

Sinc tenders resignation

Small crowd at folk show example of student apathy

Less than 600 showed up to hear the Serendipity Singers Monday night.

Afterwards, student co-ordinator Glenn Sinclair tendered his resignation.

Record budget passed

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Trick or treat cried students' council as they passed the largest budget in students' union history.

A mere three hours were all that were needed to unanimously adopt the \$181,545 budget.

Alistair Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the students' union, termed the budget, "An attempt to increase the educational and interest activities of the students' union."

Only two amendments were made to the budget as recommended by the finance commission. Both of these were made to the World University Service budget and resulted in a change of \$300.

Most items received very little attention but a few clubs and organizations came under close scrutiny.

When the topic of Inside was brought up, law rep Blaine Thacker, acting on a mandate from the law club, moved the budget of the magazine be cut to \$1,000.

After considerable debate on the merits of Inside it was decided to leave their budget intact at \$1,800.

The polic sci club also came under debate. It was moved to cut its allotment from \$3,600 to \$3,000, mainly because of conflict of interest with other groups. The motion was defeated with only its mover, arts rep Irene McRae, voting in favor.

Even the Golden Key Society didn't escape notice.

Thacker asked, "What does Golden Key Society do?"

Schepanovich, a former Golden Key Society president replied, "According to the information I have here they buy blazers and crests."

A radsoc request that the \$1,020 cut from their budget by the finance commission be reinserted was turned down after extensive debate.

Upon returning from coffee, council entered the chamber to find the new ed rep, Dale Enarson dressed in blanket and Hallowe'en mask sitting in the chair of Marilyn Pilkington, students' union vice-president.

"That's about normal", commented Murray Davis, comm rep.

"I don't know what's happening," he said. "This year is the biggest year ever as far as non-participation goes.

"We are giving them (the U of A student body) a smattering of everything—and they're still not happy.

"I resigned last night because this is the philosophy I went in on. I don't feel we can keep spending students' union money on something people don't want," he said Tuesday.

Students' council moved to deny any consideration of resignation.

"We would like to see him stay. He's doing a great job," Marilyn Pilkington, students' union vice-president, commented.

"He is an enthusiastic, energetic person who has done a great deal of work."

Sinclair said he would "stick it out for now" if his resignation is not accepted. He added if his policy is still acceptable, money losses will have to be acceptable as well.

\$3,000 LOSS

He estimated the loss on Hallowe'en Hulabaloo to be approximately \$3,000.

"This town doesn't know what it wants," Sinclair declared. He said when the meal, dance, and concert were all taken into the ticket prices (\$5 per couple, \$3 single), people were getting to hear the Serendipity Singers for approximately 75 cents.

U of A will soon have a name for being apathetic to even the best entertainment, he said.

"We were burning our ears off with publicity and public relations, and we still nearly lost the show."

Various reasons were advanced for the flop Monday night: exams coming, the Monday night, and poor publicity.

But, Sinclair stated, "Nobody can give me a viable excuse. If a person wanted to go, he would have gone. I don't think kids on this campus are that book-conscious. If they are, it's queer.

"To me, all that should have been needed would have been one blurb in The Gateway—the Serendipity Singers are coming."

They out-performed any other group which has come to Edmonton, he said.

STANDING OVATION

They were given a standing ovation at their second encore.

According to Sinclair, apathy on campus is going to be doing a lot of harm.

"If things don't change, that building across the street (the new SUB) is going to be a white elephant. There is a hall and a ball room in there!"



TWO MEMBERS OF THE SERENDIPITY SINGERS

... they almost outnumbered the audience

—Grant Delaney photo

Disinterest hurts MSI

Lack of interest in increased student medical coverage has disappointed officials of Medical Services Incorporated and student health services.

Rick Dewar, med rep on students' council, told The Gateway of an expected 3,000 applicants on Alberta campuses, only 118 students applied.

K. A. Hodgson, director of enrolment and service for MSI, and Dr. J. Frank Elliot, director of student health services both expressed concern over the poor response to the plan.

Both men, however, felt reaction may be due to the newness of the plan.

Negotiation between the students' union, MSI, and the university health services had resulted in the formation of a plan whereby students could obtain year-round medical coverage.

Formerly, a full time student was entitled to the medical care of student health services during the academic session only.

Now, with the aid of government subsidies, a student may purchase MSI coverage for the five month period between winter sessions. Charges are based on MSI's reduced group rates.

A meeting of the administrators of the plan will be held soon to discuss the reactions and results.