

The sound of one hand clapping...

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...requires a face for its fulfillment.
— Roger Zelazny

Oginski and Hunter take one last lick at fee increases

SU rally invades Meekison's office

by Brad Johnson

A protest march last Friday morning interrupted a U of A vice-president's day. The march was in opposition to the university's plan to implement various non-tuition fees.

The march, sponsored by the Students' Union, started at Quad and filed in to University VP Academic Dr. Peter Meekison's office. SU President Dave Oginski and VP External Mike Hunter led the march.

Hunter, carrying a sign reading "no back door tuition," told Meekison that government cutbacks "get us (SU and administration) at each other's throats."

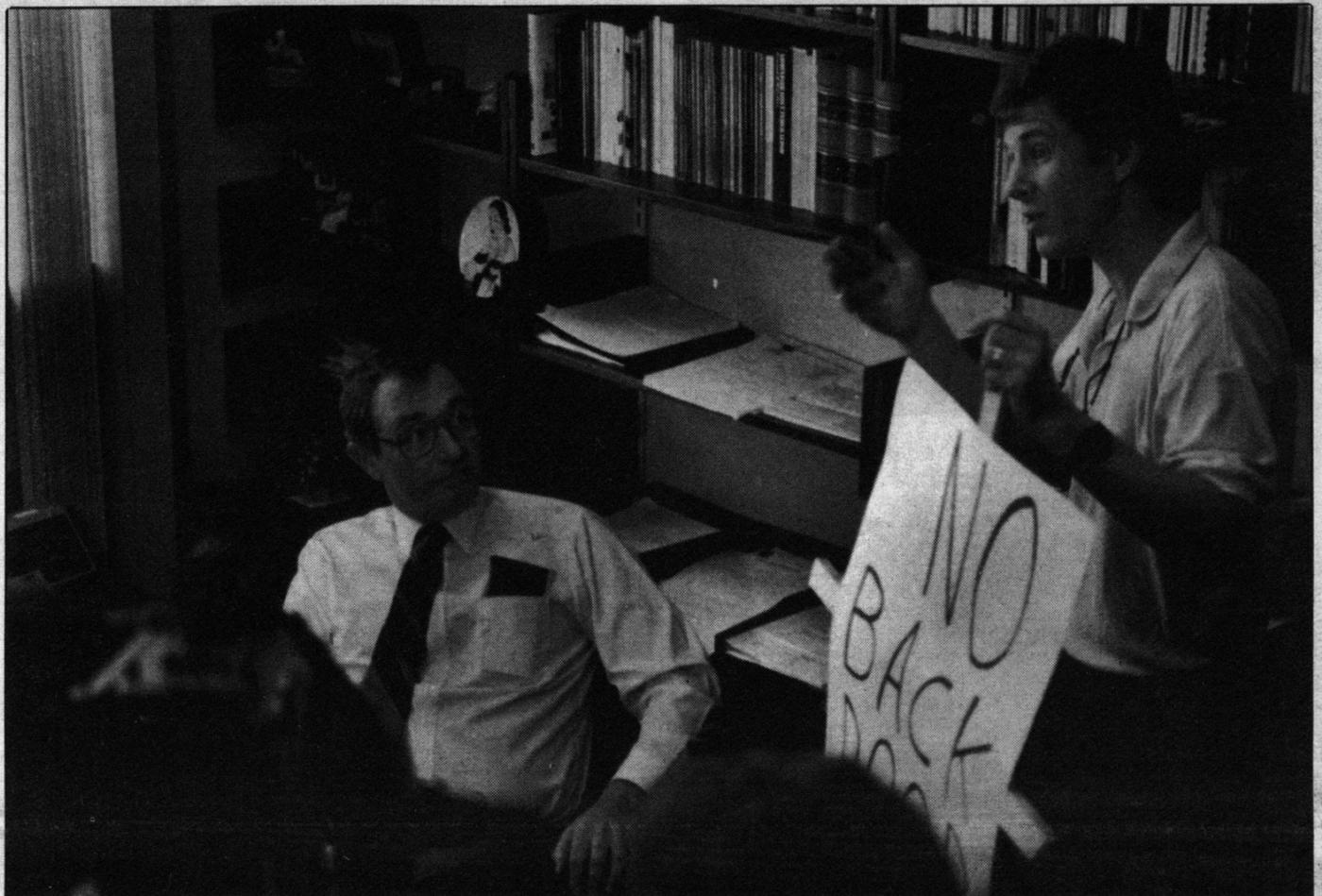
Meekison told Hunter "I don't want a budget reduction, either," and said he had properly fulfilled his duty as VP Academic.

