Notley would abolish fees

Len Thom

Alberta New Democratic leader Grant Notley promisan audience of about 100 students on Monday that an p government would move toward the abolition of non fees in post secondary education.

Notley also promised university funding that would at dequal the inflation rate plus compensate for four years

funding cutbacks.

These statements were made in response to a question m the floor after a twenty minute speech in which he ed the students assembled to "send them (the governant) a Message" on advanced education policy.

The speech began with restraint and Tory cynicism. ley relating the story of his traffic accident on a section Highway 16 near where and Utilities Notley escaped collision huge oil tanker, a situation ically symbolic of this eleccampaign.

Advanced education was theme throughout the NDP der's address. He criticized the Conservative ogressive ernment for trying to misresent university funding as ng the best in Canada when his argument.

Notley emphatically meeting were NDP candidates be a cosmopolitan place," he ors the abolition of all form inst low income groups.

The audience warmly and secondary education, ived Notley's contention that Lougheed government had role of Ebenezer
"to "born-again ernment expenditure of the ent budgetary surplus.

Notley predicted that after more years of right wing ment.

Notley also took time out in his speech to call for expansion in the area of Health and Social Services. He questioned why a ster Len Weary was killed in province as rich as Alberta doesn't have a Denticare plan. The government was commended for establishing a guaranteed income plan for the handicapped but the NDP leader wondered why the handicapped had to wait until an election year before getting the program.

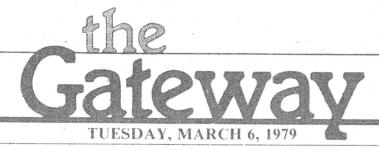
The speech ended with a personal appeal to students. Notlety suggested that students movince was actually fourth. could send the government a wever, Notley did not actual-message on education by goduce the statistics to back defeating the Minister of Education Julian Koziak, Progressive Conservative candidate in Edmonton Strathcona.

ause they discriminate gave a rather dry speech on government support for primary

emphasizing that Alberta has fallen to fourth place in Canada ntly changed from "the in per capita funding. He did not provide statistics on per pupil funding, however. Dr. Russell, a nders" in reference to recent university professor, was critical nouncements concerning of government labor policy, accusing the Conservatives of despising anyone who works. He pointed out that university election the Progressive academic staff have no legal servatives would return to protection concerning employ-



Education Week is here and this group of future teachers is hamming it up. They've captured the Aggies' chuckwagon and are holding it for ransom. Stay tuned for further developments.



Senate opposes government's differential fee stance

by Nancy McGill

The Grantham Report, native students, amendments to chamber music were featured at the February meeting of the U of A senate. But the task force on visiting international students received the majority of attention Feb. 23.

in February 1977, presented 15 ed a model for dealing with recommendations to the Senate. international students be These recommendations included developed and presented to the opposition to the government's provincial government. In addi-

differential fees for visa students, establishment of scholarship funds for international students, attempts to attract a greater the Universities Act and variety of non-Canadian students, enlarging the Emergen-International Students Assistance fund and more attempts to integrate international students into the university community.

Senate adopted these The task force, established recommendations and also movtion, members favored the establishment of a national task force to study visa students.

The follow-up committee of the task force on native students also reported to Senate. The committee was established to study action taken on the original 1976 task report, which had made recommendations to alleviate problems the university had attracting and keeping native staff and students.

The follow-up comm reported most of the recommendations had been acted upon. They suggested to Senate that the vp academic assume future responsibility for monitoring progress on the task force recommendations.

The senate also considered

proposed amendments to the Universities Act. amendments, which would allow bachelor level degrees to be granted by other licensed Alberta post-secondary institutions and would change power of licensing from the Legislature to the Cabinet, were opposed by senate. Members decided to request the government to withdraw the proposed amendments until a full study of the implications of the changes are implemented.

The senate also received a report from the ad hoc committee reviewing the Grantham Report. The committee briefed senate members on the task force report and recommended a response prepared on its first eight points. The response will be presented at the April senate

The appointment of Mary Totman as executive officer of the senate was also announced. Totman, acting executive officer since February 1978, began her two-year term of office March 1.

The senate was also presentation serenaded b which included a chamber music and a five man presentation on the nature of the faculty of arts.

The senate will next meet April 27. All interested parties are invited to attend.

state ed policies says FAS

Lucinda Chodan

The Federation of Alberta Students AS) called today for post-secondary educaon to become an election issue. In a morning ress conference, FAS president Blair Redlin aid last year's serious problems at colleges and universities have not been solved.

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Redlin criticized the government in articular for avoiding education and student ues. "Where is the new student aid plan that dudents were promised last year?" he asked. Why hasn't the government announced next ear's grants to colleges and universities yet? last year, the grants were announced in

Redlin also criticized the government for refusing to take a stand on the recommendations of the Grantham report on postsecondary education until May. By then, the election will be over and the government will not have had to articulate a position on tuition increases, said Redlin.

Redlin emphasized the postive recommendations of the Grantham report on student aid, housing and daycare. He stressed the need for government action on these recommendations, however.

The FAS president announced that a poll of party postions on issues relating to students had been conducted by FAS. The results will be provided to students through the FAS provincial newspaper.

Redlin urged students to study the parties' platforms regarding education, and to vote accordingly.

FAS also announced a province-wide student petition calling for government action in post-secondary education.

"The petition will show public support for student goals," said Redlin. The petition has been circulated in Calgary, Lethbridge and Grande Prairie, and will appear in Edmonton, Red Deer, Olds and Medicine Hat in the near future.

"We've got over six hundred signatures in just a few days at the University of Calgary alone," said Redlin. "The next week will be a period of intense activity for us."

Panda gymnasts vault to national championship

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