

Work is the greatest thing in the world...

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...so we should always save some of it for tomorrow.
— Don Herald

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Referendum a waste of time

by John Watson

The tuition fee referendum being run in conjunction with Student Union elections this year may be a waste of time and money according to Shelley Chapelski, chief returning officer for the election.

"No matter what the policy is, the Students' Union is going to fight for the lowest fees possible," said Chapelski.

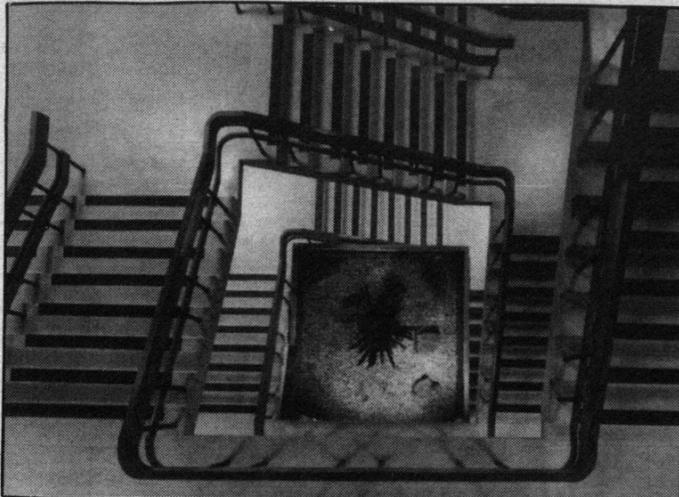
However, ACT chairman Martin Levenson disagrees, saying the SU needs a policy.

The SU is "a large organization... that has political goals and should be taking a stand for the people they represent," Levenson said, "and it is obvious that council and the SU executive are out of touch with the student body."

Students' Council has been deliberating for about a month on a policy that asks for a "small" fee increase. They decided in the last council meeting to have no fee policy until after the referendum.

Michael Hunter, SU vice president external, and one of the persons behind the small fee increase policy, supports the idea of a referendum.

"I think it gives the people who are supposed to be the student voice on this campus, i.e. councillors, an idea where the students stand," Hunter said.



Don't look down, just keep walking.

photo D.W. Lindquist

Though Hunter feels the referendum is a good idea, he is not in favour of the "continuous zero per cent tuition fee increase policy," as the referendum reads.

"It's not something I'm in favour of," said Hunter, saying that zero per cent is something to aim for, but a continuous policy "makes us look unrealistic, irresponsible, and to some extent immature."

The SU will fund up to \$1,000 for both the yes and no sides of the referendum campaign. Including printing and other costs, the referendum could cost the SU up to \$3,500.

A meeting held on Feb. 10 for people interested in running campaigns drew only four people—all for the yes side.

Anyone who wants to run the yes or no side for the referendum can obtain forms and information from Chapelski in Room 234 SUB. Parties must register by 1700 hrs. on Feb. 24.

Science week is a mystery

by Lloyd DeVincenzi

All those traditional views you have about serious-minded science students may well be shattered in the next month.

Why? The Undergraduate Science Society is holding its 2nd annual Science Week, March 2 - 6.

Among the activities planned are a Science Olympics with 12 events (one for each department within the faculty).

All Science Olympics events are

being kept secret until the last moment for a touch of mystery.

Also planned are a Scavenger Hunt and a Social.

According to Jill Fokema, an executive member of the U.S.S., Science Week is designed for science students to get to know each other.

"Most students belong to departmental associations within the faculty," she said. But a lack of interest among science students

prompted the U.S.S. to find an alternative means of getting students involved.

The U.S.S. is also sponsoring a series of lectures starting in late February dealing with topics as diverse as psychology and astrophysics.

All students are welcome to attend the lectures. Final times and locations are to be announced.

U of A MBAs third

by Cam McCulloch

Can a ragtag team of four people on a small budget venture east and raise this university's profile among prominent educators and business leaders?

Well, four U of A Business Administration students have done just that.

In January, a group led by second year MBA student David Tims placed third in a prestigious MBA case competition at Concordia University in Montreal. It was the highest finish ever of a western Canadian university.

The Faculty of Business shelled out the \$2500 necessary for airfare and accommodation.

For their efforts, each member of the team won \$250.

Tims said that at the reception held before the competition began it was common to run into professors and businessmen who thought the U of A was situated in Calgary.

"It's amazing how Canada's second largest university could have such a low profile. So we went out of our way to be noticeable," said Tims.

Not only did the U of A team finish third but they "stayed out all night and made sure everyone knew where the U of A was," said Tims.

The competition involved a series of business case studies. Each team was issued a case and given four hours to prepare a written and oral presentation.

After two such presentations the U of A ranked third of sixteen teams. But in the final round, which was an entirely oral presentation before an audience of about three hundred, the U of A team could not improve its position.

Other U of A team members were Daryl Engleman, an Engineering grad, Margaret James, an MBA student, and Andy Hladyshevsky, a Law grad. The latter two will be back next year to consult with the U of A's 1988 squad.

Int'l Week is most diverse

by Greg Halinda

Students will have the chance to experience a bonanza of international cultural displays and events right after Reading Week. The second annual International Week is happening February 23 - March 1, on and around the U of A campus.

International Week '87 is organized by the International Student Centre of the U of A. This year's theme is "People Power Around the World: What Can I Do?"

This year, over 30 events will take place during the week, including a Peace Day, a food fair in SUB, plays at the Faculte St.-Jean, an international speaker's forum on "People Power Around the World", a crafts sale/display in CAB and HUB, and the Third World Film Festival, which begins Friday, Feb. 27.

The International Student Centre is only two years old, and this is their second International Week. ISC is collaborating with the 26 different international student groups on campus to run and coordinate the events.

Bob Longworth is the ISC coordinator for International Week. He sees the week as a chance to "strengthen the connections between the international students here, and the university and the city."

The director of ISC, Carmen Michaud, adds, "The idea (of International Week) is to focus on the impact the international students have on the community, and how we're all affected by international

issues."

Events will be staged in HUB, Fine Arts, SUB, Faculte St.-Jean, the Business building, the Education building, CAB, and Tory lecture theatres.

A 16-page program listing all events will be distributed at ISC info tables in HUB, SUB, and CAB.

Many of the week's activities are visual in nature, in the form of films, slide shows, live theatre, and book and literature displays.

"There are about 12 international clubs that will be selling food native to their ethnic and cultural backgrounds," says Hossam Sharkawi, in charge of the food fair of Wednesday the 25th.

International Week will have a closing dance on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 28. The location will be announced later.

Bob Longworth calls the week the most diverse international event in the province.



Bob Longworth and Carmen Michaud are excited about the second annual International Week. Cultural events and displays will be all over campus immediately after Reading Week.

photo Greg Halinda