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Council doles out hard cash

Students' council made over \$5000 worth of grants to clubs and faculty associations at the meeting Tuesday night.

Grants were made to the Engineering Students' Association, the Dentistry Students' and Pharmacy Students' Associations. Grants were also made to two of the engineering clubs, the Chinese Students' Association and the Ukrainian Students' Association.

The executive made various reports to council. The boat people campaign has made \$954.35 so far, with more to come from Circle K and the Graduate Students' Association.

President Dean Olmstead reported that he has had conversations with the university over evening study space. They are considering alternatives areas to open as evening study space according to Olmstead.

Vp external Tema Frank reported that the Committee on Inadequate Funding had sparse attendance at its organizational meeting. She said this will make it difficult for the U of A to tie in to the National Union of Students (NUS) anti-cutbacks campaign.

Colin Wong was accepted as Student Advocate for the rest of the year. There was very little debate on the topic.

Fuss over NUS

by Keith Krause

The Students' Union decision to send two unofficial delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS) conference next weekend has caused a breach in NUS-SU relations.

The conference, to be held in Regina, is a joint NUS-AOSC (Association of Student Councils) national meeting. AOSC is the service wing of NUS, and operates the Canadian university travel service. The U of A is a member of AOSC, but not a NUS member.

Students' Council voted in August to send three people to the conference at a total of \$570. But they were not told two of the delegates were to be unofficial ones. The SU delegates are to report back on the activities of NUS and AOSC.

"They're going to get no value for their money," said NUS fieldworker Robert Lauer. "These people won't be part of the conference, and they won't be able to participate in many of the activities."

"They can hardly give an adequate evaluation of the conference to the Students' Council."

Tema Frank, vp external took a different view, however.

"We're not members of NUS, so I didn't think we should send official delegates," said Frank. "I felt we should send at least one official observer though."

The total savings on delegates fees would be about \$80.

"This is a significant sum of money because we're already over our travel budget," said Frank.

The problem is that unofficial delegates will be using conference services and resources without paying for them, according to Lauer.

"This puts more of a financial burden on NUS and AOSC," said Lauer.

"I appreciate their concern," said Frank, "but I think basically we're paying for what we're taking."

Lauer also expressed concern about the reaction of conference delegates to the U of A representatives.

"I think they're setting themselves up for a negative reaction," he said. "They will be at a disadvantage, unless their intention is to deliberately get a negative response."

FOS feasts, university pays

A Freshman Orientation Seminars (FOS) "reunion" for seminar leaders and delegates cost the Students' Union (SU) over \$700 this year.

The banquet, held Saturday night at the Holiday Inn, is an annual FOS tradition. This year, about 45 seminar leaders were treated to dinner and presented with FOS lapel pins. A disco dance for about 200 student participants followed.

FOS director Wayne Fotty says the banquet is a necessary form of payment for the FOS seminar leaders.

"We don't pay anyone for what they do in the summer ... I think it's very cheap to pay \$12 per person for all the work they do for us."

Fotty also says this year's banquet is a major reduction from last year's, which reportedly cost more than \$2000.

The annual reunion is included in the FOS budget, which is comprised of grants from the university, the SU and the Alma



Four of the five SU executive members. From left to right are Chanchal Bhattacharya, Sharon Bell, Tema Frank and Glen Gallinger. SU president Dean Olmstead's image does not seem to show up in photographs.

photo Bruce Cuyile

TV racism aimed at students

OTTAWA (CUP) Claims by the public affairs program W5 that foreign students are crowding Canadians out of important university programs are "nonsense", according to government officials and education experts.

Their comments about the controversial report on foreign students, aired by CTV Sunday, ranged from calling it "biased" to a "thinly-veiled racist attack".

In the report titled *The Campus Giveaway*, W5 claimed that international students are forcing thousands of Canadian students out of post-secondary education programs such as engineering and medicine, and are costing Canadians millions of dollars.

But William Winegard, chairman of the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA), which advises the province on university matters, said it is "nonsense" to claim Canadian students don't have first chance at the best courses.

And Morna Ballantyne, Executive Secretary of the

National Union of Students (NUS), says foreign students account for only 5.3% of the total university population in Canada and that many universities have restrictions on the number of foreign students in certain programs.

Carolyn Barrett, an Ontario university affairs officer in the ministry of colleges and universities, said foreign students account for about five per cent of Ontario's university population and that there are virtually no foreign students enrolled in medicine except those sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The W5 program stated that most foreign students come to

Canada from Southeast Asia.

Wilma Fraser, a W5 researcher who worked on the report, said CTV had received about 100 calls about the program and that there could be a follow up program soon taking another look at foreign students and the education system in general.

NUS researcher Jeff Parr said the program had manipulated statistics and ignored other relevant ones, leaving the international students the "scapegoats" for problems in the education system. Parr said it came across as a "thinly-veiled racist attack on international students."

Election delayed?

The Students' Union by-election for vp finance and administration will likely be delayed for one week according to SU returning officer Sue Savage.

The by-election, originally scheduled for October 12, may be postponed because the Thanksgiving holiday Monday will leave candidates only three days for campaigning after nominations close.

Savage says that a

"reasonable election" couldn't be held in such a short time.

Two nominations have been received for the position of vp finance and administration. Both Glen Gallinger, current interim vp finance and administration, and Willy Gruber confirmed their nomination to the *Gateway*.

Savage says that the several Students' Council and student General Faculties Council (GFC) positions will probably be filled by acclamation.

Engineers "bridge" gap

Rumors of mass desertions from the *Gateway* are spreading like wildfire with the appearance of the U of A's rival newspaper, *The Bridge*.

The paper, started by the Engineering Students Society (ESS), is out to capture the average student audience, says Editor Ken Lawson-Williams.

"I wanted to provide a paper for the little man ... the engineers."

The Bridge appears to be following in the footsteps of Edmonton's alternative paper, *The SUN*, with their front-page photo of last year's engineering queen and straight, hard-hitting editorials.

And it's a formula that may work.

Says one senior *Gateway* editor: "I'm sick of the petty tyranny and elitism of this paper. *The Bridge* has the right idea ... sex and humor ... I'm going right over."

Lawson-Williams says the paper needs all the help it can get.



An FOS staff member in the organization's SUB office.

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