is being asked — the government or the university. Dr. Byrne says the university has the final authority, however, if the government does not give them enough, the university may decide in favor of an increase.

The formal decision is by the Board of Governors, said Dr. Wyman, but, in practice, "it depends on how much the government gives." Each year the university recommends to the Universities' Commission the allotment per student it feels is necessary. The Commission and government then negotiate the exact amount.

Any increase in the tuition is not likely to be reflected in enrolment figures. Following the

last increase there were actually more students than projected. As a result of the larger classes and inability to get enough staff, there was a surplus of \$100 per student, although the university normally operates on a deficit budget. The government grant did not increase this year because of this surplus, said Dr. Tyndall.

A recent proposal by a government committee to abolish tuition fees has been termed feasible but politically inexpedient by Dr. Byrne. "The question is whether the government is prepared to make up that difference," he said.

Approximately \$9,000,000 would have to be added to the education bill to institute this. "I don't think the public of Alberta is prepared to have a free university," said Dr. Byrne. "The government is not pre-

pared at this time."

Dr. Wyman sees free university education as a good thing, but does not think it will affect enrolment figures. Tuition is only a small part of the total cost of attending university, and the vast majority come from homes which can already afford it.

The problem, he feels, lies in getting the environment to make it natural to want to go to university, to value education. Dr. Byrne agrees that those who do want to attend come from certain classes (middle and upper) and they already have the means.

As far as Dr. Byrne is aware there has not been any action on the committee's suggestion to freeze the present fee level and institute research on the feasibility of the plan for a tuition-free university.

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Speaker may get ulcers, charities not even that

By DAN JAMIESON

Council appointed its first speaker Monday night and proved it is desperately in need of one.

The new speaker, Lawrence McCallum, and an alternate speaker, Chris Solder were accepted at a council meeting filled with procedural mistakes, and were granted an honorarium of \$35.

"He'll earn his \$35 worth of Milk of Magnesia," (to combat ulcers, presumably) said David Leadbeater.

The by-law which will allow the appointment of a speaker will come before the first meeting to be chaired by the new speaker next week.

Through the procedural maze which has come to mark council meetings, representatives managed to flounder through several other orders of business.

Councillors plunged through a shower of calls of "point of order" to vote on the question of council giving to "charities" such as the Native People's Defense Fund.

They decided to discontinue such contributions on the grounds that giving to "charity" is a personal thing, to be handled by the individual rather than by council members on behalf of the student body.

The question of a pub in SUB and the necessity of lobbying to have the liquor act changed was raised in the last five minutes and a \$300 fund was established for this purpose.

Lobbying will be carried out by David Leadbeater and Dave Man-

ning, head of the students' union public relations board, and will consist of a concerted effort to discuss the matter with all provincial members of the legislative assembly in an effort to have the legal drinking age lowered and to win a canteen licence for the students' union.

Such a move would allow the operation of a pub in SUB.

Mr. Leadbeater requested that all students write or talk with their MLA in an effort to gain support for the move.

Council also voted in favour of having a referendum on the question of raising students' union fees by three dollars to cover the cost of \$2,750,000 expansion of SUB which would house the long-awaited pub.

The expansion would house a variety of facilities for students on the campus, including more lunch area, lounge space, an auditorium, and other facilities.

The question will go before the students January 23. Those who desire more information can attend a special committee meeting in SUB theatre Wednesday at noon.

Councillors voted to continue the Special Events committee in spite of its losses of \$7,000 so far this year, though the confusion surrounding a motion to tube the committee and a subsequent amendment which proved to be inadmissible, left a few of the councillors in need of an instant replay of the whole thing so they could sort out the confusion.

Councillors locked out of meeting

Several student councillors returning from their dinner break to last night's council meeting were surprised to find the door to University Hall locked.

