

There are too damn many in school...

# The Gateway

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...who don't know how to win.

— Woody Hayes

## Gainers criteria decided

by John Watson

Quality, price, and market acceptability will determine who the university buys its meat products from if the president accepts a recommendation from the Housing and Food Services Advisory Committee.

President Horowitz called a special meeting of the committee last Friday, two days after receiving a petition calling for the university to stop buying Gainers' products.

According to S.U. Housing and Transport Commissioner Andrew Fredericks, it was recommended to Housing and Food Services that products containing Gainers' meat be marked as such.

This is "one of the ways to test the third criteria (acceptability)," said Fredericks.

If products so marked do not sell as well as others this may be an indication consumers do not want Gainers' products on campus.

Though, as Fredericks said, "students can't spend all of their money at Greenfields on salads."

Associate V.P. (Admin) A. Rennie was not available for comment.



Does this train stop in Mazatlan?

Photo Stephen Pandke

## Senate: Farm out 1st & 2nd years

by Randal Smathers

There is a growing controversy over a Senate recommendation on the place of colleges in advanced education in Alberta. In a recent task force inquiry, the University Senate recommended that colleges should play a greater role in the delivery of first and second year university education.

This recommendation was forwarded to Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell, along with ten others.

The concerns regarding this suggestion were expressed by VP External Mike Hunter. "I'm very concerned about the implications of recommendation four," he said, adding that, in fact, no one knows what the full implications are. "We don't know what we are talking about."

He stated that no suggestions were made regarding which specific colleges or courses should be included. "How does this institution get quality control?" he asked.

Hunter also expressed concern that undergraduate life at the U of A would be altered dramatically. He pointed out that student involvement on campus usually doesn't begin until "a year, at least, maybe two, and if you cut it down to a two year undergraduate degree, it could eliminate most student involvement."

He indicated that the student senators felt that the "intangibles should have been addressed."

Jack McLean, Task Force chairman, said, "It is my personal opinion that our recommendations would more logically be phrased in general and not specific terms," adding that it is important that the increased role of colleges be "mutually agreeable between all concerned."

Hunter responded, "If that's the

case, why did they ask the Chancellor to communicate this to the minister? You said, 'Let's do this', not 'Let's have the GFC or a task force subcommittee examine it in depth'. If you're going to add (a recommendation) that has profound effects on campus life, than don't make a specific recommendation," adding that he would like to have the GFC look into it.

University President Myer Horowitz pointed out that in last year's university-sponsored study of the future of the institution, a similar recommendation was made. He also said, "The president of Grant

## No WCT refunds

by Laurel Tokuda

Students who have taken the Writing Competency Test prior to being told they were exempt from it are upset.

According to a motion passed in September, by the General Faculties Council, students who achieved a mark of at least 80 per cent on the English 30 Diploma Exam do not have to take the WCT.

Letters sent out to exempt students informing them of this motion were only received last week. For many, that was not early enough.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "They give you all this stress and strain about writing it as soon as possible, putting in your application (to register for the WCT), and then having to bus it all the way from Castle Downs to write the exam. I wrote it the first week in September and it's not like I didn't have anything else to worry about with university starting, trying to get into the bookstore to get textbooks and everything else. Now they tell me I don't have to write it but I can't have my

MacEwan and myself will be discussing this in the new year."

He indicated that he felt it was incumbent on the university and colleges to determine their own roles regarding university transfer courses at the college level, but that Advanced Education Minister Russell would also have to have input.

He pointed out this change in university policy would allow more emphasis on graduate level studies, "without handing over all undergraduate responsibilities."

He also stated "this does not mean that every college should be

involved", but he indicated that Grant MacEwan, for example, is interested in offering "university equivalent courses, and that we're supportive of that."

New Democratic Education critic Gerry Gibeault said he felt that "the proposal has a lot of merit, we should take a good hard look at it", but that standards had to be guaranteed. He pointed out possible cost advantages, benefits for students studying in their home towns, and that smaller institutions could avoid the problems of "undergraduate classes of two to three hundred students, where the stu-

dent feels like a cog in the machine."

The feeling expressed by McLean and other Senate representatives was that the problem with this recommendation was one of wording and not one of substance.

Judith Goldsand, coordinator and editor of the inquiry document, said, "The wording was the problem", adding that a close vote on tabling the motion seemed to have been based on a misunderstanding about the phrasing.

Dave Russell was unavailable for comment at this time.

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