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without a friend

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nor be sure of his friend
till he is unhappy

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Future members of the medical profession, seen here as trees and so on, gasp in delight as the Sin-man regains his powers after Dorothy destroys the power of the Wicked Dick of the East by the use of a primitive but effective surgical method in this year's version of the Med Show. photo by Paul Cadogan

Fee increase proposed

Students' Council will be asked Monday to approve a \$1 increase in Students' Union fees.

A bill amending the constitution to require a simple majority vote for approval of fee increases of more than \$1 will also be given first reading at the meeting, in room 2-15 in University Hall. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Both moves resulted from a referendum held last Friday for a fee increase to \$34 from \$31.

It was approved by a margin of 1601-1133, below the two-thirds majority required for implementation.

Council has the right to raise fees by \$1, adding about \$18,000 to SU coffers. Any further increase requires approval of a referendum by a two-thirds vote, and endorsement by students' council, the council on student affairs and the university president.

However, passage of the bill would reduce the requirement to a simple majority.

The increase would have provided revenue to help bail the students union out of financial difficulties caused by salary increases - about 10 percent this year - rising costs of materials and equipment,

and HUB. The SU is running on a deficit budget of \$153,000 for 1973-74.

Charles Hall, vice-president finance and administration, expressed disappointment that the referendum failed by a "technicality in the constitution".

"I don't think it makes sense that you can elect members to council by a simple majority but they can't raise fees. It's difficult to get two-thirds majority on any issue."

Hall termed the 58 percent vote in favour of the increase as "an overwhelming vote of confidence" in the executive.

He now faces the task of setting priorities for the preliminary budget due in March. This will be difficult he said, because students won't declare their support for services until they are eliminated.

The most effective criteria will probably be to determine the number of students served. Accordingly, services like the music listening room, the radio station and Gateway would be retained, Hall said.

One option would have been to ask the board of governors to impose a fee similar to one for university health services. The executive, however, has rejected this move, according to Hall.

Course guide scrapped

The course guide has become the first victim of the financial crises facing the University of Alberta students' union.

The executive has decided not to spend more money on the guide and has released Dennis Crockett as editor, effective Mar. 1.

Charles Hall, vice-president finance and administration, said Wednesday the main reason was the doubtful viability of the guide under the new advanced registration system, to begin Mar. 1.

"It will be up to the new executive to determine whether the Course Guide is viable under the new registration system," according to the minutes of Friday's executive meeting.

Due to poor sales (only

\$1300 in revenue), the 1973 guide lost about \$17,000. Salaries ate up about \$15,000 of that total.

Work on the 1974 guide would have started next month. By freezing the course guide budget, the union will save money on preparation of the guide and on the editor's salary, \$2200 a year.

Crockett's salary is broken up into \$150 for ten months and \$400 over the summer, during which most of the work is done.

The new registration system would have forced the guide deeper into debt, as a full staff would have to begin in April instead of May of June.

"The faculty and schools are forced to set the staff early in the spring. It is quite possible there will be numerous changes

by next fall," said Hall.

Hall feels the best use for the guide could have been in making staff promotion and tenure decisions.

"I think the concept is good, but to date it has been economically inefficient," Hall said in an interview. "It hasn't been useful to many people."

If the new executive reverse the decision, it would still be impossible for the guide to be ready for the first term, Hall said. However, it could be in use by the second term.

Implementation of pre-registration was only certain last week, when the board of governors approved an additional expenditure of \$24,700 to complete the 1973-74 phase of the project.

Transfers discussed

Representatives from junior and community colleges have met with the University of Alberta Feb. 5 in an attempt to solve the nagging student transfer problem.

Schools invited to attend the meeting at the U of A include Red Deer and Grande Prairie colleges, NAIT, Grant MacEwan Community College and several other northern

Albertaschools.

Max Wyman, University of Alberta president, said Wednesday no agreement had been reached, but the representatives would inform their schools of the talks before they attend a conference of provincial institutions in Calgary Feb. 12.

The conference, called by the Alberta Universities Co-ordination Council, will attract the province's four universities and some of the other 22 colleges.

The talks were inspired by a recent decision by Jim Foster, minister of advanced education, to let the institutions try to work out an agreement before stepping in.

Wyman informed general faculties council Jan. 28 of the government's decision.

Transferability has been a source of confusion, with each institution having their own courses, standards and entrance requirements.

The U of A board of governors had requested Foster to hold back, enabling the institutions involved to work out the problems themselves.

Each school has the authority to determine entrance requirements, under the Universities Act. However, Foster indicated he wants the problem solved soon or the government will intervene.

Wyman believes that the department will abide any agreement worked out by the institutions.

"If the institutions are satisfied, I think the government will have no further interest in it at all."

SAVE the WORLD



Awright you all! We have finally decided on a date for our "Save the World" special issue.

March 5 is the big day. That is our first issue after the exam week/reading week break.

So if you've got ideas, get them down on paper now. Should the office be closed (not many of us are anxious to stick around during a two-week break) just slip your article under the door or mail it to "Gateway, SUB".

The article can be on anything relating to the theme Save the World.

We are also accepting cartoons and photos, but the photographs must be glossies. For best reproduction, drawings should be in black ink (on high contrast paper if possible.)

Sorry, we will not be able to accept articles after 11 a.m. March 4.

Let's hear from you, Ok?

D.I.E. board meets

by Greg Neiman

George Mantor - SU president, called on the Appeal Board to consider charges levied against him by Jim Talbot and the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board on Feb. 1.

Mantor, as a member of the Appeal Board, was disqualified as appellant from taking his position on the Board at this hearing. Also, because of a timetable clash, he could not be present at the meeting, but agreed that hearing should take place in his absence.

The subject of Mantor's appeal was that it was the entire executive that should have been summoned to appear before the DIE board, in consideration of the publication of the Salary Contract that the Students' Union had made with Darryl

Ness, General Manager, SU.

Students' Council Motion No. 86 dictates that the terms and agreements of the salary contracts made with general managers should be made known to students through Gateway.

The executive, however, decided that it would not publish the terms of this contract, and Jim Talbot requested that Enforcement Proceedings be brought against the executive through the DIE Board.

A majority of the executive were present when the summons to appear before the DIE Board was made, yet because the entire executive was not summoned formally, Mantor made his appeal to the Appeal Board to negate the Enforcement Proceedings.

The Appeal Board decided that the hearing of the DIE

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