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WRITING COMPETENCE PETITIONS: NOTICE TO STUDENTS

This notice is intended for students who have not met the University's writing competence requirement and whose deadline for meeting that requirement occurs on or before September 1, 1987. Students who do not pass the writing competence test by their deadline will have their registrations cancelled prior to the start of classes unless granted an extension by the GFC Writing Competence Petitions Committee (WCPC).

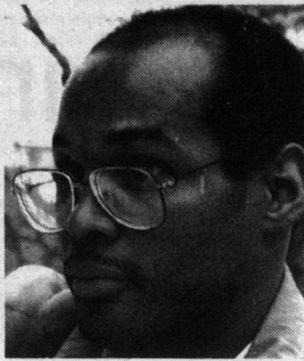
If your deadline is May 1 or July 1 and you plan to register in the Spring term or in a subsequent session, you may be able to petition or re-petition the WCPC for permission to continue your registration, provided that you are currently registered and have written the writing competence test at least once.

If your deadline is September 1 and you plan to register in the Fall term or in a subsequent session, you may have the option of petitioning the WCPC either in March or in July provided that you are currently registered and have written the writing competence test at least once. Students with a September 1 deadline who will be out of the city July 28-31 may wish to consider submitting a petition in March. Students in this category should first consult the student advisers or student ombudsmen.

Students are urged to seek advice on preparing their writing competence petitions. Such advice can be sought from the Student Ombudsmen, Room 272 Students' Union Building, or the Student Advisers in the Office of the Dean of Student Services, Room 300, Athabasca Hall. The regulations and procedures used by the GFC Writing Competence Petitions Committee are available in either of these offices.

Petitions must be received in the University Secretariat, 2-5 University Hall, by Thursday, March 19, 1987, 4:30 p.m.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!



"I'd go for that, no tuition increases. I'm not too sure what the reasons for tuition increases are, but the economy is going down and they need to put some money into education."

Wendell Pitt

"Never really thought about it." "I wouldn't think so, but I wouldn't say I know enough about it."

Heather Fleming
Karen Waite

The Students' Union is holding a referendum in conjunction with elections this year. Our question was: Do you think the SU should have a zero per cent tuition fee increase policy?



"I'd have to say I don't support it. The university has got spending cuts and they have to have a source of revenue from some place, and as it is the revenues that they take from tuition is only a minor amount that the university has. The students can pay a bit more."

Karen Soboren



"I don't think the public should support my education. If tax dollars go to support my education, I have some sort of obligation to pay it back."

John Scrimger

Referendum is questioned

by K.G. Bosman

"The referendum is an absolute waste of time, a waste of money," according to Robin Boodle, leader of the "Yes" side in the March 12th and 13th SU Referendum asking students to affirm or reject a continuous zero per cent tuition increase policy for the SU.

According to Shelley Chapelski, Chief Returning Officer, the referendum will not cost as much as was expected.

The SU would fund both the Yes and the No campaigns up to \$1000 each.

There is no No campaign being run this year. And the Yes side has not spent much of its \$1000 budget.

"Because of bad timing, exams, papers and the like, people have been difficult to organize," said Boodle. "The referendum is not being done justice."

Boodle also explained that members of the Anti-Cutbacks Team (ACT) "have not been too active." "If you look at ACT there are a lot of demoralized people," said Boodle. "We (ACT) worked really hard for one and a half months, then got kicked around by the SU, and

especially the executive."

Boodle additionally expressed concerns about the whole concept of the referendum: "Students want the SU to lead, not tie us up in a bureaucratic nightmare."

Boodle also sees a potentially more sinister reason for the timing of the referendum. "My sense is that the referendum could have been designed to absorb us student activists, and to divert attention away from the more important Executive elections."

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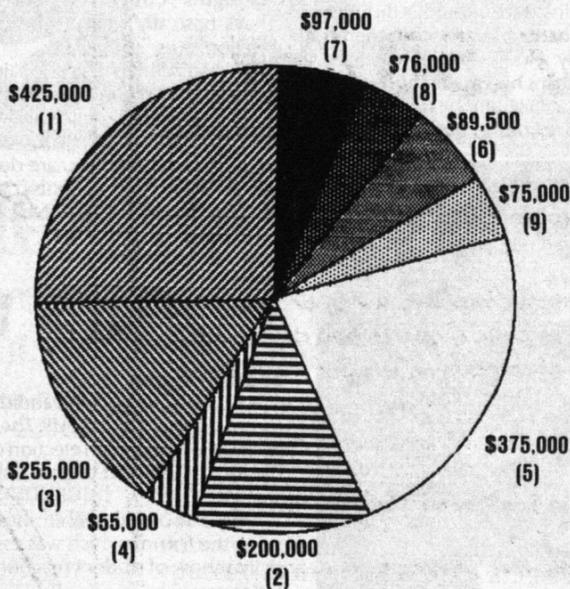
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