Union leader to speak

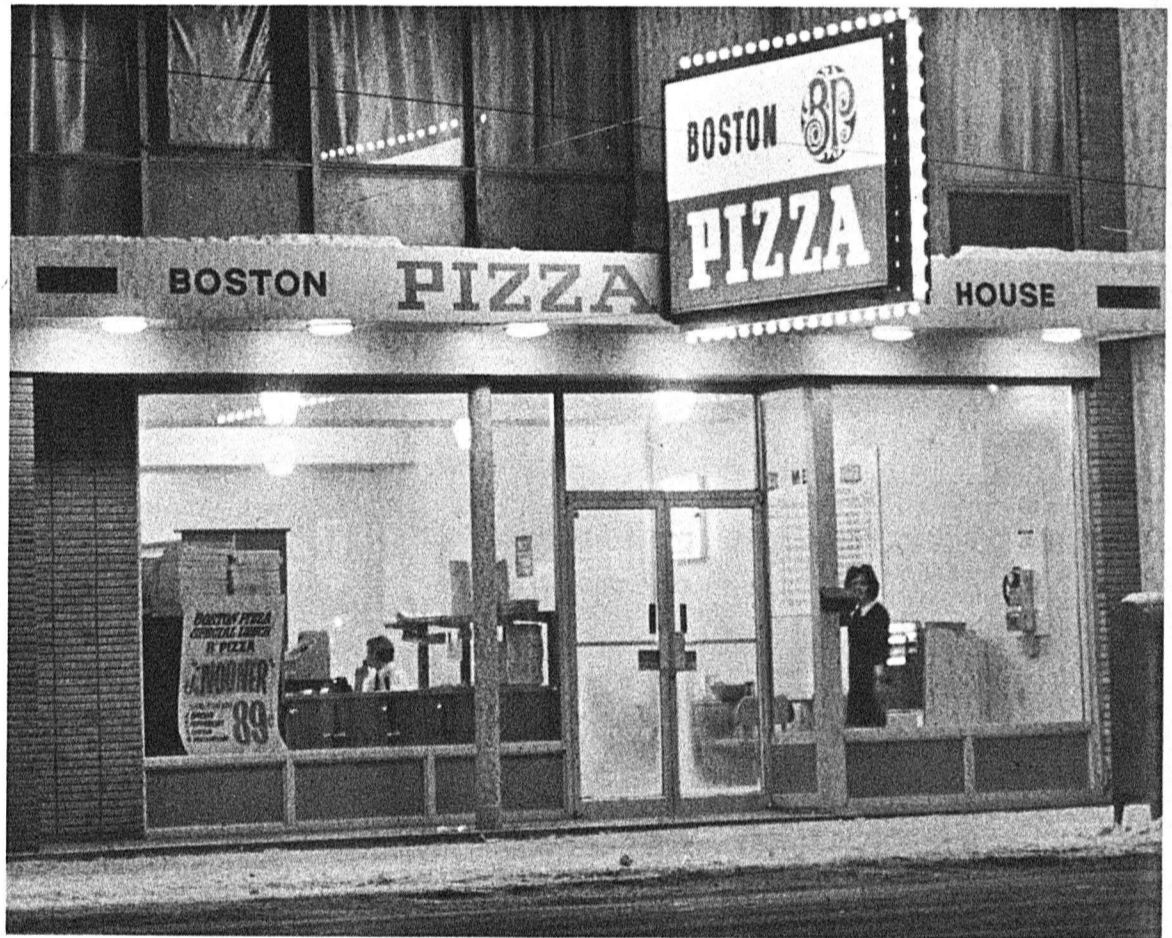
Fred Mullen, President of the 6,500-member Pulp and Paper Workers of Canada (PPWC) will address a meeting of the Political Science Club Wednesday at noon in SUB 142.

Mr. Mullen's topic will be the Canadian Student Movement and his union's struggle against both giant companies and American-dominated unions.

They were forced to stand outside the hall, shouting and banging on the door to get back into the building, which houses the General Faculty Chambers, where the meeting was being held.

Campus patrol were concerned that the open door might attract vandals and other students wishing to attend the council meeting and had locked the door in the councillors' absence.

Fortunately, Wendy Brown, students' union secretary, heard the hammering and rescued several councillors from the Arctic weather. The door was relocked by Campus Patrol when the meeting reconvened.



—Dave Hebditch photos

BOYCOTT ON HAIR is the rule at Boston Pizza's university area establishment. Below, the manager demonstrates the closed door policy.

Boston Pizza bans long hair

A chain of Edmonton pizza parlors may face prosecution for refusing service to persons with long hair in at least one of four city establishments.

Thursday, the management of Boston Pizza at 10854 82nd Ave. refused service to Allan Stein, president of the Alberta Association of Students; Frank Babbs, executive to the University of Calgary students' union president; Marion Snethlage, vice-president of AAS; and U of A students' council reps Brian MacDonald and Judy Quinlan.

Mr. Stein says he plans to prosecute the chain for "a clear case of discrimination" under the Alberta Human Rights Act. The chain would face a fine if a conviction is obtained. He also plans to broach the matter with the province's ombudsman, George McClellan.

Monday, three Gateway staffers entered the premises to determine

the validity of several complaints concerning similar treatment of students at the popular university eating establishment.

They were promptly told they would not be served because of their long hair, and told to leave.

The manager who refused to let his name be used said they caused a disturbance and then modified that to state they had caused disturbances on past occasions. They vehemently denied the allegation.

The manager said he could not remember what happened on those "past occasions."

During Thursday's incident, the student representatives were told by a waitress they would not be served because of their long hair and "unclean" appearance. The manager refused to admit the existence of discrimination and he refused to feed the five.

A viewpoint by Wayne Burns, one of the staffers evicted, concerning last night's incident, appears on page four.

