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THEY'RE HAPPY, BUT THE MAILMAN BUST A GUT—You'd think Bryan Clark, students' union business manager (left), and Norm Hallgren, national fund raising chairman for Second Century Week had never seen a cheque for \$80,000. Perhaps it's just the idea of the government handing over such a large sum of money to such a humble (but worthy) organization that's causing all the uproar. Anyway, SCW is very grateful.

Do your duty - complain!

Students may do a lot of complaining but not to the right people.

Bob Roddick, law 3, reports students are not responding well enough to the students' union membership investigation committee.

The committee, consisting of Roddick and John Maher, law 3, was set up this year to hear and act on the complaints of students, particularly concerning students' union fees.

"The main problem is the grad students," said Roddick.

"They pay \$5 a year and gain all student privileges except the right to vote and the yearbook.

"If grad students want to participate in intramural sports they have to pay an extra \$7," said Roddick.

Presently they are not paying anything towards the new SUB. But this will not stop them from using it next year.

"We are trying to find out if there's any

basis for this associate membership," said Roddick.

Most of the complaints about students' union membership are coming from the medical students and the nurses.

COMPLAINTS

The medical students argue they are comparable in position to the grad students because they spend an equal number of years on campus. They feel they, too, are entitled to an associate membership. Fees for nurses vary from \$9.50 to \$34.50, depending on whether they are in a straight nursing program or in a degree program. Because they do not use many of the facilities in the students' union building they suggest their fees be lowered considerably.

The committee has asked for all student response by the end of the month.

Any student can voice his complaints and suggestions by sending a letter to the students' union office.

Grad students face fee hike

Compulsory athletic fees recommended by COSA

By ELAINE VERBICKY

Graduate students may soon have to pay compulsory athletic fees.

The committee on student affairs, composed of representatives of faculty and the students' union, recommended Thursday to the board of governors that all full-time students, including grad students, be required to pay a \$7 fee to the university athletic board.

The motion resulted from a UAB request for fee increases. Previously, grad student support was only voluntary.

UAB's suggestion that undergraduate fees be increased to \$10 was opposed by students' union president Branny Schepanovich.

"I am against fee increases," he said. "I see two alternatives — assessment of grad students or sponsorship by commercial interests."

Both faculty and students agreed commercial sponsorship would lead to something like names of beer companies spread across U of A team uniforms.

GSA COMMENT

After debate, the resolution was passed. Grad student association representative Peter Boothroyd said, "I don't know what to do with that." He added surely grad students should be given a chance to present their side of the question.

Hugh Hoyles, president of men's athletics said, "Fees are going to rise sooner or later, but we didn't expect this move this soon. I don't know how far it is going to go, but the grad students should have something to say."

Dr. Van Vliet, dean of physical education, disclosed U of A will have Sunday sports in the near future. "The buildings will be open from 1 p.m. to 8 or 9 p.m. Sundays, and all day Saturdays," he said.

An addition to the phys ed complex will be built on what is now the south end of the SUB parking lot, he added. As soon as architectural details are cleared up, it will move ahead into the parking area.

COURSE EVALUATION

Yvonne Walmsley, arts 3, reported on development of a handbook which will evaluate senior courses in arts and science. "This course guide will differ from others in that there will be no personal evaluations of professors' methods of teaching," she said. "But it will help stop what happens often now: you pick a course, and it turns out to be something other than what you expected."

Peter Boothroyd moved a committee between the faculty and the academic relations committee be set up to review course evaluation. The committee would serve to correlate results from various departments' experiments with new methods of teaching.

"Are we not moving too fast?" inquired Schepanovich.

"I am more impatient than you," replied Miss Walmsley.

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COSA meeting criticized

Many student representatives were dissatisfied with Thursday's committee on student affairs meeting.

Students' union vice-president Marilyn Pilkington said, "There was a liaison among the administration, faculty and students that was reasonably effective. But no problems were solved. They were referred to other bodies.

"I hope the proposed council on student affairs will be more effective in really coming to grips with problems."

Glenn Sinclair, co-ordinator of student affairs, said, "COSA made me think of what the score is around here, and of the uselessness of a lot of yap. There was no real communication established, and I don't think there ever will be until the group is made smaller."

Sinclair said he believes a smaller committee could have gone through the whole agenda in less than an hour. The meeting Thursday lasted from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"COSA generally does little more than rubber-stamp the past actions of student government. I guess this could be considered a tribute to the responsibility and maturity of student government on this campus," said Al Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the students' union.

REPLACE COSA?

He advocated a replacement to COSA to provide a better channel of communication, a sounding board for opinions of the students, faculty and administration. "But it must not in any way restrict the autonomy of student government," he added.

He said the only reason COSA has survived as long as it has, meeting twice a year, is because it was required by the University Act. Many of the deans do not bother to attend or even send an alternate.

However, the University Act has recently been revised, and the committee on student affairs will now be called the council on student affairs. Many committee members expressed hope that the council would be set up differently and prove more effective.