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Gunning tells grads profs may not be tenured

by Kent Blinston

Declining enrolment and the provincial government university funding system were reasons given for the lack of jobs for graduate students at a Graduate Students Association (GSA) meeting Thursday.

Grad students were given the opportunity to question university president Dr. Harry Gunning, Dean of Grad Studies Dr. John Forster, Student Awards Officer Larry Henderson, and GSA president Jim Talbot during an open forum.

Dr. Gunning said while government grants decrease with the U of A's declining enrolment, the number of staff needed stays constant. An increasing percentage of the university's expenses go toward staff, with less left over for teaching assistants and research jobs usually held by grad students. Dr. Gunning said that the provincial government's funding system was "not a very intelligent" kind of formula.

One possible solution presented was the provincial government's intention to take over the university pension plan, which would allow staff to retire at the age of 55 with no loss of benefits.

Another change in university hiring practices will be to hire professors and researchers on a

five-year contract. These people would not receive tenure, but would be in a favorable position for permanent jobs.

Dr. Gunning told the grad students that hiring younger staff was important. Because of the dramatic growth of the university in the late fifties and the relatively slower growth since, the faculties are missing an entire generation of staff, he said.

The question of whether the university was graduating people trained for the needs of society was also raised. Dr. Gunning said he was against forcing people into certain faculties and denying entrance to others. He said, however, that almost every faculty had quotas on that basis and that today's students are fully aware of job opportunities in the field of study.

Dr. Gunning was also asked if the planned reduction in the size of the General Faculties Council would lessen student influence in decision making. He replied that the proportion the GFC student representation would stay the same and may be more effective in a smaller GFC that would not turn as many matters over to committees. The reduction in size would save money and faculty time, which could be better spent teaching, Gunning said.



The last days of autumn...

Seem's winter is fast approaching — long mid-afternoon shadows, bitterly cold temperatures, naked trees, eider down jackets, even the odd snowflake. Ready to settle in for another six months of slippery sidewalks?

Board reconsiders CKSR appointment

Students' Union Administration Board will be asked to reconsider their recommendation that Jim Watt be appointed director of CKSR, the campus radio station.

Students' Union president Jay Spark said yesterday that the board will be asked to do so because protest from the staff at CKSR demanded the decision be reviewed.

He said the matter will be discussed at the council meeting tonight, and he expects it will be moved that the matter be reexamined at the next Administration Board meeting Tuesday.

Watt, a 37 year-old school teacher and producer of educational radio programs, would have replaced temporary director Gary McGowan, had the recommendation not been disputed.

The Board chose Watt because of his professional background; he has worked occasionally in radio and television since 1958. He was the only other applicant for the position other than McGowan.

McGowan, a full-time Arts student, has been with CKSR since January. He replaced station manager Gordon Turtle, who resigned August 15 of this year, but the position was tem-

porary and needed board approval and council ratification.



Gary McGowan

McGowan has worked as full-time station manager since Turtle's resignation and, according to CKSR staff, has been instrumental in recruiting personnel for the upcoming season.

Most CKSR regular staffers threaten to quit if Watt receives the job.

They say Watt does not know the workings of student radio and if he were to take McGowan's place, six weeks of preparation for the 77-78 term will have been wasted. The director has only two weeks to submit a complete staff list for a

Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) broadcasting license application the station has been seeking.

They stand to lose a \$6,000 grant set aside for the license. For these reasons, the staff claims McGowan is the only person qualified to run the station.

Spark said the Administration Board will most likely appoint McGowan station manager and suggest that Watt work as a volunteer advisor, assuming the same powers as assistant station manager.



Jim Watt

Danson denies conscriptio

CUP — Defence Minister Barnett Danson denied he had said in Toronto that he favors a conscripted standing army for Canada.

He said Monday: "Nothing would bother me about some form of compulsory national service — not necessarily of a military nature."

He said in Toronto he spoke only in terms of requiring any young person seeking unemployment insurance benefits to include the military, in a search for work.

He said he would like to see public debate about alternative forms of national service work that would be satisfying and fulfilling to which unemployment insurance applicants could be directed.

It was put to him that, like the military, such a service might require the unemployed to move from their home towns.

"For those under 25 and single," he said, "there's nothing wrong with seeing the country." "I think people should be prepared to move where the jobs are."

Pursesnatcher nabs wallets

Campus security reports more wallets and money have been stolen in the past weeks.

Security director Gordon Perry told *Gateway* yesterday three wallets were taken from desks and library carrels the last two weeks of September.

He said a girl studying in Rutherford Library last Thursday had left her purse in her carrel when she went to get a book from the shelves and returned to find her money had been taken from her wallet.

Another staff worker, he said, had just withdrawn over \$100 from the bank for a trip to

Calgary and left her purse unattended in her office in the Biological Sciences Building. When she returned, the money was gone.

These latest cases bring the total of thefts to seven for this year.

Perry said security has no descriptions of real leads on the latest cases. He said the best defence against this kind of theft is for persons to become security conscious. "Do not leave your purses or wallets in a vulnerable or unguarded location for even a short period," he said.