

# **Tuition fees up to \$828**

### by Mark Roppel

Tuition at the U of A will go up 7.6 per cent next year.

A proposal to increase general undergraduate tuition fees from \$770 this year to \$828 next year will go before the Board of Governors April 13-the board is a mere formality.

"I expect the proposal will go through the board," say University Vice-president Lorne Leitch. (President Myer Horowitz is in Japan.)

Provincial government policy limits tuition increases to 1.5 times the increase in the government grant to the university the preceding year.

This year the government grant increased 5.1 per cent, so 7.6 per cent is the maximum amount tuition can be increased for next year.

"This year students will experience an income decline in real terms for the third year in a row,' says Students' Union President Robert Greenhill. "The increase is more than the government increase. Students are beings asked to pay more and to receive less for the third year in a row.

Greenhill says he will oppose the fee increase at the Board of Governor's meeting

"It's a matter of taking a look at our needs and what students are paying elsewhere," says Lorne Leitch.

"We're close to the bottom tuition fees) except for Quebec," he says.

Students at McGill pay \$570. At the University of Montreal, tuition is \$540.

At the other end of the scale, tuition at most Ontario universities is \$1102 and students at Dalhousie must pay \$1320.

In the 1981-82 winter session, tuition at the U of A was \$606. In 1982-83 it jumped 20 per cent to \$726 and this year it increased a further six per cent to \$770.

General undergraduate tuition does not include Engineering, Dentistry, Medicine, Medical Lab Science (third year) or visa students.

Next year engineers will pay \$1042; dentists and doctors \$1242; and third year students in Medical Lab Science \$414.

Visa students must pay an additional 50 per cent above regular tuition.

With the increase, tuition will cover 10.3 percent of the cost of educating a student. Government guidelines say tuition should account for 8 - 12 percent of cost. Greenhill.

Tuition is only part of the fees that students pay at the beginning of the year.

With \$54.40 for SU fees, \$32.50 for the University Athletic Board, \$12.00 for University Health Services, and \$4.00 for CFS added in, most undergraduates will pay \$1030 next year.

The proposal for quotas on first year students will also be dealt with at the April 13 Board of Governors meeting.

"Friday the thirteenth is an appropriate date," says Robert

## Liddy expensive

#### by Ninette Gironella

G. Gordon Liddy cost the Students' Union over \$7500 on Tuesday night.

Only 450 people attended Liddy's speech. 100 of these were media personnel with complimentary tickets.

Of the remaining 350, "the vast majority were students,' according to Block. The loss meant that each member of the audience was subsidized by about \$17 by the Students' Union.

Block said he expected between 900 and 1000 people. The breakeven point was 900 nonstudent tickets, which sold for twelve dollars, \$7.00 more than student tickets.

Because of delays in getting Student Council approval, there were slightly less than three weeks to promote the event. The motion to host Liddy went to Council on February 28 and March 13; at both of these meetings quorum was lost before the motion was considered.

The motion was given approval by the Executive Com-

mittee on March 14 so publicity could be arranged.

"When promoting any major event, two and a half weeks isn't enough time," said VP Internal Peter Block.

There were ads in the Journal, Sun, and Gateway, and radio spots on CJSR and the commercial stations. Posters were even distributed off and on campus, and news releases and posters were sent to major firms and organizations in Edmonton.

The cost for the event came in underbudget at less than \$10,000 including Liddy's fee and transportation costs. Ticket sales brought in slightly more than \$2300.

"It was worth the \$7000," said Block. "The cost was high, but hopefully it will launch the Speaker's Series, and give the Students' Union a reputaion for bringing in high quality speakers."

Liddy was the third participant in the SU Speaker's Series, after Micheal Manley and Roger Caron

Manley cost \$2500, and Caron cost \$1080.

# Blocking quotas

### by Denise Workun

for blocks this morning as 30 to 50 students demonstrate.

If you look closely, you can see the nude.

Incoming Students' Union President Floyd Hodgins and VP Internal-Elect Gord Stamp plan to block the crosswalks on the corner of 109th street and 96th Avenue near the legislature building at 7:30 AM.

The protest is being held to 'make a point about accessibili- says Stamp. says Hodgins. ty,'

whole thing behind the quotas is garbage, basically."

"We're protesting the way Traffic should be backed up quotas were imposed," says blocks this morning as 30 to 50 Stamp. "High school students were not aware of these barriers and prepared accordingly so that they could enter university.

> The demonstration is unauthorized, so when they block the traffic, the protestors will probably clash with police.

"I expect to get arrested,"

"We're planning an active According to Hodgins, "the and radical SU next year," he says. "This demonstration is a statement of things to come."



