

editorial

Your \$15 fee- a bargain at twice the price

The University Athletic Board budget which appears on these pages represents, to a major extent, the \$15 athletic fee you, the student, pay along with your tuition and Student Union fees every September.

The referendum last session, that raised the athletic fee from \$7 to \$15 per year, gave the Athletic Board about \$526,000 in estimated revenue, compared to \$191,000 the previous year. Where did all that extra money go?

Well, first it is necessary to know, that before the fee was increased, UAB was essentially operating on a 1969 budget, regardless of the soaring cost of living. This meant that they had to cut corners every year at budget time, often short-changing teams where travel, equipment, and most other expenses were concerned.

The result is that, when they finally got some money to work with, equipment (the price of which has risen from 10 to 60% in the years since) had to be replaced in unprecedented quantities, the Golden Bear teams' bus had deteriorated rapidly, and several much-needed items (like the jogging track in the ice arena) were at last within the UAB's grasp.

Out of the UAB coffers this year will come the money for a new bus, which will, in itself, be a big money-saver, funds for the construction of said jogging track, and across-the-board raises in expense allowances for all sporting activities on campus, especially those most directly affected by the increased cost of equipment and general cost of living hike.

The increased revenue available to the UAB has resulted in more intramural and co-recreational events and equipment this year, with the women's programs making the biggest strides. The main obstacle to further expansion of the intramural programs is not lack of money, but rather the strain on existing facilities created by even the present program.

In addition, the \$119,700 administration costs listed in the budget was, for the most part, not the UAB's responsibility last year, but was largely taken care of by Faculty.

Several items listed will never be spent. All the Junior Varsity men's teams have been dispensed with for lack of adequate competition.

As well, many organizations are given a 'safety margin' in their budget, which is often not used. The intramural program, for instance, never spends its whole allotment.

Your \$15 fee entitles you to free admission to all intervarsity events, free use of the Physical Education building and equipment, access to locker space, and access to the intramural and co-rec programs. At \$15, it is still one of the lowest athletic fees in Canada, and is lower than many institutions that charge admission to their varsity events.

The reason for the low cost to the student is mainly the excellent working relationship between the UAB and the Faculty of Physical Education, under Dean Maury Van Vliet.

That relationship is able to survive primarily because both the UAB members and the people in the Faculty have the interests of the students at heart, and are doing their best for your dollars.

Right now, a proposal is on the president's desk, initiated by the UAB, which would see the PE building opened longer hours for student activities. The cost of keeping the building open late is prohibitive, (from 8-11 at nights would cost about \$50,000) so UAB has recommended that the cost, largely falling under the heading of maintenance in any case, be taken over by the University, freeing money that would be better spent on programs.

It is a battle to maintain present services and programs, often without any substantial increase in revenue - a battle that UAB has done a remarkable job of winning in the past, at a University with one of the finest sports organizations of any institution of its size, anywhere.

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General

Estimated Revenue

Student Athletic Fees (19,400 at \$15)	\$ 291,000.00
Gate Receipts:	
a) Basketball	3,700.00
b) Football	3,500.00
c) Hockey	5,000.00
d) Season Passes	7,500.00
e) Miscellaneous	2,000.00
	21,700.00
Program Sales	800.00
Sport Camps	25,000.00
Faculty Contribution - Operating Budget	187,450.00
	\$ 525,950.00

Expenses

1. Faculty Operating Budget Expenses	\$ 187,450.00
2. Administration	119,700.00
3. General	22,500.00
4. Badminton	641.00
5. Basketball (M)	15,738.00
6. Basketball (W)	9,221.00
7. Cross-Country (M)	1,614.00
8. Cross-Country (W)	774.00
9. Curling (M)	400.00
10. Curling (W)	448.00
11. Fencing	3,490.00
12. Field Hockey	3,506.00
13. Football	24,100.00
14. Football (J.V.)	1,340.00
15. Gymnastics (W)	3,138.00
16. Gymnastics (M)	3,278.00
17. Gymnastics (J.V.-M)	235.00
18. Hockey	17,228.00
19. Hockey (J.V.)	1,668.00
20. Judo	4,550.00
21. Rugby	3,127.00
22. Soccer	6,498.00
23. Soccer (J.V.)	440.00
24. Swimming (M)	10,979.00
25. Swimming (W)	10,508.00
26. Track & Field (M)	9,671.00
27. Track & Field (W)	7,493.00
28. Volleyball (M)	4,453.00
29. Volleyball (W)	4,441.00
30. Volleyball (J.V.-M)	350.00
31. Volleyball (J.V.-W)	475.00
32. Wrestling	8,582.00
33. Wrestling (J.V.)	360.00
34. Intramurals (M)	24,295.00
35. Intramurals (W)	7,496.00
36. Intramurals (Co-Rec)	1,732.00
	\$ 521,919.00

