

# Gov't may force fee hike

by Peter Michalyszyn

Students may face the second tuition fee increase in as many years if the Alberta government doesn't grant the university enough money this fall, according to U of A president Myer Horowitz.

"If the (operating) grant is not sufficient, the administration will recommend to the Board (of Governors) that there be an increase in fees," Horowitz said at a U of A Senate meeting Friday.

However, Students' Union president Nolan Astley says Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Jim Horsman assured him in a December meeting that there would be no tuition increase next year.

Horsman repeated at a forum on campus last Monday that he would not recommend or approve fee increases this fall. But he also said no final decision will be made until the federal-

provincial task force on student finance reports this week.

"I am not interested in high student fees. They shouldn't come anything close to covering the total costs of the university," Horowitz said, noting that the contribution of fees to the operating budget has declined from 15 to nine percent in the last decade.

"I would prefer regular modest increases (of five to ten percent) rather than irregular unreasonable increases (of 20 to 30 percent)," Horowitz said.

"Putting it off this year only compounds the problem for next year," he said. Horowitz also said he personally dislikes the idea of indexing tuition fee increases to the inflation rate.

The university has already asked for a 15 percent increase for next year; last year they asked for 13 percent and got nine and a half.

Horowitz would not

speculate how much less than 15 percent would be sufficient to cover the university budget without a fee increase.

However, he said staff positions would have to be cut if funding didn't include a supplemental grant to make up for a tuition fee freeze.

"Last year 20 positions were cut," Horowitz said, and the year before about 20 more. But where it was easier in the past to cut permanent positions from faculties with declining enrolment, this year all but one faculty - education - experienced increasing enrolments.

"If we get 15 percent - that's fine, but if we don't get 15 percent on our regular grant and if we can't increase our fee portion, then we're in trouble," Horowitz said.

"How many years can we go through knocking out this many positions?"



photo Bill Ingles

Senate members listen with interest as U of A President Myer Horowitz announces impending tuition fee increase.

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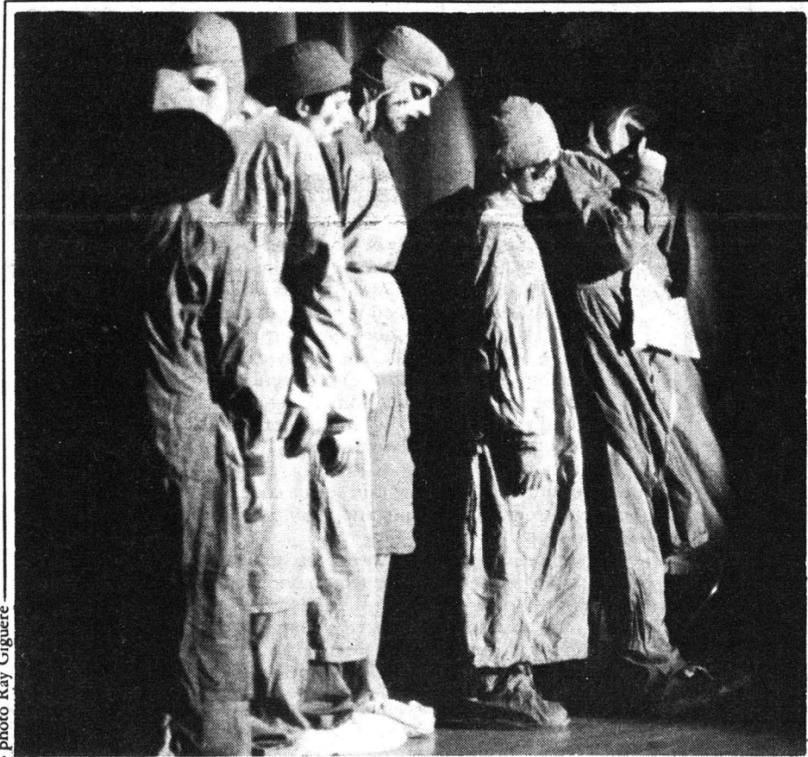


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*Smut show?*

In keeping with an age-old tradition, the med students demonstrate that no faculty has a monopoly on crudity and sexism. But aren't these guys in the Cretin Choir just charming?

