

U advocates "break-even" policy

by John Roggeveen

There will be a new liquor policy on campus in the near future that will prevent clubs from making money by holding liquor functions.

"We will be abolishing the use of permits for on-campus functions, and will be using licence extensions," says Dave Norwood, assistant to the U of A's v.p. finance and administration.

Under the new licence extension policy, clubs "will have to raise money some other way," says Norwood, adding that "the purpose of these functions is for social occasions."

"Clubs will be able to break even, and maybe they will make a small amount of money," says Norwood.

The licence extension scheme means groups wishing to hold any functions involving liquor on campus will "still have to go through the University," and apply under the University's licence rather than obtaining a permit as occurs now, according to Norwood. This policy has already been adopted at the University of Calgary.

"Some of the ALCB (Alberta Liquor Control Board) rules and restrictions would still apply like limiting clubs to one permit per month," says Norwood.

The Students' Union isn't pleased with the new policy.

"I don't think it's a good thing," says Brian Bechtel, Students' Union v.p. internal.

"We've really disturbed that groups will not be able to make money on socials," says Bechtel.

"If the University makes it compulsory to use their licence to hold a social on this campus, I will see it as a negative turn of events," says Bechtel.

"The loss of this revenue (from liquor sales) will only mean that the Students' Union will have to make up the difference out of its own funds," he says.

"Essentially what they are doing is shifting the revenues from the clubs to the University," says Bechtel.

"It'll mean a lot more control for the University over liquor functions (on campus)," he says.

"Small clubs are really going to get it — no two ways about it," adds Bechtel.

While Bechtel foresees many disadvantages to the new system, Norwood foresees advantages.

"Certainly there are changes, but they are liberalizing rather than constricting," says Norwood.

"In terms of flexibility of hours, it's (the new policy) more liberalizing; in terms of the number of areas it can be used for, it's more liberalizing; in terms of what it can be used for, it's more liberalizing," says Norwood.

"We're not trying to stop clubs from having their functions,....we're going to work with the clubs," says Norwood.

Bechtel disagrees with Norwood.

"You're shifting control to the University; you're taking away revenues. I'd like to see where it's more liberalizing," says Bechtel.

The new policy will also mean an increase in liquor costs for people attending club functions.

"Under the licence, we'll (the University) be charging more (for liquor). Under the licence, you can charge whatever you want. You can't do that with permits," says Norwood, indicating that the price would be the same at club liquor functions, according to



Clubs will no longer be able to profit from others swallowing their tongues.

photo Ray Giguere

Norwood, but the University "will try to get away from" charging for room rental, although "clubs may have to put in a damage deposit as they do now."

Clubs may also be forced to pay the University carrying charges for the liquor, but "it's a detail we haven't worked on," says Norwood.

The new policy will not go into effect immediately.

"We're putting it on hold....

but we'll (the parties involved) continue to meet," says Norwood.

Bechtel isn't satisfied with the student input so far.

"Up to this point...there has been none. Not only has it been absent, the University and ALCB have been derelict in their ignorance of student concerns in the past. It appears they are making an attempt now (to understand concerns). How successful it is we'll wait and see," says Bechtel.

Permits will still be required for off-campus functions.

"I'm still fighting the permit situation," says Bechtel, indicating that he would like to improve conditions for off-campus functions as well.

Bechtel says he would like to hear from groups with concerns about permit situations particular to the group.

Ontario's Education Minister denies cutbacks

TORONTO (CUP) — Ontario's Education Minister, Dr. Bette Stephenson refused to give any firm commitment on the future of post secondary education, when speaking to representatives of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) November 18:

Throughout the meeting Stephenson denied that post-secondary institutions are being severely underfunded.

University presidents who

have criticized the government for not giving the universities enough money were called "an interest group" by Stephenson. Stephenson said she "is constantly hearing from staff and faculty who think that there is still too much fat in the system."

Stephenson and Deputy Education Minister Ben Wilson both denied charges by the OFS that the system is at a crisis point. Wilson admitted there had been

cuts in real dollars spent on education since the seventies but added "we were starting from an exceptionally good base. Now we have a regular base."

