

RM 626 Misuse of SU facilities? Election candidates cry foul

The use by present members of the Students' Unions executive running for re-election, of facilities in SUB has raised cries of "no fair" from other candidates in the coming election.

At stake is the question of whether incumbents Dave Biltek, Students' Union Academic vice-president, and Doug Black, Student's Union co-ordinator, used due discretion in reserving room 626 SUB for their campaign headquarters.

The room was initially booked by their campaign manager Lana Black, who is also chairman of the Students' Union Forums Committee. Early last week Lana phoned Barb Paine, who is responsible for recording bookings in SUB, and "asked for room 626" according to Biltek and Black.

Room 626, according to Barb Paine, costs \$10 a day for an individual to rent, but is free to Students' Union committees and registered Students' Union clubs.

When Lana Black asked for Room 626 Barb interpreted this to mean for the Forums Committee—mistakenly, according to Black and Biltek. They claimed the confusion probably resulted because Lana had regularly booked rooms for forums during the year, and had not made herself explicit in this instance.

The matter of the erroneous booking came to the attention of the rest of the executive and Biltek was asked yesterday to change the booking to his own name. He did so.

Shortly after, Barb received a call from the Students' Union accountant informing her that there should be no charge made

for the use of any rooms in SUB for campaign purposes. The origin of this ruling is uncertain at this time.

Biltek and Black claim there never was a policy stating candidates for election should pay for rooms in SUB; and anyway, they are a group: The Black and Biltek Campaign Committee.

But Returning Officer Paul Brunnen had decided late in the afternoon that perhaps all was not fair. He told them they had to vacate 626.

Doug Black laughed at the idea that the Returning Officer had the authority to remove them without the backing of the executive.

The problem now is "What are the rules?". There is no explicit ruling in the Building Policy Manual on who has to pay for what rooms. So an extraordinary meeting of the Building Policy Committee was called last night to develop a policy on this matter.

The meeting, held over the telephone, passed the following motion: Moved that candidates seeking elected Students' Union office will be allowed to use, free of charge, office space in the Students' Union Building if the desired space has not been previously rented. This space will be made available upon request and until the end of the election.

The voting was four in favour, none against, and one abstention. Doug Black, who is the chairman of the committee was the abstainer.

But now, the committee does not know what this rule means,

or at least its secretary Dennis Crockett was not sure.

There are not enough rooms in SUB for all the candidates to reserve rooms for the full extent of the campaign. In fact, there are no rooms available for the duration of the campaign. So who is to decide who is to get what rooms, and are Biltek and Black going to keep their 626?

"I don't know," said Crockett.

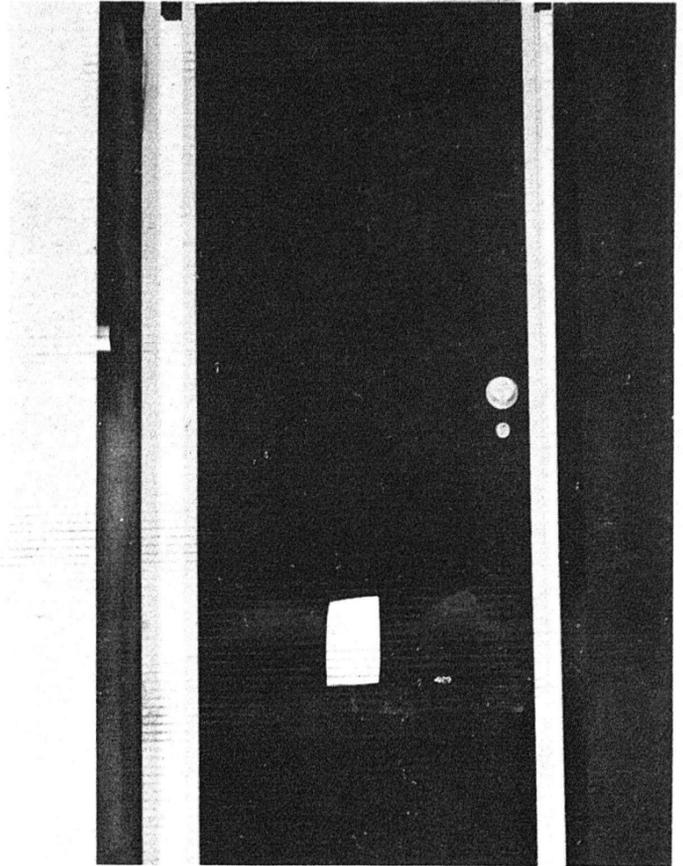
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Uof C defeated in debating tourney

The University of Alberta Debating Society's first open debating tournament last Saturday was won by the team of Gordon Mills from the U of A and Linda Flynn from St. Francis Xavier High School.

Sixteen teams were entered from the U of A, U of C and several other provincial high schools. The U of Calgary teams were decisively defeated failing to win a single contest.

With this year's success in mind the tournament will be again held next year.



What's behind the black door? Room 626, what secret are you keeping?

Faculty members fired; students threaten to quit

RED DEER (CUP)—Students and faculty at Red Deer College have overwhelmingly voted non-confidence in the school's administration.