## Election to see two slates

by Mike Walker

The dust has settled, and Phil Soper and Bob Kirk have each managed to put together slates for the Students' Union general election February 6.

Running with Kirk (science 3) are Dariel Dent (education 2; vice-president internal), Joanne Stiles (arts 3; vp external), Cheryl Donnelly (commerce 3; vp finance and administration), Tim Marriot (arts 4; vp academic), and Ken Lawson-Williams (engineering 3; Board of Governors, by acclamation).

Soper (commerce 4) has lined up Brian Bechtel (arts 3; vp internal), Lisa Walter (arts 3; vp external), Elise Gaudet (commerce 3; vp finance and administration), and Liz Lunney (commerce 3; vp academic).

Dickson Wood (phys. ed. 3) and Tracy David (phys. ed. 3) have been acclaimed presidents of men's and women's athletics, respectively.

In contrast to last year, which saw independents elected to two of the four Students' Union vice-presidents' positions and the B of G spot, this year has no independents at all.

Both Kirk and Soper expect the lack of independents to affect the campaign.

"I think the picture has changed," Kirk said yesterday. "It's going to be a very tight race. Sometimes independents will split the vote."

Soper and Kirk don't appear to agree on what this year's election issues will be. Soper cites "the recurring problems of quality of education, the library system, the upcoming disagreements between the university administration and the provincial government (on funding)."

Kirk thinks "North Garneau is going to figure quite large... (and) student attitudes on campus."

But both agree the single biggest challenge to next year's executive will be the SU's financial position.

"I don't know if it'll be the biggest election issue, but it'll be the biggest issue for next year's executive," Kirk said. "The person who gets elected is going to have to propose a workable solution to put the SU back on its feet financially."

Soper said: "The most high-profile issue will be the financial position of the Students' Union." He agreed that this will be next year's biggest challenge: "The base has been crumbling over the past few years, and the people didn't even realize it."

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## Grade A meat censored

by Jim McElgunn

The student newspaper at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) has been censored because it printed a parody of the annual Queen Contest.

The *Nugget* was told by the NAIT Students' Association (NAITSA) to print a full page promotion for the contest with pictures of the six contestants. The Queen Contest is part of NAIT's Winter Carnival.

The *Nugget* decided to protest the contest by printing the photos with stamps around the borders reading "locally inspected Grade A meat."

Fifteen minutes after the paper was distributed at NAIT, Publications Board chairperson Linda Hause ordered it seized from the distribution boxes. The stamps were removed from the originals by Hause, and the paper was sent back to the printers and reprinted.

The NAIT Publications Board oversees the operations of the newspaper, and its chairperson is responsible for ensuring the *Nugget* meets a series of guidelines set by NAITSA. The *Nugget* editor is the paper's only representative on the board.

Hause says the stamps on the photo feature violated five guidelines. These guidelines are that the paper reflect accurately the views of the NAIT community, that it refrain from publishing sexist, racist, bigoted or low-quality copy, that it only criticize constructively, that it refrain from libelous and defamatory statements and that it promote events and facilities on campus.

"Each of the queen contestants could have sued for defamation," says Hause. "It makes them look like they're trying to sell their bodies, and they're not."

She also says the newspaper staff

were free to criticize the event in an editorial but not in the photo feature.

"To me, they were wrong and they were insulting to the girls," says Hause.

Hause defends her unilateral action by saying the paper's content is her responsibility and she had to act alone in an emergency.

*Nugget* news editor David Schamber, who originated the idea of the stamps, says "the first thing people are going to think of when they see the photos is how to rate the contestants... I wanted to try to make a statement against that by rating them for our readers... I was trying to reduce it all to absurdity. What staff we have supported what we're doing," he says.

"There's nothing we can do," says Schamber. "She (Hause) can just sit back and overview everything and anything she doesn't like she just yanks."

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