He also added that education spending in real dollars is higher now than it was in 1967.

Stephenson refused to say how much of an increase in operating grants universities will receive next year. The figure, she said, would be available in January. Tuition fees will probably rise by the same percentage as the

operating grant increase, Stephenson said. The discretionary fee policy, which permits universities to charge up to 10 percent more than government-established formula fees will continue, she added.

The minister tried to place the blame for the current problems faced by students on the shoulders of the federal government. "The federal government only pays 44 percent of education costs, not 50 percent as (Federal Finance Minister) Allan

MacEachan claims," said Stephenson.

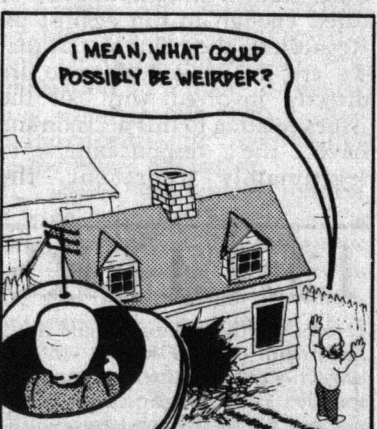
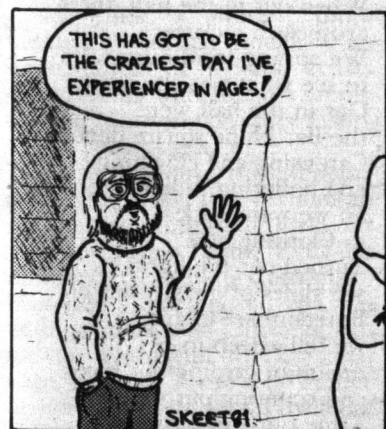
OFS Chairperson Barb Taylor had harsh words for Stephenson. She accused the government of "failing to keep its commitments."

She ridiculed Stephenson for saying that Ontario's post-secondary education is the best bargain in the world.

Taylor said after the meeting that "the minister gave us no answers. In fact, she wasn't even listening."

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"Education must be earned"

by Wes Oginski

Jean Forrest, current chancellor of the University of Alberta Senate, will give way and Peter Savaryn will reign in April of 1982.

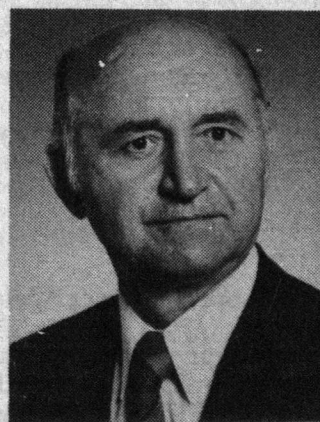
Savaryn was elected Chancellor by the Senate at its last meeting, November 20.

At the announcement of his election at the November 24 meeting of Students' Council, one member remarked that between Savaryn and John Schlosser (Board of Governors Chairman), there are not many positions the two have not held in the provincial Tory party.

Among his accolades, Savaryn has been on the U of A Board of Governors (1972-78), so he is not unfamiliar with the university system.

Savaryn places an emphasis on today's student being a renaissance figure, by having a good liberal education.

"I believe everyone should get a well rounded education,"



Peter Savaryn

Savaryn told a press conference.

"Basically the younger generation should have access to a liberal education," he adds, even those in training for a technical field.

Savaryn also emphasizes that students should pay for their education, to a limit. He adds that the amount students pay now is not enough.

"They (students) should

have to work for it (university education)," he said.

"A good student can tactically get his education free," Savaryn said, saying the present system of student financing in the province is adequate.

The position of the chancellor has been described as "the power of persuasion", according to Forrest.

Savaryn agrees.

"I try to persuade - not force anything," he said. "I am here to reconcile and cooperate."

Savaryn has also been actively involved in many civic and cultural activities, including past president of many Edmonton Ukrainian associations, a founding member of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council, co-chairman of the provincial committee submitting briefs to the Joint Senate-Commons Committee on the New Canadian Constitution, and president of the Alberta Progressive Conservative Association.