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presidential election DIEs

"There's no denying..."

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...that we have an image problem.
-Abraham Mendez, Deputy General Manager of the Department of Tourism, El Salvador.

by Anne Stephen

The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board met last night and decided to overturn only the SU presidential election.

This decision came as the result of illegal election practices by Walker representatives, who stuffed Lister Hall mailboxes with campaign pamphlets.

It was pointed out, however, that if the literature had been taped to the residence doors, it would not have been in violation of the bylaw.

Although Don Millar (a Walker Executive representative) claimed that the DIE Board had "no jurisdiction to reconsider their decision (according to Article 15 of the constitution, and DIE Board bylaw Article 32)." It was to no avail.

There was some question as to the legality of the Board's move. Article 32 of the DIE Board bylaw states, in part, that "no adjournment shall exceed a period of 3 days." The original decision was made on February 17.

The Chairperson of DIE Board, Hal Zalmonowitz, said "we probably are in direct violation of that (the 3 day limitation) but we'll

stand by this decision." He then recommended that if the Walker representatives were unhappy with the decision, they should appeal it.

David Vincent, a DIE Board member, submitted his resignation and said "this wishy-washy approach (to decision making) cannot be tolerated."

Mike Walker, former president-elect, said "my faith in DIE Board as a judicial body has frankly been destroyed tonight. DIE Board has overturned the election on a purely technical point... this flip-flop and reversal has turned (the Board) into a political Kangaroo Court!"

Brian Bechtel, Board of Governors representative-elect, said "I don't think DIE Board has responded to political pressure... it's not a Kangaroo Court."

"Granted we were flip-flop, but it's a more just decision.... We didn't see any point in fining him (Don Millar)... the maximum fine is \$25," Zalmonowitz said.

Afterwards, Walker said that he would run again.

"I'll beat them as many times as I have to, to convince them that they've lost," he said.

Students gather support for march

by Greg Harris

Expectations are running high for a successful National Week of Action at the University of Alberta.

"In light of the General Faculties Council (GFC) decision (to cancel classes 12:30-3:30 March 11) it's important that the turnout for the march to the legislature is large so we can convince the public that we are concerned about the decisions being made about post-secondary education in this province," says Don Millar, co-ordinator of the U of A Week of Action.

"The response so far has been very good... providing the weather is good I'm encouraged about the kind of turn-out we'll get," he says.

Organization of the Week's activities is proceeding smoothly although some officials have not yet fully committed themselves to speaking to students at the steps of the legislature.

Secretary of State Gerald Regan had previously said that he would be in Edmonton for the event, but Millar says the minister is backing out of his commitment and it is unclear who will be speaking from his office.

Millar says that the National Week of Action organizing committee is still trying to secure his visit through lobbying efforts by the Canadian Federation of Students.

Other activities during the week will include a funeral procession through campus and a eulogy for the death of post-secondary education, to be held March 9 outside the Arts quad at approximately noon.

First-Aid stations will be set

up throughout campus to hand out band-aids, symbolizing the kind of solutions governments come up with for problems in post-secondary education underfunding.

"They'll be the cheap kind - certainly not tensor bandages," says Millar.

On March 10 there will be a post-card mailing in front of the Administration building. The post cards, which are addressed to Advanced Education and Manpower Minister Jim Horsman, protest cutbacks, rising tuition fees, and inaccessibility of post-secondary education.

The post cards will be distributed throughout campus next week and students are urged to sign them and drop them in soon-to-appear collection boxes, or take them to the Anti-Cutbacks office in SUB 240.

The Gateway will be publishing a special issue on the current crises in post-secondary education next Tuesday.



Honorable Minister of Advanced Education, James Horsman:

Your government's practice of underfunding post-secondary education has seriously affected the quality of and access to higher education in this province. Therefore, I join with others to call for:

- * an end to the cutbacks
- * a freeze of tuition fees until the completion of an independent province-wide accessibility study
- * adequate funding for ALL post-secondary institutions in Alberta

Name

Institution or City



FEDERATION OF ALBERTA STUDENTS

Send them a message: FAS-sponsored cards can be picked up at the Students' Union to send to Jim Horsman. Or deliver them personally at next Thursday's march on the legislature.

Blakeney promises to make up cuts

Saskatoon (CUP) - The Saskatchewan Government has pledged unqualified support for maintaining university funding levels in the wake of impending federal cutbacks.

Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney surprised university academics at an NDP nomination meeting February 20 by promising that, "if there are federal cutbacks, we must be prepared to make up the difference."

No other provincial govern-

ment has made such an unequivocal statement on how it would respond to planned reductions in federal transfers to the provinces, used to fund post-secondary education.

The provincial and federal governments are now locked in a series of negotiations over revenue guarantee payments and equalization transfers. Other provincial governments are playing it cagey, refusing to reveal what they will do if the federal government goes

ahead with the plans it announced in the November 12 budget.

No one is sure what the net effect of the complex tax changes outlined in the budget on provincial revenues will be. Estimates of the net revenue loss over the next five years have varied from \$1.9 to \$9.2 billion. The most widely accepted estimate is that of the *Globe and Mail*, that provincial revenues would be a minimum of \$3.5 million less than if present arrangements were continued for the next five years.

The federal cuts are not absolute, but relative to what they would be under present arrangements.

The provinces, naturally, oppose these cuts. They have tried to maintain a united front in the confusing maze of negotiations since November. They have said that the federal cuts would greatly

reduce the amount of money they have available for advanced education.

The federal government answers that the provinces have not been pulling their weight in funding advanced education, even though it is in their jurisdiction under the BNA Act. They say the provinces must assume a higher share of the costs.

Recently, the federal government unilaterally threatened to go ahead with its proposed budget changes effective March 31. The provinces want to continue negotiating in hopes of a breakthrough.

The federal government says it is pessimistic about the chances for a quick deal. However, with the exception of Saskatchewan, the provinces still refuse to reveal their contingency plans, if indeed they have any.

Lewis highlights Women's Day

Monday, March 8 marks International Women's Day and several events are planned on campus to celebrate the day.

The U of A Women's Center is sponsoring a forum featuring Debra Lewis, co-author of *Rape: The price of Coercive Sexuality* at noon in the Education Building, Rm 1-29. Her topic will be "Women, Violence and Social Control."

Lewis will also be speaking that evening in the Heritage Lounge of Athabasca Hall at 6:00 p.m. and will lead a discussion workshop on women's issues. Dinner will be available for \$3.00

and free child care can be arranged by phoning 432-4236.

The Edmonton International Women's Day committee is organizing a march Saturday March 6 at noon. The fifth annual women's march will begin at the legislature grounds, and then proceed to Speaker's Corner, Centennial Library.

Also on Saturday is a pot luck Social at 6:00 p.m. at Kings College, 10766-97 St. There will be entertainment, and child care is available.

On Sunday, there will be a potluck, benefit and film showing at Everywoman's place, 9926-112

St. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the price of admission is \$2.00 if you bring a dish, and \$4.00 if you don't.

A week long course on Sexual Harassment is being offered by the faculty of extension, to begin on Monday, March 8. The course identifies sexual harassment, analyzes its causes and explores the immediate and long-range consequences of taking action.

The course will be in session each week-day from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. plus Saturday March 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Education North, Rm 1-130.

Everyone is invited to attend all the above activities.

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