In a referendum sponsored by the Student Association (Feb.4) nearly 90 per cent of the faculty and 75 per cent of the students voting expressed non-confidence in the administration headed by Dr. Mervyn Eastman. In Friday's referendum about 75 per cent of the student body voted. Seventy of the 72 eligible faculty members cast votes. Fifty-seven

per cent of the students said they would not return to the college next year if the present administration remains.

The College has a full-time enrollment of 600, with another 600 part-time students.

The Administration precipitated the vote by firing several faculty members and refusing to finalize what courses will be offered next year.

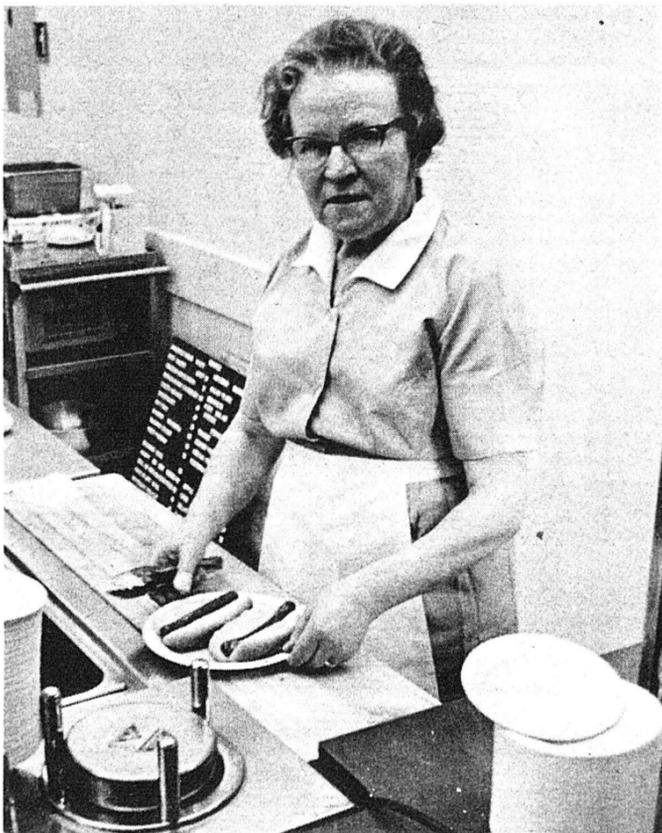
The Student Association has called for a full, independent inquiry into the policies and procedures of the Red Deer administration and has demanded the suspension of the president and vice-president until such an investigation is completed.

Dr. Henry Kolezar, chairman of the Alberta Colleges Commission was in Red Deer Tuesday holding talks with the student and faculty associations and with the administration. He will return Friday for a joint meeting with all parties involved in the dispute.

The chairman of the Red Deer Board of Governors issued a press release Tuesday saying that the board had received no submissions stemming from the referendum and that "official channels were always open".

Student Association president Jim Head, said in an interview that submissions had been made, and that channels were being deliberately blocked by the administration. He also said the association was preparing documentation of the inadequacies of the administration officials which would include descriptions of their attempts to block the flow of expression of student and faculty discontent.

Administration president Eastman was quoted earlier this week as saying, "If there are any problems at Red Deer I haven't been informed of them."



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If you are wondering why the SUB cafeteria is serving its excellent fare on paper plates lately, it's because the maintenance workers at the Physical Plant could not find time to look after

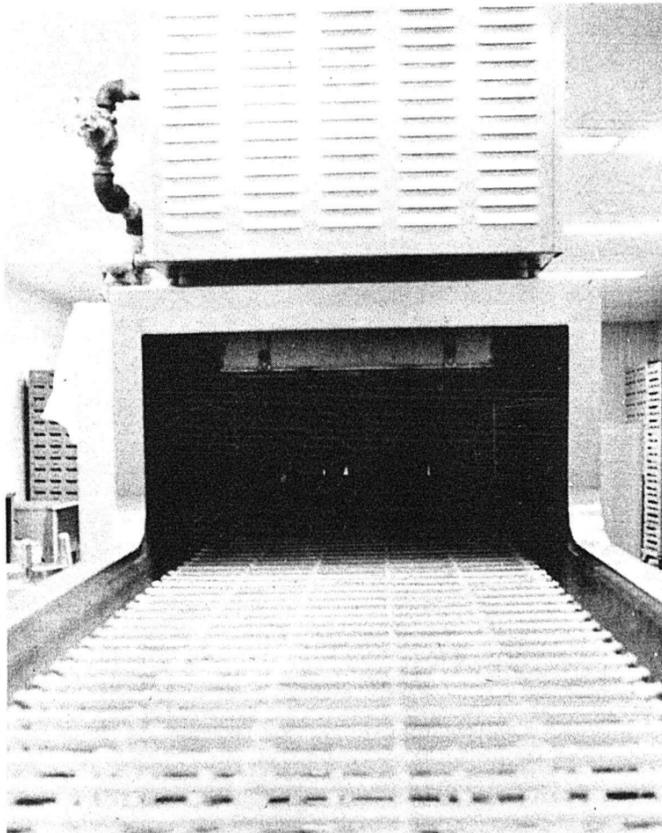


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the dishwasher and it eventually broke down. Perhaps we should demand that the maintenance workers put in some time hand washing the dishes for their laziness.