Specifics

1. Faculty Operating Budget Expense	\$ 67,000.00
a) Salaries - permanent - full-time	47,800.00
b) Salaries - coaching - part-time	41,000.00
c) Salaries - support - part-time	8,000.00
d) Miscellaneous Supplies & Sundries	1,000.00
e) Equipment Replacements	5,000.00
f) Building Alterations	3,000.00
g) Furnishings	4,000.00
h) Capital Equipment	1,500.00
i) Pensions, unemployment insurance	600.00
j) Travel	4,000.00
k) Telephone Rental	200.00
l) Freight, express and delivery	2,000.00
m) Printing, duplication and photocopying	350.00
n) Car, truck and tractor expense	2,000.00
o) Maintenance of equipment	
	\$ 187,450.00
2. Administration	\$ 15,000.00
a) Supplies and Sundries	91,700.00
b) Salaries and Honoraria	2,000.00
c) Pension Plan Fund	6,000.00
d) Publicity and Public Relations	1,600.00
e) Awards	1,000.00
f) Hosting Expenses	200.00
g) Athletic Director's Account	500.00
h) Vehicle Maintenance	200.00
i) Handbook	500.00
j) Historical Study	300.00
k) Cleaning and Laundry	400.00
l) Equipment Repairs	300.00
m) Medical Doctors	
	\$ 119,700.00

3. General	
a) Affiliation Fees	\$ 1,500.00
b) C.I.A.U. - C.W.U.A.A. Meeting Expenses	900.00
c) Color Night	1,200.00
d) High School Consultation	500.00
e) Contingencies	500.00
f) National Championship Fund	4,000.00
g) Recreational Club Grant Fund	12,000.00
h) Intercollegiate Committees Grant Fund	1,000.00
i) Travel Bags	900.00
	\$ 22,500.00

4. Badminton	
Travel:	
Calgary (Canada West)	\$ 520.00
Equipment	96.00
Miscellaneous:	
Affiliation Fees	25.00
	\$ 641.00

5. Basketball (M)	
Travel:	
Dillon, Montana	\$ 1,524.00
Winnipeg	1,140.00
Vancouver	1,635.00
Calgary	470.00
Lethbridge	567.00
Saskatoon	1,263.00
Vancouver	1,635.00
Victoria	1,685.00
	\$ 10,485.00
Equipment	2,243.00
Miscellaneous:	
Game Officials	960.00
Game Operations	750.00
Ticket Printing	200.00
Affiliation Fees	100.00
Tri-University Guarantee	1,000.00
	\$ 3,010.00
	\$ 15,738.00

6. Basketball (W)	
Travel:	
Calgary	\$ 500.00
Winnipeg	1,800.00
Victoria	1,550.00
Vancouver	1,007.00
Calgary	450.00
Saskatoon	1,200.00
	\$ 8,007.00
Equipment	664.00
Miscellaneous:	
Game Officials	350.00
Game Operations	200.00
	550.00
	\$ 9,221.00

7. Cross-Country (M)	
Travel:	
Calgary	\$ 207.00
Red Deer	134.00
Calgary	207.00
Saskatoon	450.00
	\$ 998.00
Equipment	541.00
Miscellaneous:	
Trophies	75.00
	\$ 75.00
	\$ 1,614.00

8. Cross-Country (W)	
Travel:	
Calgary	\$ 176.00
Red Deer	92.00
Calgary	166.00
Saskatoon	340.00
	\$ 774.00
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9. Curling (M)	
Equipment	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous:	
Ice Rental	300.00
	\$ 400.00

10. Curling (W)	
Travel:	
Calgary	\$ 160.00
Equipment	36.00
Miscellaneous:	
Ice Rental	200.00
Entry Fee	32.00
Affiliation Fees	20.00
	\$ 252.00
	\$ 448.00

11. Fencing (M & W)	
Travel:	
Calgary	\$ 390.00
Winnipeg	1,500.00
Calgary	390.00
Equipment	1,210.00
	\$ 3,490.00

12. Field Hockey	
Travel:	
Vancouver	\$ 1,840.00
Calgary	615.00
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Equipment	391.00
Miscellaneous:	
Entry Fees	45.00
	\$ 3,506.00

13. Football	
Travel:	
Vancouver	\$ 4,115.00
Saskatoon	1,115.00
Winnipeg	5,025.00
Calgary	820.00
Vancouver	4,805.00
	\$ 15,880.00
Equipment	4,170.00
Miscellaneous:	
Game Films	1,000.00
Pre-season Training	800.00
Referees	1,150.00
Game Operations	900.00
Centennial Awards	200.00
	4,050.00
	\$ 24,100.00