

# Program established for education action

By RALPH MELNYCHUK  
 Equality of opportunity to post-secondary education does not exist in Alberta, says Richard Price, students' union president.  
 Price made this comment as he announced Tuesday the establishment of an Education Action Programme by the U of A students' union.  
 "The purpose of the program is to inform the public of our concern as students over the need to eliminate the social and financial barriers to post-secondary education," said Price.  
 "Our first concern is the elimination of tuition fees."  
 This policy, which was recently adopted by CUS, is based on Article 26 of the United Nations Charter which states, "everyone has the right to education", and, "higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit."  
 A "universal accessibility" brief released Tuesday outlines the prin-

ciple of universal accessibility, the barriers to post-secondary education, and the programme of the students' union.  
 More than 1,000 copies of the brief were sent to various political and educational organizations, as well as to high school presidents and principals. Copies will be available for interested students at the students' union office.  
 The Education Action Program will include political rallies, informal discussion, intensive on-campus promotion, an education study committee, National Student Day, a follow up public publicity program of high school visitations, and publishing a CUS means survey.  
 National Student Day, Oct. 27, includes a "Coins for College" dime march, a teach-in at the University to discuss tuition free education and its implications, and a brief presented to education minister Ralph McKinnon.



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**RES QUEEN**—Karen Bent was queen of the first annual Miss Residence Freshette dance held in Lister Hall Friday. The smiling blonde was chosen from five candidates to reign for a year as "Queen of Residence". The beauty contest is expected to become a yearly event at Lister Hall.

# Council debates policy for hiring SUB administrators

A general policy discussion on the hiring of professional administrators was a focal point of Monday's council meeting.  
 At present the executive committee and Mr. Swenson interview prospective SUB personnel. Other students, however, can meet candidates if they wish.  
 Approximately six administrative officials will have to be hired before the new SUB opens. These people will be receiving between \$3,000 and \$8,000 yearly.  
 The discussion concluded with council debating whether top men, demanding top salaries, or less expensive graduate students should be sought to fill openings made available by the construction of the new SUB.

Vice-president Carol Smallwood again voiced dissatisfaction with the way in which conference ap-

pointments are advertised and representatives chosen.  
 Despite Eric Hayne's interjection that "we can't pat their bottoms all the way up to their interview," Smallwood said that she would gladly accept suggestions on conference selection.  
 "The abuse to students' union equipment put in students' hands is mounting," said Hayne. Bryan Clark, students' union business manager, disagreed.  
 "In the life of SUB, the disappearance of four chairs has been the extent of destruction," he said. Nevertheless, the promotions committee has lost a \$500 PA system.

Chartered banks canvassing students must include in their brochures information on all other government loans, council ruled.

VCF will be approached to do a survey on co-operative student housing.

Barry Kirkland's report on student government was not ready.

Appointments: Phil Silver as director of VV, William Thacker as WUS chairman, Maureen Stuart as personnel board chairman, David Comba as senior living-in member of the SUB supervisory staff.

# Bladen report

"There is a danger of friction," the report says "between those who do not attend university and those who do if the former feel they are paying the latter to live better and to achieve higher status."

A means test should be used for bursaries, the report recommends, based on:

- a conventional agreed amount for fees and expenses (e.g., \$1,500).
- minus, an estimate of summer earnings (e.g., \$200 to \$500).
- minus, a percentage (e.g. ten per cent) of the parents' taxable income.

In exchange for paying part of the shot, the parents should receive a tax credit in addition to the deductions for a dependent, providing "more adequate relief for the lower income groups" than the present provision.

The report makes a sharp distinction throughout between those under 21, taken to be undergraduates, and those over 21.

Recognizing that "it may be more appropriate to treat children over 21 as independent," the report suggests such "children" not be forced to rely upon parents for support.

However, rebutting "those who argue that parental responsibility for education should end at age 18," the report says that most parents have been historically willing to pay, as far as possible, the cost of their children's education.

"As long as the parental responsibility is recognized by the majority, it does not seem reasonable to allow the dissenting parent or the dissenting student to impose the cost of his dissent on the community," the report states.

If such children are to be aided, the report adds, it should be through loans rather than bursaries.

The report says that an average of \$600 per student will be needed to supplement earnings and parental contributions, and says that 60 per cent of this should be in the form of bursaries.

In 1964-65, the report says, undergraduates needed \$59 million in bursary aid, rather than the \$24 million that was available.

The report claims its bursary

formula would enable the student to know "well in advance how much assistance he would receive," and would "minimize the inquisition usually associated with means testing."

In dealing with the increased needs of universities for funds, the report notes the criticism submitted by some maritime universities that per capita grants failed to meet costs of provinces with a higher than average ration of students to population.

It was also pointed out that they took no account of inequality of income between provinces.

Defending the per capita system, the report says that it is up to each province to decide how far to expand higher education and that special fiscal needs should be met by general equalization grants.

The report recommends annual federal-provincial conferences on education to coordinate the efforts of all levels of governments.

The universities should coordinate their programs and cooperate in planning expansion to avoid duplication of facilities, the report says.

# Stocks wants vote at 18

The voting age for federal elections should be lowered to 18, says Bill Stocks, candidate in Edmonton-Strathcona for the Nov. 8 Federal Election.

"More than a million Canadians capable of rational and intelligent political views are being deprived of a voice in the House of Commons—those Canadians between the ages of 18 and 21," said Mr. Stocks.

In Alberta the voting age for provincial elections is 19; in Quebec the voting age is 18, he said.

"The 18-year-old of today is not the politically naive 18-year-old of 50 years ago. He is considered old enough to work, old enough to pay unemployment insurance, and old enough to be in the army. Is he not, then, to be considered politically responsible?"

"It is my belief many senior high school students display much more interest in affairs of state than do their parents. In the atomic age the 18-year-old feels just as strongly about the preservation of our way of life as does anyone over the arbitrary age of 21," said Stocks.

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