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PRESIDENT-ELECT MARILYN PILKINGTON
... tries out president's chair

Pilkington students' union president by acclamation

Honors English student only person to file nomination papers Wednesday

By JOE WILL

Marilyn Pilkington became the first woman President of the Students' Union in 40 years Wednesday.

The 20-year-old honors English student was the only person to file nomination papers when the deadline passed at 2 p.m.

After the announcement of her acclamation Pilkington's first words were: "It's too bad, I'm sorry."

The former students' union vice-president, later said: "There were at least three other persons who intended to run for president."

"The students should have been given the opportunity to make their choice."

She said she "had no idea" she would be acclaimed; "it was a complete surprise."

The last woman president was Miss A. Wilson in 1928.

Pilkington, in her fourth year at university, said she would still run a campaign primarily to familiarize students with herself and her platform.

"I am most concerned about communication between the students' union and the student body," she said and the campaign would get students interested in the union's affairs.

Only three of a possible eight students' union positions will be contested in the election one week from today.

Three persons filed nomination papers for the position of vice-president; Peter Amerongen, eng 4, David Leadbeater, arts 3, and

Mitchell Wise, arts 2.

Cathy Elias, law 1, and Sandy Young, phys ed 2, will run for the position of secretary while Garnet Cummings, phys ed 3, and Lawrence Kolmatycki will contest the presidency of men's athletics.

The position of treasurer went to Mike Edwards, comm 2.

Two persons filed papers for students' union co-ordinator but Murray Sigler, law 1, withdrew 45 minutes after nominations closed leaving the position to Don McKenzie, arts 2.

Wendy Giesbrecht, phys ed 3, became the president of women's athletics by acclamation.

Marg Carmichael, rehab med 2 and Beth Young, arts 2, became president and vice-president of Wauneita society, respectively.

Two positions were not contested. No nominations were received for Wauneita treasurer or treasurer of men's athletics.

Returning officer, Dave Stelck said the positions have been re-opened and nominations will be received up to 5 p.m. today.

University plans demolition of two more Garneau blocks

Two more blocks in North Garneau will be demolished this summer.

The Board of Governors approved Feb. 16 the acquisition of the last of the houses plus Tuck Shop which the university does not own yet. Demolition should be completed soon after July 1.

The blocks to be demolished are those immediately north and south of the lot which was cleared last fall.

In a statement Tuesday, U of A vice-president in charge of campus planning and development Dr. W. H. Worth said construction in the area will begin this fall, with a

law building probably going up first; the decision will be finalized in about a week.

Any parts of the area not under construction will be used for parking.

"I anticipate at least a block and a half being used for parking," said Dr. Worth.

The final report of Bittorf and Pinckston, the architects planning the development, is expected to be complete by mid-March. Until then no one is sure what the project will look like.

Government gives — but university wants more

Grant would limit tuition fee hike to \$75

The provincial government has raised its operational grant for Alberta universities—but not high enough to meet the Universities Commission's request.

The grant has been raised from last year's \$2,314 per student to \$2,440 per student. The universities Commission requested \$2,540.

Education minister Ray Reierson, in announcing the increase, read a letter to commission chairman Dr. W. H. Swift in which he urged the adoption of a \$2,515 ceiling for each full-time student.

If adopted, this would limit the universities to a maximum \$75 tuition fee increase.

The Board of Governors recommended Friday to the Universities Commission that fees be set at \$400 for all faculties except engineering and graduate studies, which would be \$500, and medicine and dentistry, which would be \$600.

These figures constitute an average \$75 increase.

The commission dealt with the board's recommendations at a meeting in Calgary Tuesday.

Dr. Swift said Tuesday evening the commission would report back to the Board of Governors and the board would in turn report to their universities.

With respect to Mr. Reierson's

announcement, Dr. Swift said the \$2,540 figure was suggested as reasonable although it was "less than the total request from the universities."

"But there is absolutely no way of determining what a proper budget is," he said. "There is no such thing."

He said figures presented by

B of G approves fee schedule

The Board of Governors has approved the revised students' union fee schedule involving an increase in graduate student fees chairman Provost A. A. Ryan said at a Committee on Student Affairs meeting Tuesday.

The schedule, originally proposed by students' council, was approved by COSA last week. Barring a boycott by the graduate students, the schedule will go into effect next fall.

"The board turned it back to us to tie up the loose ends," said Prof. Ryan. Tasks left for COSA include such things as wording of the new schedule in next year's calendar.

Prof. Ryan said the new fees were "more equitable and more reasonable."

The COSA meeting also approved in principle a policy statement on fraternities prepared by Dean of Men Major R. C. Hooper and Interfraternity Council president John Rouse.

There was some questioning of provisions of the statement. These were referred back to IFC for minor revision to the approval of the council. Provost Ryan said the revisions were understood to be accepted unless the council specifically objected to them.

The council discussed the relationship the fraternities should have with the university. Graduate Students' Association president Peter Boothroyd moved that the policy statement be rejected and that the university dissociate itself from the fraternities. This was defeated for lack of a seconder.

universities should not be considered the ultimate in accuracy.

But \$2,440 will not enable the university to accomplish all it has planned, said Dr. Swift.

Dr. J. E. Bradley, chairman of the Board of Governors, said it was found \$2,540 per student would give the university a break-even budget.

The total operational grant for 1968-69 is \$51,874,000, with \$35,138,475 going to the U of A. The University of Calgary will receive \$14,395,465 and The University of Lethbridge will receive \$2,340,460.

Mr. Reierson also announced the five-year capital works funds for the universities have been increased from \$175,000,000 to \$185,000,000.

But \$35,000,000 of this sum is to be used for medical facilities. The U of A will get \$20,000,000 for the clinical sciences bldg, which is now under construction. It is part of the \$100,000,000 health science complex.

The remaining \$15,000,000 will go to the U of C to establish a faculty of medicine.

The medical portion of the grant is subject to a 50 per cent reimbursement approval by the federal government and to ratification of the capital development committee.



RESIDENCE CO-ORDINATOR—Lawrie Hignell, second floor chairman, Henday Hall, casts his ballot in Tuesday's Lister Hall Complex Co-ordinator election. The position is equivalent to being president of the three residences, and involves co-ordinating residence matters, heading the Lister joint council, and acting as liaison between residences and campus.