

## Fee vote Friday

by Brian Tucker

Students will be asked Friday to vote for a \$3 increase in union fees for the 1974-75 term.

Approval of the referendum would mean a fee increase for 1974-75 to \$34, from the \$31, charged the last two terms.

Meanwhile, a forum to debate the proposed fee has been called for this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the SUB theatre.

Charley Hall, finance vice-president, told a council meeting Monday night the increase was essential or a number of student services would be cut back.

Salary increases, inflation and HUB were cited as major causes of the financial crises faced by the students union this year.

"We do not want to increase fees but revenues are insufficient," said Hall.

"We're finding ourselves in a situation more and more difficult each year."

The increase would add about \$50,000 in revenue to the SU.

Several councillors lashed out at the executive, claiming that four days were not enough time for students to make an informed decision.

An amendment to postpone the referendum for a week was defeated by council.

"If we postponed the referendum, it would eventually be an election issue," George Mantor, students' union

president, said later in an interview.

"Some people would use it to their advantage in an election...it's not a popular thing to do," Mantor added.

A fee increase was a reasonably straightforward thing to decide, he said.

"It does not require a tremendous amount of time and debate."

In a brief to council, Hall said the large deficit in the 1973-74 budget, amounting to about \$158,000, is a result of several factors other than HUB.

The student housing complex, though, has been blamed for most of the trouble as it has cost the students' union \$228,100 due primarily to a reluctance of commercial business to move into the mall.

Hall noted that since 1967, when the students fee was \$27.50, staff costs have increased 160 per cent, while the number of paid staff has decreased.

A major salary expense has been paying for the maintenance of the two student owned campus buildings, HUB and SUB.

Secretaries in the Central Office have also been laid off and some jobs have been doubled up. "We're short at least two people," said Mantor.

Cutbacks required during the last three or four years that were listed in the brief included: termination of the university

yearbook, closing of the Art Gallery, grant fund, special events budget and faculty association grants have been reduced, the third floor of SUB has been left unfinished, and increase in the commercial use of SUB theatre and other building space.

Asked why the referendum was not held earlier, Mantor said the students' union had been investigating alternatives to solve the economic problems.

David Allin, who seconded the amendment to postpone the referendum, felt the lack of debate could threaten the possibility of approval of the scheme.

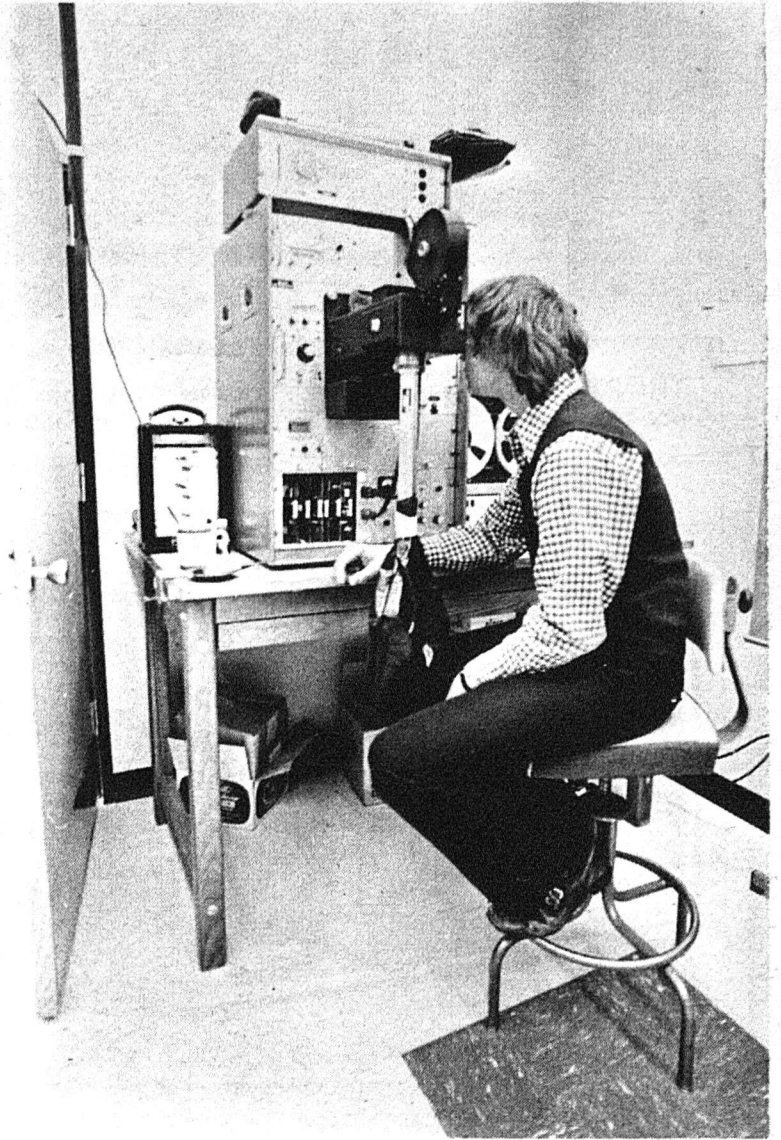
"If we expect students to vote in favour of the fee increase, we have to show them that it is justified. Last year's referendum was defeated because we weren't shown this."

