

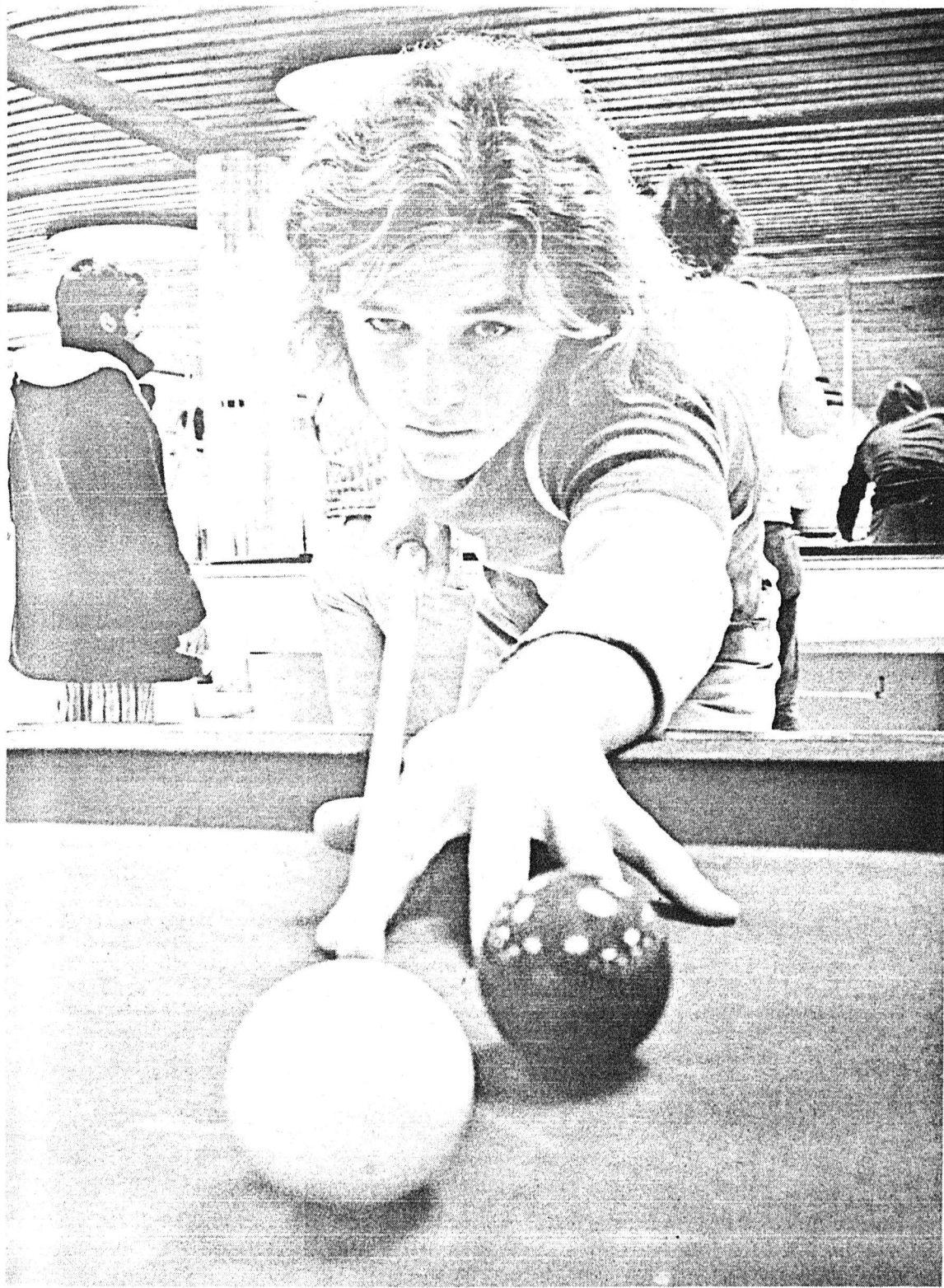
God created
an idiot
for practice;

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then he created
a students' council.
Mark Twain

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Behind the eightball after mid-term exams? Gary Widynowski, Golden Bear defensive back, has the answer: Enjoy a quick game of snooker in the SUB games area. See story on page 6.

photo by Sandy Campbell

Board rebukes government

An angry board of governors has lashed out at the department of advanced education for not consulting them on policy decisions.

This is another case of being steamrolled into accepting something they (the department) have already started, said Dora McCullough, a board member.

"We are being asked for an opinion after they have made a decision," she said. "It's just a waste of time and we might as well give up."

McCullough, a member of the committee which examined the relationship between the board and the government, was disturbed that no board member was consulted on a government proposal to establish a joint planning and research division.

