

Intramural director defends intercollegiate program Hoyles supports referendum

With a background to the University Athletic Board referendum Thursday, the intramural director and coach of intercollegiate volleyball spoke to Hugh Hoyles, intramural director and coach of intercollegiate volleyball at the University.

Chanda Chodan

Every student should really think about what the alternative

So says Hugh Hoyles about the University Athletic Board referendum. The referendum asks for an eight dollar increase in athletic fees, which would bring full-time students' UAB fees to \$25.

Hoyles says the present budgetary system—where intercollegiate and intramural sports request monies yearly from a partially elected UAB—is the most effective means of allowing

for flexibility from year to year in various departments. "The UAB is made up of students and staff, and students are in the majority," says Hoyles. The ten student members are thus technically responsible for the allocation of funds.

The UAB's current request, Hoyles says, is an attempt to balance intercollegiate and intramural concerns. "A lot of students on this campus would

like to eliminate intercollegiate sports entirely," says Hoyles. "I don't think that is desirable." Hoyles says several universities have completely eliminated intercollegiate programs but are now considering reinstating them because of student demand. "They allow students to identify with a university."

Hoyles says he sees no infighting problems between intramural and intercollegiate

representatives over UAB funds. "The men's Intramural Council passes a motion endorsing the budget requests, with the proviso that the administration of intramural programming be given more assistance."

The UAB referendum will be held Thursday, March 29. There are twelve polling stations at various locations across campus.

Bar none time

If you survived Engineering and are anxious for more time, we've got good news for you. It's Bar None Time.

The fun began on Monday with square dancing that continued all week. There will be a square dance on Wednesday and a campus parade on Thursday featuring Miss Rodeo, the Klondike Posse, the Bar None float with the Bar None Dancers, and numerous

other luminaries. The parade will begin in front of the Jubilee Auditorium at noon.

The Bar None Dance will be held at Kinsmen Fieldhouse from 9 till midnight on Saturday night. Tickets go on sale Wednesday morning at SUB information desk. There will be no tickets available at the door.

For a complete list of the week's activities see the official Ag Rag, the Bar None Dispatch.

English competency tests for Windsor Arts students

OTTAWA (CUP) — The University of Windsor will institute English proficiency tests for first year students in the Faculty of Arts next year, after Arts students took an excellent test last fall.

Meanwhile, Dalhousie University in Halifax could institute tests by 1981, and Concordia University's Loyola campus in Montreal recently delayed tests at least to the 1980-81 school year.

At Windsor, English professor Edward Ducharme said the test would not affect a student's admission.

"It's not a punitive measure," he said, but "an attempt to locate strengths and weaknesses in the writing skills of individual students."

Students who score badly on the test will have access to a writing development centre and a specially trained tutor, he said, though work at the centre is minimal.

Ducharme said high school students who come to university without writing well can get by without writing well, but "this is simply untrue. Regardless of faculty, students must be able to write clearly and accurately. English proficiency tests are set up to help the students gain these skills."

At Dalhousie, approval of a test is recommending three to five years of experimental English tests are expected in March. Students would be placed into appropriate remedial programs, if necessary, and final results will be used to determine whether more students improved their reading skills while in university.

At Loyola, a senate committee established in September to study a proficiency test is "at a standstill" after failing to meet, according to committee member Sara Opala.

The need for a test, along with remedial programs for at-risk students, has been discussed for the past five years with no result.

International students

already take language tests on entrance.

Opala said tests she conducted point to the need for a remedial English program. In 1976, they found that 45 to 55 per cent of undergraduate students could benefit from such a program.

Committee member Gwen Newsham, a professor at Concordia's Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESL) Centre, said a test could not be properly prepared by September.

"I would say we should spend all next year making a test to be ready in two years rather than doing something hasty," she said.



Hey, remember spring! It was here last week when this picture was taken and it'll probably be back next week. But right now it looks like winter is back.

Provincial and Fed govts reach agreement Second language programs this summer

OTTAWA (CUP) — Second-language bursary and monitor programs, previously threatened by federal-provincial disputes over funding, will definitely go ahead this summer, according to an official of the Council of Ministers of Education.

Boyd Pelley, the council's director of bilingualism programs, said Mar. 19 that "both programs are on" as a result of an agreement reached last week between federal and provincial governments.

The publicity for the

monitor programs is already out, he said, while that for the summer bursaries is now being approved and should be out in a few weeks.

The one-year agreement settled how the funding for non-formula programs, including the monitor and bursary programs, would be divided among the provinces, Pelley said. However, the more contentious question of federal cuts in formula payments for primary and secondary second-language education is still unresolved.

Last month, the federal

government announced it was cutting \$34 million from next year's payments, with further cuts of \$28 million a year in succeeding years. This sparked strong protests from provincial education ministers, who asked how the federal government expected them to continue programs they had been lured into by federal funding without the funding.

According to Quebec Ministry of Education official Clement Duhaime, the provinces threatened to cancel the bursary and monitor programs unless

full funding was restored. The two programs were selected for this pressure tactic, he said, because their loss would least harm second-language teaching offered to minorities.

However, Pelley said he didn't believe "there was ever a point where the programs wouldn't be on. The only danger was that we wouldn't settle the details in time."

The five-year agreement for the formula payments is still being negotiated, he said. But he doubted the federal government would change its mind and remove the cuts.

The current agreement expires Mar. 31.

The second-language bursary program pays for students' tuition and living costs while attending second-language immersion courses in the summer, while the monitor program helps pay for students' education while studying at a university of the other official language. Students in the monitor program are expected to help in second-language education at the university.

SU fires Food Services Director

The Students' Union is looking for a new Director of Food Services to manage the food and beverage facilities of RATT and Fridays.

Arlene Smith was relieved of her duties as director on Friday. According to the SU General Manager, the move was

made because "the overall results in both RATT and Fridays have not been satisfactory."

Bert Best explained yesterday that the SU is now looking for a director whose background is more compatible with the two operations. He cited past experience in the food and beverage industry, and skills in

public relations and personnel management as the primary qualifications.

Applications are available from the SU General Office, Rm. 256 SUB until April 3. In the meantime Best says the two outlets will be operating as usual, temporarily under the management of individual supervisors.