

editorial

Get out and vote!

On Friday March 29 the students at this University are being given the opportunity to decide whether or not they wish to continue to be number one in Canadian athletics.

The U of A has been fortunate enough to have extensive recreational facilities that have allowed for imaginative people to build up sound, educational programs in the areas of intramural activities and intercollegiate athletics.

In the past years, the Faculty of Phys. Ed. has helped to provide recreational services for all students on campus.

They have provided the facilities and carried out the maintenance of these facilities as well. Staff resources contributed by the faculty include administrative personnel, highly qualified coaches, and the support staff that is necessary to provide extensive recreational programs.

The faculty of Physical Education was not obliged to provide this help but they saw a need and because of their concern for student's welfare stepped in.

However, because the programs have increased in scope as well as in numbers of participants, it has become necessary for the U Athletic Board to look to alternative means of financial assistance.

Four alternatives came to mind: 1. charging student admission to all collegiate events, 2. charging a fee for all intramural events, 3. charging a separate fee for use of a towel, locker, and lock, 4. charging for use of equipment for recreational purposes.

All of these alternatives have been turned down by the athletic board which is largely composed of

students.

Our program is an educational one which provides every student with the opportunity to participate at his own skill level. By charging fees, some students may be hindered from actively participating to the extent that they wish to do so. We would like to promote physical fitness and not to discourage it by withholding equipment and facilities.

If we were to charge admission to intercollegiate events, it is possible that students will turn away from these activities. Relying on spectators for revenue tends to force on one to capitalize on major attractions. This could result in major sports being promoted to the detriment of sports which draw fewer crowds, as well as intramural activities which would depend on intervarsity revenues to function. Finally, the U.A.B. believes that the academic welfare of participants comes first, and consequently wish to de-emphasize any aspect of our athletic program which resembles professional sport more than a student service.

In the past, all of Canada has looked to Alberta as a leader in the area of Recreational programming. The U.A.B. wishes to continue recreational programs that allow for students to participate in activities that are fun, educational, and provide for physical and mental well-being.

For the recreational program to continue to be number one, a YES vote on Friday is a must.

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polls for the uab fee referendum will be located in the following buildings:

9am -5pm

friday, march 29, 1974

phys. ed.

cab

tory

law

rutherford

education

lister

eng. ph. 2

clin. sci.(1-5)

med. sci.(9-1)

by mens locker room

by cameron

main lobby

2nd floor, by library

2nd floor mall

by elevators

by cafeteria

main lobby

2nd floor, by elevators

2nd floor, 112 street entrance

advance poll - phys. ed. building by mens locker room

6pm

thursday, march 28, 1974

all people with fees paid are eligible to vote

bring your id card - you can't vote without it