Oginski asked Meekison why the university administration had not worked with the SU in opposing the cutbacks. He cited such cooperation that occurred between administration and the SU at Toronto's York University.

Meekison defended the administration's actions by saying "I'm not prepared to see the quality (of education) suffer." He said, however, that it will be affected.

Outgoing SU VP Academic Craig Cooper, also at the march, said the increases are "nickel and dime tuition."

About 60 people participated in the march, which saw a television camera crew and concerned students crowd into Meekison's office.



Greg Halinde

Michael Hunter confronts VP Academic Peter Meekison in his office.

U of A defends funding inequity

by Thomas Olsen

The University of Calgary may be sorry they ever opened the equity funding issue, say administrators for the University of Alberta.

"They may wish they would have let sleeping dogs lie," said Dr. Allan Warrack, Vice President Administration for the University of Alberta.

It is common belief among the U of A faculty that the current investigation into alleged inequities in funding may conclude that there is not enough of a discrepancy between the two institutions, instead of too much.

Warrack said that while the U of A is content to expose all of the facts pertinent to the investigation, the U of C seems to want to keep certain information a closely guarded secret.

"I would hope that the University of Calgary will present all the facts openly to the investigating committee," said Warrack, "but our office will make sure that the facts from both universities are on the table."

Warrack referred to the number of Olympic facilities that the University of Calgary will inherit charge free. The University of Alberta absorbed a 50 per cent mortgage four years ago, when it took over buildings built for the Universiade games.

He also said that the U of C's method of budget accounting is inaccurate because it doesn't take into account the high percentage of U of A grad students, or the high cost of some U of A faculties.

When asked if there was some animosity between the two institu-

tions, Dr. Warrack allowed that there was, and said that it was unfortunate a business matter could degenerate into personal mudslinging. He said, however, that

the University of Alberta "won't get into this weaselly sort of thing, just because they do."

Ursula Wolilforth, Director of Public Affairs for the University of

Calgary, refused comment on the issue. She said that Edmonton and Calgary both have their own statistics, and it would be up to the arbiter to decide on the issue.

McGill students protesting military research on campus

MONTREAL (CUP) — The Board of Governors of McGill University recently gave in to student and community pressure and appointed a committee to "study the policy and practice" of military research on campus.

The protests stem from the university's decision to renew a research contract to study Fuel Air Explosions (FAEs) — the most powerful non-nuclear weapon known.

"It's sort of a half-victory," said Amy Kaler, a student member of the McGill ad hoc committee

opposing FAEs who protested outside the board meeting. "It will open debate to more people, but I'm disappointed that the board doesn't feel it should grapple with ethical and political issues."

McGill principal David Johnson moved the proposal to create the joint Board and Senate committee to review military research. An amendment was proposed by graduate student David Schulze to suspend the research contract, but was later withdrawn when he was reassured the committee would

consider the issue and report back to the Board in the fall.

"I'm surprised principal Johnson brought up the committee at all, rather than just sweeping it under the rug," said Kaler, "but I'm concerned the issue of FAEs will get lost because the committee's terms of reference are not that well defined."

The six-person committee will report to the Board in October and Kaler hopes this will give students enough time to wage further protest.

Science elections finalized after a second attempt

by John Watson

Science elections are finally decided after a second attempt last Friday.

The second election was required after the science Chief Returning Officer threw the only slate (there was one independent run-

ning) out of the election for campaigning after the allotted time.

The CRO's decision was overturned by the student union's Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board. The elections were held again last week.

A total of 90 people voted, about

9 per cent less than the last election.

Joan McCorquodale, Nora Deisman, Christine DeMarco, Kevin Klapstein, and Dave Sharpe are next year's student council representatives for the faculty.

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