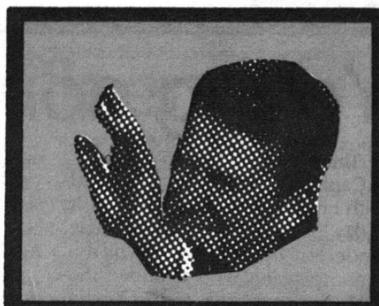


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Insurance plan seems unlikely

by Bill Doskoch

The insurance plan proposed by SU president Mike Nickel might cost students \$3.00 each or roughly \$75,000 per year to operate — if it's even legal.

"It isn't looking good," he said.

Nickel wants to model his plan after the one at the University of Manitoba. However, the laws in Manitoba allow the students' union there to act as their own insurance agent, something which is unlikely for the U of A.

The Insurance Act of Alberta presently allows to set up an organization to insure his employees. The organization need not be registered as an insurance agent and it is also exempt from the Act.

There is a clause — section 24(2) — by which non-profit organizations may set up a similar arrangement; but, as Deputy Superintendent of Insurance B.A. Rodrigues states in a letter to SU attorney Harald Kuckertz, "there is only one exempt ever granted under section 24(2), and that was granted in 1970."

The reason for that is "Once an organization is approved under the Act, there is no control or supervision. Once you are exempt, you

are completely exempt," Rodrigues said.

Nickel was determined to have an insurance plan. "I was elected on a platform, and that's what I'm going to do."

If Nickel was thwarted with a students' union run plan and tried to do it through an established insurance company, costs could range as high as \$9.00 per student.

The purpose of the insurance plan was to provide medical and dental costs due to accident, but Nickel was pessimistic about it ever becoming a reality if it cannot be brought in at a reasonable cost.

"If it costs big bucks, council won't be favorable," said Nickel, "and they have the final say."



Photo Bill St. John

Wing back Tom Richards help the Golden Bears suppress the Saskatchewan Huskies in a 23-13 Bears victory Saturday afternoon. Full Story on page 12.

University sets up telephone registration system

Sigmund? Albert here. I want to register...

by Gary Kirk

The perennial hassle of cancelled courses may become a thing of the past if the proposed University of Alberta Telephone Registration System becomes a reality.

In the past when returning students were given their registration timetables, many found that courses for which they had advance-registered have either been dropped or transferred to a new time slot. This year a total of 158 courses were dropped while 642 sections were dropped or moved to a different time, affecting roughly twenty per cent of all U of A students.

The calendar is a compendium of all the courses each faculty has the potential to offer. However, because of various reasons — staff resignations, sabbatical leaves, or simply a lack of money to hire more instructors — fewer courses are offered in the advance-registration booklet," explained U of A Registrar Brian Silzer.

"Over the summer, as the figures come in and a better picture of staff resources is obtained, the offering of courses undergoes a further refinement."

And this is where the inconvenience of making last minute course changes occurs to student thus

affected.

"Frankly, it's a real frustration to my department as well," said Silzer. "If it's due to a lack of forethought on the part of the department then it's my job to prevail upon the respective chairman. We do take great care to insure that any course cancellations do not interfere with one's degree program."

The confusion inherent in the current method of registration is expected to be largely eliminated by next fall when Silzer hopes to have the new telephone registration system in place.

"The final go/no-go decision is still being awaited because we want to be sure the system will be able to handle the registration process efficiently, but at this point we're about ninety per cent confident that it will be ready for next fall," Silzer said.

Under the new system students will be able to register for courses from their own home, using a touch-tone telephone as a terminal. This would eliminate the usual line-ups and going from building to building, making it especially convenient for physically handicapped students.

Following the instructions given by a computer with voice-response capability, students will select their courses by punching the telephone buttons.

At Brigham Young University in Utah where the hardware for the system was developed, most students made only two calls and each call averaged three minutes in length.

A letter would be sent out to students during the summer, advising them of any course that have been withdrawn. Courses could then be added or dropped simply by phoning in again.

VP Academic Caroline Nevin

commented, "Because the department involved will have to bear the cost of mailing those letters out it is hoped that they will give more consideration to the courses they do offer."

The system will be connected to thirty-two lines and be operative for fourteen hours each day.

Silzer does foresee one problem. "We're concerned that some students may register, filling up space in courses — just to cover all their bases — and then not show up in

the fall.

For this reason it has been recommended that registrations be confirmed only after an advance deposit on tuition fees is received. However, this may not be implemented for several years.

"Obviously, a lot of students won't be able to afford this until later in the summer," said Nevin. "Therefore the SU executive asked the administration to hold off on this for one year to see if the system is being abused."

Getty wins again

by Suzette C. Chan

Julian Koziak had the loudest supporters but Don Getty came away with all the delegates in last week's U of A Tory delegate selection meeting.

Getty, who currently is running away with committed delegates to the October provincial leadership convention, swept the three campus delegate slots after a crowded but brief meeting on Thursday.

Bob Aloneissi (111 votes), Carol Backstorm (99) and Barb Belzerowski (104) to go to the Thanksgiving convention in Edmonton.

Koziak supporters were hoping for a win in his constituency, but finished second as a slate, pulling in 93, 89 and 88 votes.

The other hopefuls finished with 23, 23 and 15 votes.

The handful of remaining votes were divided amongst three independents.

Although they have not been counted, campus Tory president Barb Belzerowski estimates about 200 new memberships were sold the night of the meeting. She said about 300 voting and non-voting individuals squeezed into Tory lecture theatre.

Belzerowski said confirmation of the number of ballots cast should be made within the week.

The ballots must be locked up for seven days after the selection meeting in case an appeal is launched.

Violence protested

by Siobhan Hanley

A light drizzle of rain contributed to an atmosphere of commitment and adventure at Edmonton's fourth annual *Take Back the Night* walk last Friday night.

Nearly 150 women and some children gathered at the back of the recently opened Women's Collective Building downtown.

Lisa Walters, one of seven women who organized this year's march, urged the women to "keep fighting to uphold the dignity of womanhood," and was greeted with cheers when she announced the even as "one night in 365 nights when women unite to take back the night."

Another organizer, Colleen Day, read messages of solidarity from rape crisis centers as near as Vancouver and as distant as Australia.

She reminded the marchers that the walk's purpose was to protest violence against women in Edmonton and that it is part of a world

wide historical effort to free women from the threat of rape and to shatter comfortable myths which contribute to fear and prevent changes in attitudes throughout society.

Marchers listened to a devastating list of statistics concerning rape and violence against women: One out of every three women will be raped in her lifetime; every 18 seconds a man batters a woman in her home; only one woman in ten ever reports a sexual assault due to lack of confidence in the justice system.

Day said that current attitudes are reflected in the low priority given to rape crisis centers by government. She referred to the precarious financial situation which forced the Sherwood Park Women's Shelter to close. It is now reopened, catering to an urgent but plagued with worries about further funding.

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In his first ever newspaper interview, Jesus Christ speaks out from his sister's house in Maple Heights, Ohio. — page 3.