

# Council demands fee referendum

by Wes Oginski

The UAB (University Athletic Board) is on the firing line again.

After similar motions were made and accepted by the Engineering Students' Society and the Education Students' Association, Students' Council passed a statement of disapproval of the method the UAB is using in obtaining a yearly discretionary power to increase fees up to 15 per cent.

The motion further recommends that the UAB take the issue to a general referendum. That is, a referendum that would seek student approval of the UAB having such discretionary powers.

"Students at large have little say in both Students' Union and the University Athletic Board," said Elise Gaudet, SU v.p. finance. "They should have a say."

"That's the purpose of a referendum."

Gaudet explained that the SU held a referendum to increase fees last year that passed with a 67 per cent majority. This shows a referendum on fee increases can pass.

Dickson Wood, councillor and UAB chairman, did not agree. He has said earlier that he did not feel it necessary for the UAB to seek general student approval for a change meant only as a means to maintain current programs.

Wood also said he was disappointed that members of council would approach other

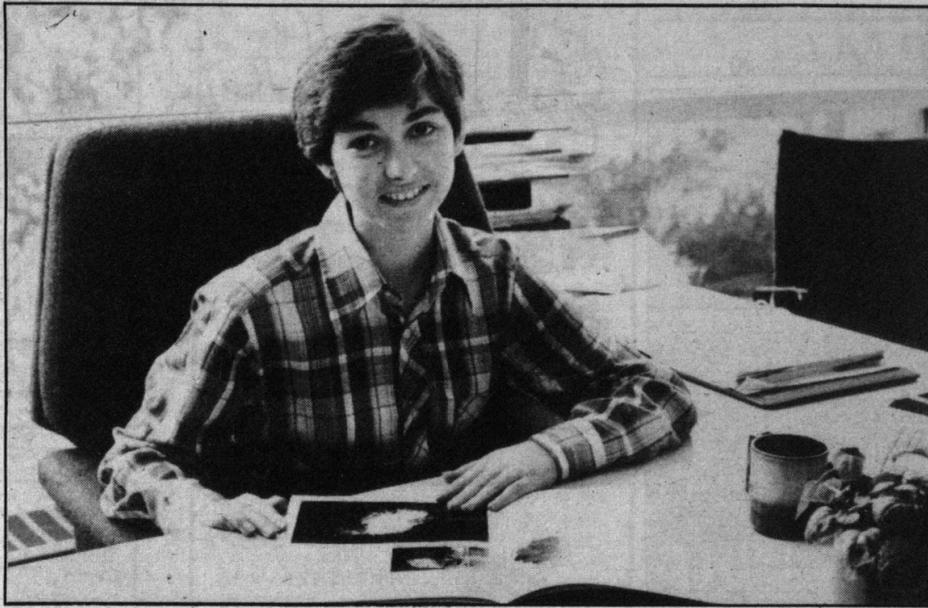


photo Ray Giguere

SU v.p. academic Liz Lunney will fight the Athletic Board to a referendum.

committees.

"I am annoyed that members of our executive would take this to other committees," he said.

Liz Lunney, SU v.p. academic, has taken this same motion to the Council of Faculty Associations and urged the members to present the motion to their associations.

Lunney does not deny she is biased in the motion, but she feels strongly that the issue should be

taken to the students and she would abide by their decision.

Eventually she hopes to take the motions (made by the SU and other associations), petitions she is circulating and the results of the Informal Gateway Survey to the UAB chairman for inclusion in the next UAB meeting (December 8).

"I hope it is circulated to the UAB members and give careful consideration to what the students

seem to say," Lunney says.

SU President Phil Soper agrees that even though Lunney's original motion was biased, he supports the concept of a referendum.

"There are a lot of people on campus who would support a fee increase," he said, "I just disagree with the process."

"Referenda is designed to be a quite equitable process," Soper adds, as long as campaigns are run for both sides of the issue.

## UAB whines, paper shines

Dickson Wood, University Athletic Board (UAB) chairman and SU councillor, challenged Liz Lunney at the Tuesday Students' Council meeting.

Wood claimed that the Gateway and Lunney have misrepresented what the UAB actually is trying to do.

"The intent of the motion (the change in the UAB constitution that would give them the ability to raise athletic fees 15 per cent per year without going to referendum) at UAB is to simply maintain programs here at the university - not an attempt to increase programs," he told council.

"We don't have a hope in hell in presenting a fair point of view," Wood added.

"I stand behind anything I said in that article (in the November 5 Gateway), and no, Council can not expect an apology," Lunney reiterated.

"I have no complaint with the Gateway coverage," Lunney said later. "It's been accurate."

"The Gateway stands on its record," says editor Peter Michalshyn.

