

Sawatsky tells the story

by Andrew Whats

The university administration has officially abolished the B.A. program.

"It was a necessary step if we were to remain financially solvent," says U of A President Myer Horowitz.

The university has recently been confronted with an unexpected deficit of \$900,000. Cutting out the B.A. program was seen as a 'cost saving measure.'

Students will now be able to take arts courses as options only. The staff of the faculty will be trimmed by 60% and arts will be merged with education.

"In this way we hope to offer courses to students but at a much

reduced cost to ourselves," comments U of A V.P. Finance and Administration, Lorne Leitch.

When asked to comment on the financial feasibility of this plan, SU V.P. Finance and Administration Roger Merkosky said, "How the hell should I know? This is something that will have to be taken up with the Academic office."

When contacted on the matter, V.P. Academic Wes Sawatsky scurried away to his office, shutting the door and pulling down the blind. When pressed for a response, Sawatsky said,

"In a subsequent council meeting Sawatsky was asked for his report on the matter and he said, "

In the same meeting, Oscar Ammar attacked Sawatsky, calling him inactive and impotent in his office. When Ammar began to drive home his points, badgering Sawatsky for an answer, Sawatsky finally said,

"After the meeting Sawatsky scuttled away from a bunch of reporters saying, "

In Sawatsky's defense, SU President, Robert Greenhill said, "Wes works very hard, I guess, I mean I never see the damn guy, he burrows himself in that office of his and doesn't come out except to eat and go to the bathroom."

Sawatsky could be reached for comment and finalized his position by emphatically stating, "



VP Academic, Wes Sawatsky, about to make his emphatic point

Four little indians

Exec united but for Wes

by Igor Polgorski

"Actually we had the idea before they (City of Edmonton) did," says U of A SU VP Internal Ray Conway.

Yesterday, the SU Executive Committee announced they will take to Students' Council a proposal that would save the debt-ridden organization \$350,000 in the next six months.

The proposal calls for heavy budget cuts, mainly in the area of personnel.

"We were given the choice of drastically reducing the quality of the excellent services we already provide," explains Conway, "or reduce the number of employees providing those services."

"After careful consideration we, the Executive Committee, concluded it was more important to maintain the bureaucratic structure of the student services and reduce the number of people working within the system," adds SU President Rob Greenhill.

Among the cuts Greenhill's Executive will recommend to the next Council meeting (January 11), include the ratification of their dismissal of the SU office's front staff, and the merging of the *Getaway* and RATT

(see other story on p. 11).

"We unilaterally decided to make the front office staff cut and *Getaway*-RATT merger effective immediately," says Conway. "It was a cost effective scenario and a good simulation of the type of cuts we would like to make."

Greenhill agrees.

"Yes," agrees Greenhill. "We can take these cuts to Council with facts and figures of the types of savings we can make."

Roger Merkosky, SU VP Finance and Administration, estimates the original proposal could save up to \$500,000.

"In our first discussion on the topic, the proposal would have saved the Students' Union a half million dollars," he explains, "but some of the Committee felt this might be a little drastic considering the political climate."

"Instead, someone counter-proposed the immediate dismissal of some staff before Christmas to demonstrate the efficiency of such budget restraints," Merkosky continues. "We wrangled that idea over a couple of minutes and voted almost

unanimously in favor of dropping the front office staff and merging the staffs of the *Getaway* and RATT. This brought our present proposal savings down to around \$350,000."

The proposal, as it now stands asks for a staff reduction by laying off approximately 25 per cent of the existing paid staff.

"We feel these cuts are realistic," says Greenhill. "After all, we have been able to cover for the front staff since they left. Ray and Theresa switch on covering the phones, while Roger and Wes keep the filing in order. I, of course, supervise."

"I also understand the *Getaway*/RATT staff are coping quite well," Conway adds.

The one executive to dissent to the proposal was Wes Sawatsky, VP Academic.

"I did not feel I had been here long enough to vote on the proposal," he explains. "So I actually abstained, and not voted against my fellow executives."

"But I'm sure they made the right decision," he adds.

Dr. Deb explains all

The Faculty of Dentistry has recently hired Dr. Debbie Lovelace as an associate member of the Department of Oral Biology.

Dr. Lovelace's research are the physiology of the gag reflex and the functional significance of mid-line diastema in young males.

Her first interest in oral physiology originates from her cousin Linda's famous acting career in Gerald Damiano's feature films. Encountering troubles with one or two cast members, cousin Linda sought Debbie's advice. Dr. Lovelace developed a modified splint and training device, similar to those commonly used to treat temporomandibular joint problems. The splints

worked - and Linda went on to become a big star.

More recently, Dr. Lovelace has been conducting clinical research into the functional role of the mid-line diastema in young North American males. It seems that the presence of said diastema prevents wear and tear on female companions, and has led Dr. Lovelace to speculate that the newly found 'G' spot is in fact only one of several regions requiring alphabetical analysis. Meanwhile, the D spot continues to excite Dr. Lovelace and her fellow staff members. And who knows what other marvellous discoveries lie ahead in the field of oral biology...



Placard carrying crowds encircled the coliseum during TGHM's first club meeting

Gonzales' hostility now official

SU VP External, Teresa Gonzales, is the central figure in a campus fad which has recently been promoted to club status.

Yesterday, Clubs Commissioner Sterling Sunley approved the constitution for the *Teresa Gonzales Hates Me* club.

The organization, which has existed since early October, has recently been recognized by its namesake as "a good idea after all."

The TGHM club first came about when several employees of the SU realized that they had something in common. Said one anonymous club member, "Sure, Teresa hates most of us. It's the few people she does like that I feel sorry for. After all, once you

know she hates you, you don't waste much time with her. Her friends have to withstand unlimited abuse."

When Gonzales first learned of the club's existence, she was incensed and made an announcement in Council, objecting to the club and saying she couldn't help it that she was "overbearing."

But time has mellowed Teresa and last week she even offered her services as treasurer to Club President Don Millar.

"I'm really glad Teresa has decided to help out," said Millar. "She actually feels kind of honored. After all the club is named after her. Hating people was just a hobby for Teresa before but it may now become a full-

time occupation."

The TGHM's meet monthly in the Coliseum but new members have been discouraged from attending as the Club's executive is already having trouble with arrangements for extra seats.

There is a five dollar fee for official recognition in the organization. Club funds go the TGHM buttons and t-shirts with all left-over revenues being disposed of at the treasurer's discretion.

Says Gonzales, "I've always hated people. It just comes natural to me. It's being nice to my friends that I find difficult."

The Winner!

of the Gonzo's ass look-alike contest.

Pietro wins a free membership in the TGHM club



We searched high and low and this bum is it! The curves and the bulges of the real Gonzo ass are duplicated so perfectly we can't tell them apart. Can you?