

The Board giveth, and taketh away?

by Peter Michalshyn

The Board of Governors at the U of A meets this Friday to hammer out a position on student aid.

The long-awaited discussion is on the end of the Board agenda which also includes approving rent increases in university housing for next year.

Board members will be asked to endorse the following recommendation:

*to replace the current student loan/remission system with a sliding scale student loan/grant system.

The loan/remission system has been criticized because students never know how much of a remission, or 'non-payable loan' they will receive until after they have graduated; as well, the remission system is a structured (50 per cent return first year, 40 per cent second year, and 25 per cent subsequent years to discourage students from taking loans in later years of study.

A sliding scale loan/grant system is based on demonstrated student need. That is, a student needing only a \$1000 loan in any year of study would receive back a small percentage as a grant; a student needing \$10,000 under the same circumstances would receive a greater percentage grant portion, perhaps 90 per cent.

'Need' could be determined objectively by the Students' Finance Board (SFB) through the

usual criteria of parental-spouse contributions, summer income savings, full-time student status, and so on.

Such a system would also allow the student to know immediately how much he had to repay before graduating.

The loan/grant system is the major recommendation of a report prepared jointly by Stuart McKay, SU Researcher, and Willard Allen, associate vice president of finance for the university.

The report does not address the issue of 'age of independence' - much criticized because students under 21 must guarantee parental contributions to the costs of their university education before being eligible for financial assistance from the SFB.

Neither does the report address the SFB's criteria for granting loans in the first place.

The SFB has been criticized in the past for using living expense guidelines (rental, food, expenses) that are unreasonably low.

The Board of Governors will also be asked to approve large rent increases for University housing.

The proposed rates represent increases ranging from 21.1 per cent in Michener Park apartments to just three per cent in HUB units.



Myer and John decide it's time to circle the wagons as the students close in.

photo Ray Giguere

Even though tenants associations were advised of the rent increases, those from North Garneau and Michener Park refused to endorse the hikes.

The General Faculties Council (GFC) Housing and Food Services (HFS) advisory committee also reviewed the increases, but endorsed only those in Faculte St. Jean and HUB.

One of the tenants' main complaints is that HFS is taking surplus rents from some housing areas to subsidize other areas.

HFS director Gail Brown admits this sort of subsidization is taking place.

"We have a mandate to break even," Brown says. Because all housing and food operations are budgetted on a consolidated basis, inevitably some surpluses will be used to support deficits.

However, Brown says in the long term most areas are becoming self-supporting.

Lister Hall has made great improvements over the last couple of years; Pembina Hall is

breaking even and Michener Park, and North Garneau have small deficits, she says.

HUB apartments is responsible for providing the greatest part of the surplus.

Moonies explained

They are out there just waiting — waiting to control your mind and your beliefs.

No, they are not our provincial political parties, but organizations even more insidious in their brain-washing techniques—cults.

The U of A Chaplains Association and the Students' Union will be sponsoring a seminar on cults on March 11 at 10:00 a.m.

The featured speaker will be Mike Kropveld, employee with the B'nai B'rith sponsored Cult Information Centre in Montreal.

Kropveld was directly involved with the events which led to Josh Freed's book *Moonwebs*, an inside look at the 'Moonies'. The book was subsequently made into the award winning film, *Ticket to Heaven*.

The title of the seminar is "Journey into the Mind of the Cults," and will include a slide presentation on several of the various different cults that have invaded North America.

The seminar will be Thursday, March 11, 10:00 a.m., in SUB Meditation Room, room 158.

"no one told Arnold about Sunshine's 20% Student Discount"

But you don't have to miss out on the fun!

Til March 19th, (Mon.-Fri.) save 20% on the regular price of a day pass at Sunshine Village just by presenting your valid students card (no age restriction)

Now 'til March 19th, 1982 only

Regular price \$ 20
Student discount - \$4
\$16



world university service of canada

entraide universitaire mondiale du canada

THE CHALLENGE OF AFRICA

Since 1939, World University Service of Canada (WUSC) has been supporting education programmes in the Third World. Opportunities are available for qualified teachers and for both university graduates and qualified trades technicians with an aptitude for teaching.

If you are sincerely interested in sharing your knowledge and learning about different cultures, we can offer you a 2-3 year assignment that could prove to be the most satisfying of your career. Appointments are available in the following countries under local terms and conditions.

- Nigeria
- Lesotho
- Zimbabwe
- Botswana
- Malawi
- Swaziland

WUSC provides benefits which vary from programme to programme.



An information session will be held on Friday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m., Room 165, Education Building South, University of Alberta.

For more information please contact: World University Service of Canada, P.O. Box 3000, Station "C", Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4M8. (613) 725-3121

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED ECONOMICS

The applied economics MA programme at the University of Victoria is distinguished by its integration of academic studies with practical experience. The objective is to provide students with the analytical expertise, research skills and practical knowledge essential for successful careers as economists working in the public and private sectors. Courses in economic theory and methods of applied economics (econometrics; simulation, forecasting, and mathematical programming; cost benefit analysis) are combined with opportunities for developing proficiency in their use, including supervised research projects and a co-operative education work-study option.

CO-OPERATIVE OPTION

The co-op. option provides a unique opportunity not only to 'learn and earn' but also to gain the kind of practical experience which can only come from work as an economist in government or industry. The work positions are treated as an integral part of the co-op. student's studies. Care is taken to ensure the research merits of the positions and their suitability for students in the programme.

For further information write to:

Graduate Advisor/Co-op Coordinator, Department of Economics, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Y2

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

The travel source for students and youth

The Canadian Student Traveller



on campus next week

Available at your student office or from

TRAVEL CUTS
Going Your Way!

U of A, Student Union Building
Edmonton, 403 432-2592