

Controversy clouds NUS campaign

by Tom Barrett
The NUS campaign shifted into high gear on Monday as charges and countercharges were exchanged. Each side accused the other of misleading students about the National Union Of Students (NUS), and it appears the pro-NUS committee may be taken to DIE (Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement) board to face charges of engaging in illegitimate campaign practices. Kaysi Eastlick, Robert Patzward, and Steve Kushner of

the anti-NUS committee told the *Gateway* on Monday afternoon they believed the pro-NUS leaflets misrepresent the service benefits U of A students will receive if they vote to join NUS on Friday. They also suggested that NUS supporters campaigning in classrooms, including SU president Cheryl Hume, have misled students about the relationship between NUS and the Association of Student Councils (AOSC). The controversial part of

the NUS leaflet says "at a membership fee of \$1 per student per year, you can use:"
—student travel offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax and soon Edmonton;
—international work exchange programs;
—international student discount cards;
—domestic student discounts
The problem is that as a member of AOSC the U of A already has these services. Yet the pamphlet clearly implies that the attainment or retention of

these benefits is contingent on joining NUS, at the price of \$1 per student.
Max Johnson of the AOSC Board of Directors told the *Gateway* on Monday he was "not happy about this".
"The words that have been used are undoubtedly wrong, but the sentiment expressed is correct" he said.
Johnson stated that the pamphlet was inaccurate but pointed out that by acquiring membership in NUS we would strengthen AOSC, and increase the possibility of attaining services like an international student insurance plan, an expanded student discount program and a revision of charter flight regulations. Apparently NUS is lobbying the federal government on these issues.
The charge that Cheryl Hume has misled students on this matter came from VP External Steve Kushner.

Although Kushner is only taking one class this term, it turned out to be one of the ones Cheryl Hume visited on the pro-NUS campaign trail. Kushner showed up a few minutes late on Monday morning and found Hume at the front of the room making a pro-NUS presentation. According to Kushner she implied that students would only get the services and benefits supplied by AOSC if they joined NUS. After her speech he stood up and presented the anti-NUS view.
Gateway CUP editor Keith Krause also happened to be in the class, and he offered this opinion of the incident.
"Before Steve spoke, I am sure students had the impression that by joining NUS they would receive the benefits from AOSC. It was not clear from what Cheryl said that we already have these benefits".
When informed of Krause's

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B of G adopts UPC report

by Loreen Lennon
After seven months of intensive discussion throughout the university community, the Board of Governors voted Friday to accept eight out of nine recommendations made in the final Report of the historic University Priorities Committee (UPC).
The recommendations adopted outline procedures for basic and regular evaluation of the university's policies, and the establishment of long-term goals and priorities.
They were described as "cannibalistic" by at least one member of the Board.
Dr. R.J. Crawford, newly appointed representative of the academic staff, advised fellow board members to re-read the Association of Academic Staff (AASUA) submission re: UPC final Report.
"It's a document that gets at the underlying assumptions of the Priorities Report - cannibalism," he said. The report's recommendations pit each university unit against another in the battle for financial survival, Crawford explained.
The report was originally presented to the B of G on June 1, 1978, following a year of investigation into the U of A's priorities by UPC. Since then the report has been widely distributed among the university's constituent groups for their assessment.
On Friday, Associate Vice President (Academic) Willard brought forward revised recommendations for the Boards approval. Included was a background summary of responses from such university bodies as the General Faculties Council, the academic and non-academic staff associations, the Graduate Students' Association and the board's own Academic Concerns and Building committees.
The Board considered each recommendation in turn. Briefly, the recommendations either outlined new procedures or endorsed present systems, for the most efficient allocation of university funds in the future.

The approved recommendations include:
• the establishment of standard budgeting principles and the review of budget control mechanisms
• the preparation of long-term perspectives on the development of libraries and computing systems on campus by the U. vice-presidents.
• the collection and review of information re: academic staff salaries and benefits to establish accurate cost estimation models.
• a study of the rationale for quotas
• the establishment of budgetary priorities.
A ninth recommendation to establish a permanent policy for the control of academic positions was deferred until the board receives GFC's comments on that issue.
The board adopted the report's recommendations largely as a result of amendments suggested by GFC at a special meeting January 22.
A motion by board chairman John Schlosser that the senior administration, through V.P. Allen, monitor the implementation of these recommendations was also passed.



Mike Ekelund was one of almost 20 campus notables who donated their faces for the Heart Fund pie throw, which netted ninety-six dollars on Saturday night.

photo by Shirley Glew

SU studies LRT proposals

by Alex Tindimubona
Rapid transit may soon come to the university, but a few problems still have to be ironed out.
The Students' Union and the Campus Development Committee (CDC) are studying the

city's proposals for a Light Rail Transit (LRT) system through the university area, in order to take a stand on the project.
Problems of noise, convenience or expense have been identified in the plan, according to Bruce Webster, Housing and

Transport Commissioner for the SU.
Studies by the city have resulted in two possible routes being considered, Webster said. One is above-ground on 89 Avenue, west from the High Level Bridge and turning south on 114 Street. It would have one stop at St. Joseph's College and another at the Medical Sciences center.

Grantham denies FAS charges

The chairman of the Grantham Task Force on post-secondary education has denied claims that the report was not approved by task force members.
Ron Grantham stated that no changes were made in the final report without the approval of the majority of members.
Grantham was replying to a statement in a Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) press release which quoted task force member and FAS president Blair Redlin as saying, "This is not the report the Task Force members approved."
Redlin claimed the Task force decided by majority vote at their last meeting to include a recommendation, numbered 14.6(k) stating Alberta should

make representation to the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada to establish procedures that would ensure student discussions with the Canada Student Loans Plenary Group. The recommendation does not appear in the final report.
Grantham says, however, that while the members voted in favor of including the recommendation at their final meeting, additional written material pertaining to the issue was later sent to all task force members. As a result of this additional information, a telephone poll was conducted by the Executive secretary of the Task Force. The majority of the task force members then decided

to omit the recommendation in the final report.
Grantham also expressed concern regarding Redlin's statement, "The taxpayers of Alberta deserved more for their \$75,000".
"Until a week ago, our costs were \$29,000, not including the cost of printing," Grantham said. "We may also be meeting again, but I don't think the final amount will even approach that figure. I have given the approximate final cost... at \$35,000."
"Blair Redlin was and still is a very valued member of the Task Force," Grantham said. "Every member did an exceptional job in every aspect of the issue."
Redlin was unavailable for comment at press time.

The other proposed route is underground on 87 Avenue, with only one stop at the Education Building.
The 89 Avenue route seems to have the most problems, according to Webster. Although the city has given assurances that no houses available to students in North Garneau will be demolished the residents would have to put up with the noise and inconvenience. Webster plans to send a questionnaire to the residents for their views.
On campus, the LRT would disrupt pedestrian traffic to some extent. Vibration from the trains will also affect sensitive instruments in the Dentistry-Pharmacy building.
An underground route

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