

When a fellow says it ain't the money but the principle...

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...it's the money.
Alec Martin



The stairway to heaven? Maybe. This student is clambering up stairs near CAB - there's probably a beer just over the horizon.

Field station vetoed

by Debbie Jones

The interests of higher education have recently come into direct conflict with established government policy on land use for Alberta's eastern slopes.

The government of Alberta turned down a university land lease application for a new field station on the Kootenay plains. The refusal was mainly because it was "an application by a single user to tie up a fairly extensive area of public land" said Les Cooke, executive director of resource evaluation and planning for the Alberta government.

However, university officials contend that thousands of students would benefit from the field station, particularly since it would be open to all Alberta colleges and universities.

Located 250 miles from Edmonton, the site would have incorporated a 40-acre building area, and a further 109 acres of reserved land.

Included in the building plans were dormitory units, laboratories, restaurants, a recreation facility, storage areas, and accommodation for permanent staff.

The problem was that the site was in the "general recrea-

tion" area of the resource management zone of the eastern slopes.

"The proposal by the U of A is not consistent with the government's policy of out-door recreation," said Cooke.

He noted that while debating the issue, cabinet was also concerned about using crown land efficiently. It was worried about other individual organizations making similar applications if a precedent was set through granting the U of A land.

Another land lease proposal the government is presently considering is that of the Odyssey project. A multi-million dollar recreational complex, Odyssey would be located adjacent to the plains in the same general area as the proposed field station. "The general intent of the recreation zone supports projects like Odyssey," Cooke said.

Dr. Ian Campbell, chairman of the university geography department and of the Field Camp committee, finds it strange that the government would give priority to a profitable recreation complex, while refusing land to an educational institute.

Campbell has been working

on the station for ten years and does not understand why the application was refused.

"We were prepared to be very flexible" he says. "Facilities

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SU reps safe

by Alison Thomson

Seven of the ten councillors who were threatened by Dean Olmstead's motion to expel them for absences over the summer attended Tuesday's council meeting.

An amended motion which would have censured all councillors who had had three consecutive or an aggregate of five absences was defeated.

It then occurred to Speaker Kevan Warner that it was a possible conflict of interest for councillors facing censure to vote on that motion, and he ruled that the vote should be retaken, with a roll call. The chair's ruling was challenged, and the challenge was upheld.

Science councillor Steve Cumming then moved that the motion be reconsidered, and asked that a roll call vote be taken. By this somewhat roundabout mechanism, a record was acquired of how the absentee councillors voted.

Of those councillors threatened with censure, Alan Fenna (arts), and Ron Hill (PE.) were absent. Maureen Ford of

women's athletics was prepared to make her vote and voted for reconsideration, and Willie Gruber (commerce), Alan McNaughton (engineering), Dwayne Clarke (forestry), Dean Cave (medicine), Fred Young (agriculture), and David Head (education), voted against the motion to reconsider.

Vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya's motion to request General Faculties Council to make appeal procedures available to those students in courses where exams are worth less than 40 per cent of the final mark was carried. Nursing rep Barb Dalby said that this is particularly relevant to those in nursing because often marks in clinical courses are based on personal recommendations from instructors, and personality conflicts may be a problem.

A motion by interim vp finance Glen Gallinger to approve a club funding policy was tabled because Gallinger had not prepared his documentation in time.

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Sex study

A PhD for this?

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS) Laid-back sex may not be as exciting as it's cracked up to be, according to a U.S. university researcher.

Sex therapist John Wincze decided to test the widely held belief that sexual relations without anxieties and worries are the most enjoyable. In his tests Wincze compared the reactions of two different groups of volunteers to a sexually arousing film.

One group was first shown an anxiety-producing movie such as an Alfred Hitchcock thriller or a videotape of a violent automobile accident before watching the erotic movie. The second group was only shown the erotic film.

Wincze was surprised to find that the volunteers who watched the anxiety-producing movie first later recorded the highest sexual arousal rates.

The therapist suggests that, contrary popular belief, a little anxiety might be beneficial and laid-back sex a little dull.

Meanwhile in other sexual research developments, a London zoologist claims that sex is no fun at all for groundhogs, laid-back or otherwise.

After Andrew Mechelen, of Peacehaven, England, recently complained to zoologists that the squeals of love-happy groundhogs were keeping him awake, a study was conducted.

The problem, one zoologist concluded, was that, "The hedgehogs are noisy because what they are doing is probably a very painful experience."

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Ag building sprouting up

Construction of the new Agriculture-Forestry Center, located north of SUB is approaching the halfway mark.

When completed in October 1980, the center will house the faculty administration and the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Animal Sciences, Food Sciences and Plant Sciences. Although primarily intended to serve as a lab building, the center will also contain offices.

Planning for the new center began in 1969, with the government funds allocated for construction in 1978. Construction of the four-storey building began in September, 1978.

Total cost of the project is estimated at 20 million dollars. This includes landscaping, lab equipment and office furnishings.

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The new Agriculture - Forestry Center behind SUB