It appears that the only person to see a draft of the structure of the division was U of A president Max Wyman.

McCullough later secured a copy of the draft just prior to Friday's meeting.

Board members received copies of letters exchanged between Wyman and Walter Worth, deputy minister of the department, and his assistant, Barry Snowden.

The letter, sent to Wyman from assistant Barry Snowden, assistant to the deputy minister, dated Sept. 27, promised that "as the department proceeds with this development, your comments and observations will be taken into consideration."

Burke Barker, a law professor, objected to the tone of the letter, which he termed a "deliberate slight."

In reply to the letter, Wyman said he couldn't see university planning groups taking part in the proposal, adding that "he doubted the proposed staff could carry out functions outlined in the proposal."

After the meeting outside council chambers, McCullough summed up the members' frustration; "We're beginning to wonder why we are here when we receive instructions as to how the department wants to go."

The department, on the recommendation of the Worth Report, was established in 1971 under the direction of minister Jim Foster. It now has a staff of about 300.

Since, the board has refrained from publically criticizing the actions of the department.

The board referred the matter to the Nov. 15 meeting, to give members an opportunity to examine the proposal.

Neal will resign at end of term

Walter Neal told the board of governors Friday that he would resign as vice-president, planning and development when his five-year term expires next August.

"It's not a sudden decision. I've always felt that I would resign after five years," Neal said after the meeting.

The board, which now has the task of choosing a successor, expressed its appreciation of Neal's efforts not only in his capacity of vice-president but in general matters relating to the university.

"He's been one of our greatest experts in dealing with the Universities' Act," said Henry Kreisel, academic vice president.

Neal will stay on to teach educational administration, his field of study, and do some research in the area of curriculum development and administration of post secondary education. But first he'd like to take a year's sabbatical leave.

Neal, 53, received his doctorate from Columbia University in 1963 and came to the U of A three years later.

Named as vice-president in 1969, Neal's resignation coincides with that of President Max Wyman, who will be replaced by Harold Gunning.

"I've always stated that when there is a new president, he should review and choose his own staff," said Neal. "It just happens to be coincidental."

While he called the past five years "an interesting experience," he's looking forward to going back to teaching.

"I like the contact with students, especially at the graduate level."

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Grad students to save money

Graduate students attending spring and summer session will save about \$4 in fees, as a result of a Board of Governors decision Friday.

The board approved a finance committee recommendation that allows grad students to pay only \$2 to join the Graduate Students' Association if they weren't enrolled in the previous term.

In the past, they had to pay \$6 to join the summer session students' union.

The change was made "because the summer union was a creature of the students' union," said Peter Flynn, GSA president.

Anyone who joined the GSA in the fall or winter sessions doesn't have to pay their fees for the summer session.

CUSO conference focuses on African nations

by John Kenney

CUSO's regional conference, held at Holy Redeemer College last weekend, saw the emergence of strong, if not vociferous, political inclinations during a panel discussion, Saturday. The conference's focus was on East and Central Africa. Barry Fleming, field staff officer for Tanzania, emphasized "I don't want to talk about starving children, our emotions have been played upon quite enough in that area."

CUSO, or Canadian University Services Overseas, sends technical and teaching aid to 'underdeveloped' countries

around the world. Now 14 years old, it is in the position to command some \$8 million a year in federal (CIDA) and provincial funds.

Prior to the actual panel discussion several nationals from developing countries gave talks on their respective homelands. Targets of the talks were Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia.

All of the speakers stressed their recently acquired independence and pondered the ambiguity of their politics and development in face of intruding

foreign powers.

The talks were then swept aside to allow for the interminable game of political persuasion. Panel members included Paul Edge, Barry Fleming, Garry McGuire, and Eli Mrema.

Fleming believed that "politics decide who it is that lives and who it is that dies...for CUSO to be outside of politics is hardly sufficient."

Not all were in agreement. One returned volunteer said that many of his decisions were

inherently political; such as setting a price on maize for several thousand workers.

In partial agreement, McGuire said. "It's better not to get involved, mainly because you don't know everything that is going on."

Later on he added, "I've always recognized this sort of thing (domination, exploitation) and while I think it's nice to officially recognize the problem, the solutions are not easy to come by."

As the discussion proceeded,

each panel member tried to seize the opportunity to capitalize on questions sympathetic to their own political position.

Fleming spoke of politics in terms of "oppressed brothers" while McGuire was concerned CUSO members could be come ideological mercenaries.

But Fleming pressed his point and hinted that CUSO might require some political education. As for funds, "we are a 'fat' organization and I'm sure that we all could afford a 10-15% reduction in our salary."