

"I most regret being labeled a hunk ..."

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... a hunk of what? Of cheese?"

Rob Lowe



It's Health week, people. Thirteen health-related faculties including Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Home Economics have organized activities to promote health and health awareness. Various faculties are manning booths in CAB all this week, where among other things toothbrushes, fruit, massages and prophylactics are being handed out. These booths are also distributing information about all the health-related faculties, a good time for

undergraduates considering health studies to get some guidance. Other health week activities include a party at Goose Loonies tonight, and an earthball game in QUAD. So because you can no longer have fun in the sun like these young jocks, get healthy with the fun types in CAB.

Photo Mark Spector

Equal pay at U of A soon?

by Suzette C. Chan and Gilbert Bouchard

The university may institute an equal pay for work of equal value plan for non-academic staff while the university's president has appointed an assistant to look after "equity matters".

U of A president Myer Horowitz told the Gateway that the university is currently evaluating jobs of its non-academic staff.

"It's important to bring out problems of wage inequality in the open," Horowitz said.

The study, three months underway, is a two-year project which may lead the university to a policy of giving equal pay for work of equal value.

Horowitz said wanted to do something about wage inequality after hearing an example from the U of A of its effects.

"It was brought to my attention that two specific positions on campus calling for the same background, intellect and education were on two different pay salary levels," said Horowitz. "The lower one was filled entirely by women."

Horowitz declined to name the positions.

He explained that non-academic staff only was being studied because salary levels are not a problem with

academic staff. He said thought that there may be discrimination against women at the hiring stage.

"It's going to cost a lot of money," Horowitz said of the equal pay plan, "but it's essential."

The head of the university's Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) agrees.

"We're heartily in favor of the concept," said NASA manager George Walker. "Obviously [wage inequality] should be corrected but the solution is not to pull everyone's salary down."

Walker said that it is "mature to worry about the cost" but he is awaiting the results of the study before making further comment.

Meanwhile, President Horowitz has appointed a special assistant who will report directly to the president on matters of equality.

He stressed that equality matters may include concerns of "visible and cultural minorities, women and disabled people."

Doris Badir, who has been at the U of A for 10 years, retires as Dean of Home Economics in June to take the half-time position.

"[Badir] is the perfect person, highly respected by staff and students," Horowitz said. "She will help us all to be more sharp in matters where we're trying to be sharp."

'Wouldn't be an issue if I were a normal student'

Candidate may be fined

by Greg Halinda and Bill Daskoch

An SU presidential candidate is being asked to pay \$125 after accidentally breaking a glass door with a skateboard in SUB last Sunday.

The candidate, Jayson Woodbridge of the Woodbridge Slate, claimed he was standing on a skateboard when it slipped out from under his foot and broke a glass door by SUB Theatre.

A SUB janitor heard the window break and subsequently investigated. Woodbridge admitted that he caused the accident and when asked for his name, said "I'm Ken Bosman and I'm running for president."

Bosman is the SU's external commissioner and said he is "sort of" working for the Positive Perspectives '86 slate, but is not doing much.

However, Campus Security was informed of the incident and upon being informed that Bosman might get in trouble, Woodbridge said he rushed over to them and told them his real name.

"It was a very typical Jayson thing to do," quipped Bosman. "I'm taking the whole thing very lightly."

Woodbridge was not happy about being asked to pay for the

damages. "It wasn't willful damage. The SU has insurance to cover this. If someone from the Gateway tripped and tossed a typewriter through the window, should they be required to pay?"

"If I was a normal student and I broke the window, there wouldn't be an issue. It's just because I'm running for president."

However, SU business manager Tom Wright was not sympathetic to Woodbridge's position.

"If it were any other student I would send them a bill too," responded Wright. "Why should he be any different?"

"If you sit in a chair and it breaks

that's one thing," he continued, "but even if you unintentionally damage something, you should be prepared to take responsibility. We've had people come in and admit to breaking things and then offer to pay."

Wright said that it was his job to try and collect money for such damages and that he had submitted a report to the SU executive explaining the incident.

The executive had the option of waiving the bill, he said, but VP Finance Rob Splane said "he (Woodbridge) can come and talk to us if he wants."

Youth funding chopped

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal budget estimates released Feb. 27 show the government will spend at least \$20 million less on youth programs next year.

The Minister of State (Youth) has been spared the budget axe, but no specific budget has been allocated, unlike the other junior ministry under the Secretary of State, the Ministry of State (Multicultural-

ism), which does have a budget.

The government allocated \$5.5 million to wind down Katimavik, the youth volunteer program cut last month. The estimates say the other \$14.2 million of Katimavik's regular budget has been "re-allocated to new government initiatives and priorities." But these priorities aren't spelled out any-

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