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## Senate attacks two-tier system, opposes gov't.

While Alberta's deputy minister of advanced education Dr. Henry Kolesar squirmed under senate questioning of the proposed differential fees structure for the U of A, the University of Lethbridge contemplated raising tuition fees for foreign students by \$250.

The U of L Board of Governors (B of G) is expected to announce today a 50 per cent increase in fees for international students but the U of A Senate voted Friday to oppose in principle a two-tier tuition system.

And the decision for differential fees at the U of A will be made before a B of G meeting Friday.

Foreign students at the University of Calgary will pay an extra \$300 in tuition fees starting next year according to a Nov. 18 decision from their B of G.

"It does seem reasonable that those who are residents now and whose forefathers expended energy should pay less, and that I think, is a good, good reason (for differential fees-structure)," Kolesar explained to the U of A Senate, held in the Club Room of the Jubilee Auditorium. Kolesar labelled the differential fee structure "a subjective decision."

The Dean of Arts, Dr. George Baldwin, claimed that the provincial government was confusing the differential fee issue with "initially specious arguments" and demanded to know whether the government decision behind the proposal was purely political or objective.

"I really have difficulty with that one," Kolesar answered, "because I really don't know when a decision is political or not. Maybe the Senate in their objective judgement knows."

Kolesar was asked if he could isolate the segment of the Albertan population that wanted to see the implementation of the differential fee.

"I think that the minister of advanced education (Dr. Hohol) has stated on a number of occasions that the information comes from his discussions with people in Alberta - Albertans," Kolesar replied.

"One label is Albertans and I suppose that they tend to be non-constitutional meaning non-university," he added.

The fee differential is directed against a "particular group of high profile, particularly identifiable people which happens to be Hong Kong students at the moment," commented Dr. Baldwin. "And it's not just," he charged, "that's my response. Nobody is going around complaining about the Americans taking up places."

"If I did have any support for the fee previously, I have none after listening to the presentation of the deputy minister," stated Bill Stewart, Senate member, as the questions carried over into the afternoon session.

The provincial government has no social, moral, or economic justification for the scheme it proposes and the poor deputy minister was left completely defenceless," remarked Stewart. The Senate resolution, un-

animously supported by its members, reads: "The Senate, opposed in principle to a two-tiered fee structure but recognizing that the issue involves a number of different questions recommends: that the government study and deal with the

matter of foreign students in-depth considering its national and provincial implications and for this purpose establish a commission or task force, deferring in the meantime any action to implement the proposed differential fee structure."

## Senate explains foreign students issue

Foreign students are a maligned and misunderstood group according to the presentations at Friday's Senate meeting held in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Eight speakers addressed the Senate to inform its members and give the public some facts about the foreign student population.

According to Henry Tsan, a Hong Kong student, cultural esteem and the fact that only two universities serve the island population "leave Hong Kong students no choice but to go abroad."

Tsan claimed that only one out of 31 students are accepted into the two universities compared with the acceptance rate of

three out of five for Canadian students.

"If the U of A attracts foreign students it should be a credit to our system," remarked David Rand, student and Senate member who spelled out the Canadian point of view.

Howard Hoggins, SU executive vp, articulated some misconceptions about foreign students: that there are a large number of foreign students; that foreign students compete with Canadians students in quota faculties; that foreign students are anti-social and band together; that foreign students compete in summer job markets; that foreign students disrupt

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## Take notice, GFC stops the mail

General Faculties Council (GFC) voted Monday to discontinue the practice of notifying students by mail of first term final grades.

Instead, students will be notified through posted lists of final grades. These lists must be posted, according to present policy, by January 10.

In a Gateway interview, SU executive vp Howard Hoggins questioned the wisdom of the

decision, noting that the deadline for course changes this year is January 6, four days before first term final grades must be posted.

Reasons given by GFC for discontinuing mail notification included the \$600 mailing cost and the fact that three working days were available for processing exam results this year.

Last year, seven working days were available to process first term exam results.



Dr. Henry Kolesar: The differential fee structure was "a subjective decision."

## AASUA vetoes campus ballot

The Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta (AASUA) has circulated a letter to its members asking full-time faculty members not to "vote" on the proposal currently being circulated by the department chairmen's committee.

The Executive members of the AASUA say they "deplore" the method used to circulate the chairmen's proposal which "presents only one side of a real problem of serious concern to the University community."

"A balanced discussion of the issues is essential to rational decision-making," says the AASUA letter. "The 'ballot' allows an unambiguous vote in favor of the proposal by checking a box but does not allow a negative vote except by writing comments which then become subject to interpretation."

The AASUA letter also claims the proposal was developed "by a small ad hoc group of academic staff who propose to record and interpret the result of the 'ballot' as the definitive opinion of the faculty."

The department chairmen's committee last week circulated a proposal for reorganization of the U of A academic power structure and included with it an answer sheet called a "ballot for an all university referendum." The "eligible voters" on the referendum are all academic full-time staff on campus, states the chairmen's proposal, but University president Dr. Harry Gunning says the "ballots" will not really consist of a referendum (which only an official body on campus could authorize) but would rather be a "popularity poll."



CIC Chairman Bruce Wilson

## Wilson denounces oil and gas sell-out

Canada's energy supplies are in short supply and the export of gas and oil to the United States is accentuating the problem, says the national chairman of Canadians for an Independent Canada (CIC) Bruce Wilson.

Wilson spoke Thursday to an audience gathered in the SUB Theatre lobby on "Energy Supplies and Canadian Nationalism."

Wilson said he thought it was necessary to proceed with the Syncrude project in northern Alberta but ideally under more Canadian ownership.

"Because we're expecting so

much of our oil and gas, we need these prospects (Syncrude). If we could turn off the taps, especially our gas, then we could live without the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline for many, many years," he claimed.

U.S. control of technology, such as the engineering and construction aspects of petroleum production, Wilson charged, is one of the legacies left to Canada from a U.S. controlled energy industry.

Gateway interviewed Wilson and asked if greater Canadian ownership of its energy supplies would substantially alter an uneven distribution of the new

wealth that would be gained.

"I think we need a moral renaissance to see that doesn't happen," replied Wilson.

"This may be wishful thinking, but...I basically subscribe to the free enterprise system if it works, and making all Canadians partners in it and with the companies holding responsible attitudes," he explained.

Wilson, former president of Union Gas, Northwestern Utilities, and Canadian Bechtel, maintained that he became "disillusioned" with Canadian businesses as his nationalism grew.