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—Ron Sears

Business faculty begins lobby for extra fees

by Pat Kiernan

In a move that could trigger another series of tuition hikes campus wide, the Faculty of Business has unveiled a plan to increase its student fees.

Promotional material being distributed to students in the faculty

describe the proposed fee increases as a "tax creditable contribution" to be made directly to the faculty at the time of registration.

Though it's the Faculty of Business making the first move, other faculties are watching with interest. If the Business proposal is acceptable

to all concerned, those enrolled in other programs can expect to see similar initiatives.

Business students will be asked to vote on the proposal in a special referendum, to be held November 9th.

The additional fees will significantly

increase student expenses. The extra cost averages \$40 per semester, so a student can expect to pay about six percent more to the University than he did last year. If the University-based component of tuition rises - as it usually does - the total cost climbs even higher.

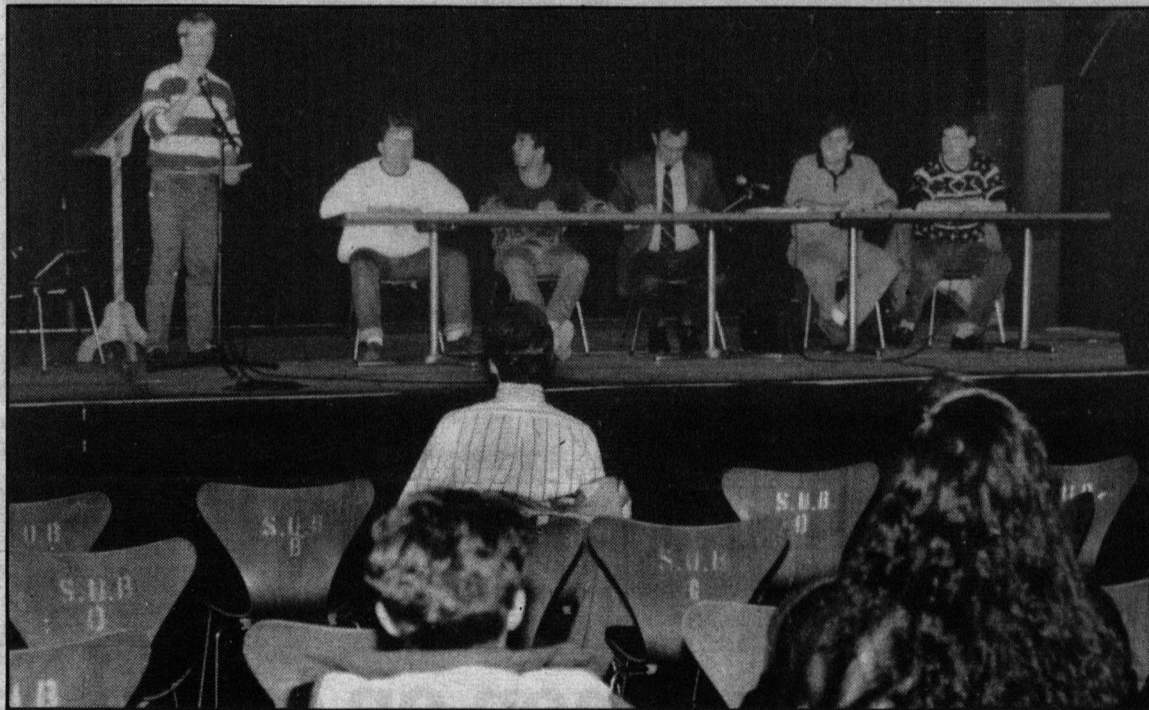
The revenue generating initiative has the support of the undergraduate Business Students' Association. They say a similar program "has been tremendously successful in the United States, and most recently at the University of Manitoba."

Perceived benefits of the program are being aggressively sold to stu-

dents through a "Vote Yes" lobby campaign. There has not been any "Vote No" campaign material distributed so far.

"Vote Yes" materials indicate the extra fees will be used for a variety of projects, chosen at the discretion of a student/faculty board. A hand-out claims implementation of the program "will also increase the value of your business degree."

Business students will be given a chance to ask questions about the initiative on Tuesday November 7th, at a question and answer forum.



Clive Oshry

Forum frenzy

Twenty-one concerned students fought for seats at the SU sponsored forum on Arts and Science quotas held yesterday in Dinwoodie. The poor turn-out was blamed on lack of advertising for the impromptu forum.

