

New federation forms

New prospects for SU

by Geoff McMaster

Students' Council voted unanimously Tuesday night in favor of a motion to join, as a prospective member, a new national student lobbying organization called the Canadian Federation of Students.

By the tentative agreement, the Students' Union must run a referendum within three years asking the student population to approve a membership fee of four dollars. This is on top of the \$3.50 fee the U of A has recently approved for the Federation Alberta Students (FAS).

Eventually, FAS will be phased out and CFS will assume its lobbying function at the

provincial level.

CFS will replace the National Union of Students, an organization the U of A refused to join 2 years ago mainly because it had a poor reputation. Students' Union vice president external Kris Farkas says NUS was disliked because of eastern domination and "strange policies."

"CFS will likely be much more efficient," she says. "It will be more representative of institutions across Canada, which makes for more effective lobbying of the federal government."

Farkas says one advantage of a national centrally controlled organization, is that there is no "duplication of effort." Instead of

having four provinces doing a report on, say, tuition fees, only one would be done, from which everyone would benefit.

"It's ridiculous to pay four people to do the same thing," she says. "It's a waste of human resources."

As a prospective, rather than full, member, the U of A will not be required to pay a fee, but will receive a voting privilege at the scheduled founding conference next fall. It will take place only if enough student councils make a similar commitment.

Farkas, however, seems optimistic about the future of CFS, saying it promises to be "a really good, solid and strong organization of national students."

MacDonell criticizes gov't at annual H.M. Tory lecture

by Phil Melnychuk

"You're operating like a corner grocery store," Canada's former Auditor-General once told the federal government. But despite his conclusion that government "was one big spending machine," James J. MacDonell said Tuesday that he remains optimistic that government spending can be controlled.

MacDonell, who was Auditor-General from 1973 to 1980, admitted that there is "no real bottom line in government

spending" but he maintained that federal finances could be controlled by more efficient and effective use of resources.

At the twenty-fifth annual Henry Marshall Tory Lecture, MacDonell outlined his "comprehensive auditing" approach which has reformed financial administration in the federal public service and since made a "huge impact on governments around the world," he said.

MacDonell listed "accountability" and "value for money" as

the two major themes of his approach to government auditing. For government to control spending, he said, the bureaucracy had to be financially accountable to government and the government likewise to parliament.

A major problem in achieving this, he said, was the "grossly inadequate and one dimensional" information by which auditors and opposition MP's evaluated government performance.

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"We don't want any more"

by Peter Michalyszyn

The SU executive settled for 10 percent wage increases at Council Tuesday night, though some councillors wanted to give them more.

The approved increase moves salaries from \$6,000 to \$6,600 annually. The alternative, moved by General Faculties Council rep Chanchal Bhattacharya, would have boosted wages to \$7,500.

SU president Nolan Astley admitted the biggest concern wasn't that the larger 25 percent increase wouldn't be retroactive, but that it wouldn't look good for executive salaries to eat up quite so much of the newly-acquired SU fee increase

"Even though next year's folks may be worth it, I don't support this Bhattacharya's motion," Astley said. Lisa Walter, vp external-elect on next year's Soper executive, added on the slate's behalf, that they preferred a modest increase too.

However, Arts rep Randy Dawson, a known Alberta Conservative, seemed perplexed that old and new executive members would refuse a higher wage.

"We're frugal socialists," Astley replied, which prompted Dawson's threat to revoke Astley's "Tory membership card."

And while on the subject of wages, Board of Governors

student rep-elect Ken Lawson-Williams suggested that he be paid an honorarium for his duties as a representative.

Astley replied that if Lawson-Williams won his impending law-suit against the *Gateway* for defamation, he wouldn't need the money.

Lawson-Williams replied: "I'm not suing for money, I'm suing for an apology."

CJSR director reappointed

Steve Cumming has been reappointed director of CJSR campus radio for the 1981/82 term.

Cumming, who is now CJSR director, says it's normal to hire directors for more than one year. Gary McGowan, the last director, held the position for three years.

"I think it's a job that takes more than one year to do properly," Cumming says.

He foresees no major changes to the station next year, contingent, of course, on the approval of CJSR's FM licence proposal to the university administration.