Wood was asked to respond but refused. He has agreed to submit a letter explaining the UAB position.

# Salvadorean slaughter described in detail

by Greg Harris

"I consider that we as human beings have an obligation to aid our brothers in every part of the world."

"It would be very important to us if the Canadian government did not recognize the military junta, or support American intervention."

This was the message given by Raoul Pineda, El Salvadorean engineering student, who spoke on campus last Wednesday.

About two hundred people attended the forum which included a thirty minute slide presentation on the recent history of El Salvador.

Pineda spoke principally on the situation faced by students in his country. However, he said that, "If you wish to understand the situation of the universities in El Salvador you have to understand the situation as a whole."

He said that people in El Salvador have two choices: "To die of hunger or to fight."

He emphasized that peasants and moderates have been falsely labelled terrorists by the military government, and in turn the commercial press.

"To be young and hungry in our country - that's terrorism. But why isn't disembowling of people by the government called

terrorism?" he asked.

He said that the military have killed children on the assumption that they were terrorists.

The Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), said Pineda, is increasingly productive, "While the government in burning plantations because they can be seen as havens for terrorists."

Pineda's tour of Canada was sponsored by The General Association of El Salvadorean University Students (GASEUS), who are directly affiliated with the FDR. Pineda's efforts in his country are spent largely in a nation wide campaign for literacy.

Universities, schools, and hospitals have been closed since the outbreak of the war and are now being used as facilities for the military.

"In the face of this repression the student movement has hardened its resistance," said Pineda.

In 1979 students began pushing for democratization of their campuses. They demanded

representation by University officials who would be responsive to their interests.

However, the government started arresting students, "because these 'subversive' students were setting a bad example for the rest of the students," said Pineda.

In July of 1980 the government killed over 40 students.

"This particular intervention did not stop at sheer murder, but destruction ensued...philosophy and history books were destroyed because they contained a gem of terrorism," he said.

As an example of the violent repression, Pineda told of one woman student who was kidnapped by the National Guard.

"She had been raped so many times that she did not remember her own name...and she had been raped so severely that she no longer menstruates." She used to be one of the brightest students on campus, he said.

"How many women like this and others must suffer?"

Pineda pinned blame for much of the destruction on the

massive American intervention in El Salvador.

"It seems that Ronald Reagan wants to have another try at a Vietnam...U.S. intervention will prolong the war and cause more deaths," he said.

He said that the arms being used in the civil war are not from the Soviet Union via Cuba and Nicaragua.

"The arms in El Salvador are not Soviet, in fact they are American or Israeli," he said.

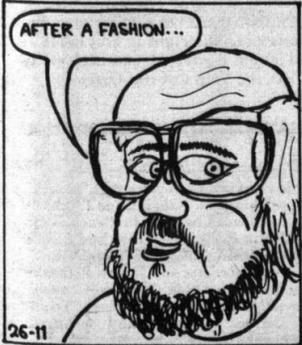
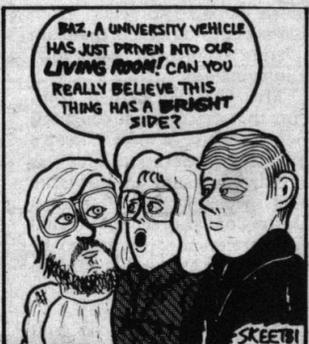
Pineda was confident that the world will realize the situation in El Salvador and will support the Franco-Mexican initiative to recognize the FDR as the only legitimate representative of the people.

"The triumph of the Salvadorean people will be not only for those people, but for all the peoples of the world," he said.

When Pineda finishes his tour of 25 colleges and universities across Canada he will be returning to his country to work on the literacy campaign, if, he says, he is not immediately singled out by the authorities and killed.

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## Lawyer's diary: working with the system

happened at the apartment when Ken Shanks shot to death.

We were advised that a report of recommendations would be provided within a reasonable time.

21 Aug 81  
No report from E.C.P. Phone S/Sgt. Crawford who stated a report would be going to the Chief "next Monday."

21 Sept 81  
No report to self or family. Wrote to Chief. - Letter attached.

9 Oct 81

Received reply from Chief (Lunney) - attached (file sent to Steven Koval, Senior agent of the Attorney General)

14 Oct 81

No reply - wrote Koval - (attached)

18 Nov 81

No reply - phoned Koval and he advised that matter had been handed over to Stan Franklin -

Lawyer, A.G.'s Dept.

19 Nov 81

Phoned Franklin. He advised that an inquiry under the Fatalities Inquiries Act to be held before P.J. Rolf on 15,16,17, Dec. Also stated no criminal charges to be laid against the two policemen. *Nor were any charges to be laid against the family.*

Family not advised of date of hearing.

Lawyer not advised of date of hearing.