Three week courses discontinued

by Dawn Lerohl

Students who have to make up courses during the summer may be trying to juggle both school and a job.

A motion was passed in the General Faculties Council (GFC) to discontinue three week spring and summer session courses and offer only six week courses beginning in 1991.

Dave Tupper, Students' Union president, opposed the decision on the grounds that students forced to make up courses during the summer and not able to take a quick three week course may try to manage both school and a job, thereby sacrificing the quality of their schooling.

Special Sessions Committee, whose jurisdiction includes spring and summer sessions as well as sessions off-campus, brought forward the motion to GFC to remove three week spring and summer courses claiming they are too brief and do not provide adequate time to learn a three credit course.

"There is a strong commitment in the University to go back to six week courses. Three weeks is too brief," said Dr. Gordon Fearn, the Chairman of the GFC Special Sessions Committee. He adds that "this proposal overall will give them a

better deal, more for their buck."

However, the decision was finalized with a great deal of discussion and resistance. Tupper opposed the decision to offer only six week courses during the summer. He claims that over half of the students in summer sessions are non-traditional students. This includes part-time students in the work force. It would be difficult for a working student to take six weeks off.

"There have to be some choices made," said Fearn, "if we have to work, we have to work. If we have to be a student, we have to be a student. We have to pick."

Students now have the option of taking a three credit course to make up any missed during the regular school year. Often students will spend the remainder of the summer working. "It will be harder with six week courses to get a job by mid-June," said Tupper.

Tupper also opposed the decision due to the lack of prior research on the issue. "There is no examination backing it up. There have been no studies done. The proposal didn't have the background needed."

Dr. David Sande, Associate Dean of the faculty of Education and a member of the Special Session Committee, agreed that little research has been done, yet says that, "There is a strong intuitive feeling

on the committee that three weeks is inadequate. It is just not substantiated fact. Let's not knock intuition."

The decision reached by GFC does not completely rule out three week spring and summer courses. A final clause on the proposal allows a professor to offer a three week course on approval of the dean of the faculty.

by Pat Kiernan

Student bus riders may have found a friend in City Council's new executive committee. On Wednesday, the mayor and four aldermen voted in favor of a proposal to cut the price of student bus passes.

The recommendation to make transit passes available monthly at a 10 per cent discount was quickly ratified by the committee. Mayor Jan Reimer has been a vocal supporter of public transit, and another committee member — Brian Mason — drove a bus for the City of Edmonton until being elected alderman last month.

Prices of bus passes could drop even further if more students start using the service. The executive committee recommendation allows for a review of the 10 per cent discount at the end of this school year.

If student use of bus passes increases by enough to cover the cost of the initial discount, the transportation department will recommend a 15 per cent discount be put into place for next fall. Transit officials estimate that the "revenue

neutral" position can be achieved if student ridership increases by just five per cent.

The City Council decision is the result of an intensive lobby by the Edmonton Caucus of Post-Secondary Students. Chairman John Mark Fisher said the vote is "definitely a victory."

Committee members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Mason noted that the issue goes beyond saving students' money. He believes increased transit ridership will help solve other city transportation problems.

Mason said the congestion on Keillor Road could be eased. "We have to have as part of that solution enhancement of public transportation."

Fisher would have liked to see the 15 per cent discount instituted immediately, but sees no problem with the conditions set out by the committee. He is confident that a five per cent increase in student pass purchases will be achieved before fall.

The executive committee recommendation still has to be ratified at the November City Council meeting. Based on the strong support of the committee, there is little indication the decision will be overturned.

Even with the receptive attitude at executive committee, the student lobbyists won't take final approval for granted. A postcard campaign will proceed as planned, with students from across the city being asked to sign in favor of the discount.

The campaign will, according to Fisher, educate students as much as it will city councillors. "We're hoping to create awareness so students realize that there are negotiations with City Council and Edmonton Transit on a regular basis."

Edmonton Transit officials estimate that there are 68,000 post secondary students who are potential users of a student bus pass. Pending approval, the monthly discounted pass will replace the four-month student pak.

Pumpkins from Hell



Strip from Hell cartoonist Andrew Lummis decided to enlighten Barley the Beaver (and friend) in celebrating Hallowe'en.

Ron Sears