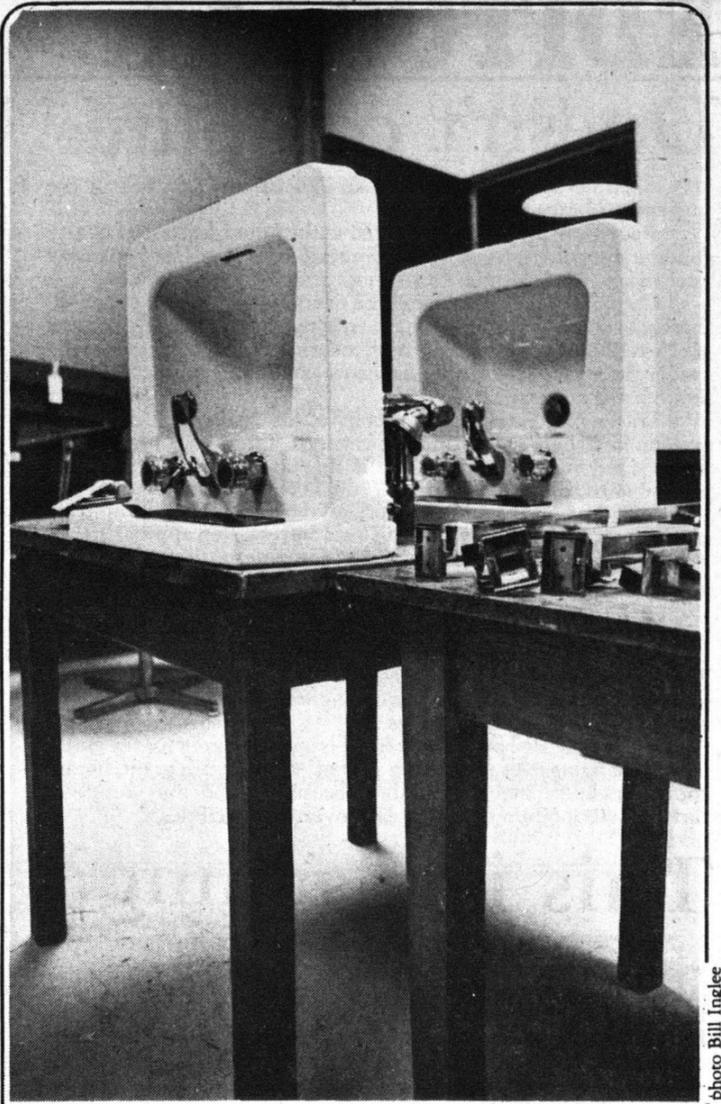


photo Bill Inglee

The SU is selling everything, including the washroom sinks. And ping pong tables.

Fun and games

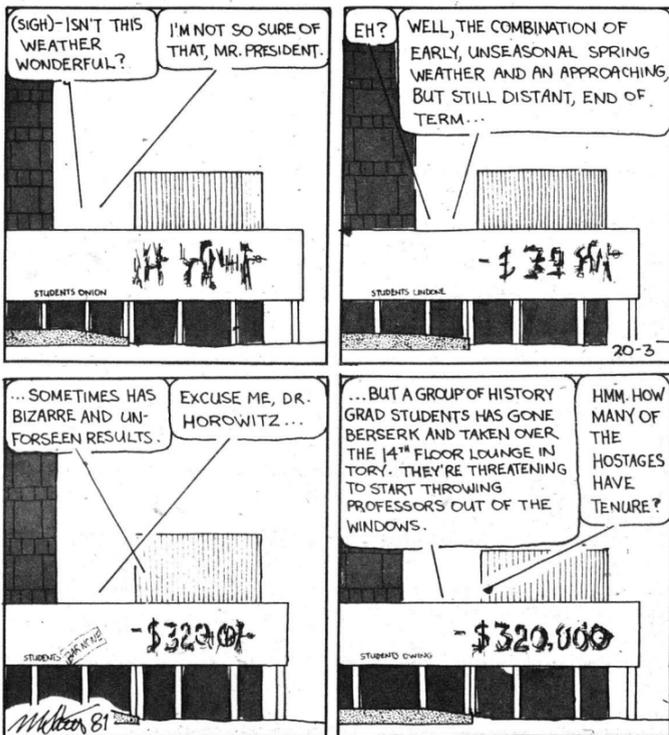
Though he admitted \$95 was a bit steep for a beat-up old ping pong table, *Gateway* editor-elect Peter Michalyszyn couldn't have been happier after he bought it and an antique Old Dutch potato chip rack for two bucks at Wednesday's SU surplus auction.

"Now when people get tired of playing darts, they can come down the hall and play ping pong," he says, adding that very soon entries will be accepted for the first-ever, annual *Gateway* Ping Pong Tournament, open to all who enter. Losers can go play darts.

The Students' Union surplus sale continues today (Thursday) until 4 p.m. in room 142 SUB, but Stan Perka, who helped organize it, says many of the inexpensive items like potato chip racks are going fast.

"To date we've taken in about \$2,000," Perka says, of an approximately \$10,000 inventory. Left are a \$6,000 baby grand piano and a \$1,000 clay mixer.

Baz by Skeet



bouquets and brickbats

by Deacon Greese

Welcome to spring! Ah, yes, the magic season of rebirth when the dirt is watery and the water is dirty. But barken and behold, for it is teeming with life. Ptutoey! Even Mexican water is cleaner than this! Oh well, boukbrix and batkays is off and running again.

Keep on Pitching: Well it seems there aren't even four people on campus who will buy me a beer. But how about this: Beer at Golden Bear games? If they can have a brew at Commonwealth Stadium we should be allowed to have one at Varsity Stadium. Then again, all the beer in the world isn't going to make the Basket-Bears any taller. Brix and Boux announces: its very own Best Legs in Edmonton Contest. It's entirely non-sexist; both men and women are eligible. Entrants will be judged entirely on how far they can kick a grossly overweight gossip columnist. Don't look at me;

brix and boux is sleek, svelte and horribly sensitive to pain.

How far will you go on a first date? The Millwoods drive-in? Next!

Thank to the guy on CFRN for reading some brix and boux droppings over the airwaves. When radio tells you about newspapers when they write about other newspapers, it makes you wonder if our laws against incest shouldn't cover this sort of thing.

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Editor's Note: Wanted — Gossip columnist. Must be dependable, witty and stable. No schizos!