Jim Talbot, science representative, suggested the decision showed no faith in rational decision making ability of students.

"If there are valid reasons (for the increase) they should be aired."

The brief said the SU has been operating under roughly the same fee structure since 1960, when the total was \$22.50.

Rents in HOB have already been raised by \$10 for single and two-person accommodation and \$20 for four-person and special accommodation.



Department of Meteorology staff at work.

## Weather satellite

Have you ever heard the weatherman on CBXT refer to "The University of Alberta weather satellite"? Weather pictures of Canada taken from space credited to the U of A.

R.E. Reinelt of the Department of Meteorology says that although the pictures belong to the U of A, the satellite doesn't.

"The weather satellite is owned by NASA, and we are allowed to pick up their signals," says Reinelt.

The airways are free and anyone with proper equipment can pick them up without charge, he adds.

The equipment used by the Department of Meteorology costs about \$35,000.

It consists of an antenna, signal amplifiers, and a satellite-seeking device.

These are located at the

University farm at Ellerslie.

The equipment is made in Finland.

The amplified signals are sent to a station on the second floor of the Tory building, where pictures are taken and developed.

The satellite passes over our section of the earth once every two hours.

About thirty pictures are taken daily.

"We only use what is of interest to us," says Reinelt.

This includes the Great Lakes area west to the Pacific.

The pictures are used for research and instruction in the Department of Meteorology with copies being sent to CBXT.

There is one full time worker in the processing of the satellite signals, and Reinelt works with graduate students in meteorology in the processing of signal to photograph.

## Academic vp resigns

by Allyn Cadogan and Brian Tucker

Members of Students' Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Patrick Delaney as academic vice president at Monday night's regular meeting.

No reason was given at that time for the resignation which takes effect immediately. However, reliable sources have informed *Gateway* that reasons were discussed behind closed doors later in the evening.

*Gateway's* sources say that Delaney's resignation was requested as a result of the disappearance of travel funds made available to the vp for trips made last fall. Delaney was allegedly advanced close to \$2300 by the Students' Union for travel expenses to conferences in eastern Canada.

The executive has issued no official statement on the matter other than to say that Delaney

has resigned "for personal reasons."

Delaney has declined to comment.

Howard Banks, council speaker, told *Gateway* in a telephone interview, "The situation is under control, from what I know of it."

Banks commented that Council has issued "explicit directions" concerning who will have access to the minutes taken at Monday's closed meeting. He was not certain whether there would be a verbatim record of the meeting.

Banks suggested that more details would be released in two weeks after further investigation into the matter. "No policy statement at this stage would be appropriate," he said.

It is a common practice of the Students' Union, as with most corporations, to advance

funds for trips required by various positions. According to our sources, the money advanced to Delaney was to have been reimbursed by conference organizers.

Delaney, who is reported to have been in ill health for the past two weeks, was absent from last week's General Faculties Council meeting and from Monday's Council meeting.

According to George Mantor, SU president, he and executive vp Gary Croxton will split Delaney's administrative chores for the month and a half remaining in the executive's mandate.

The academic vice president shares the administrative load with the four other executive members, sitting on GFC and several university committees, and hears student appeals of academic positions.

## Policy council formed

A council of Alberta universities that would discuss common problems and policy has been endorsed by General Faculties Council.

With a wide range of functions, the approved council would provide a platform for discussion of such topics as new academic programs and government funding of post secondary institutions.

However, its power is far more limited than envisioned by the Universities of Calgary and Lethbridge, which wanted the

body to control academic matters.

Their proposal is similar to one put forward by the existing Alberta co-ordinating body, which had urged the 27-member council be streamlined and given greater power in academic matters.

Max Wyman, U of A president, said a council that spoke for all universities was desirable, but disagreed that it should have the power to overrule the three GFCs.

Walter Neal, vice president planning and development, said

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## Recycling project

The Building Services Division has just completed placing 176 plastic containers in various offices on the campus for the purpose of collecting

the U of A's version would allow each institution to take proposals to the government either directly or through the council.

Neal rejected a suggestion that the council be postponed 18 months until the new Universities Act is completed, stating issues already exist which the universities should face together.

"I think it is urgent that this kind of proposal should be tested and tried," he said, before another body is proposed by the government.

paper for recycling.

The benefits of collecting paper for recycling are well known; however, in order for the collection program to be successful it is essential that a high proportion of University staff and students participate by collecting salvageable paper from within their own departments and buildings and by depositing it in the containers provided. Manpower is not available to sort whatever is put into the containers so it is essential that only paper for recycling be placed in them. The Building Services Division's budget cannot afford to lose money on their recycling program. Its continuation will depend

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