

# SU, FAS will get money Fee hikes a sure thing

by Mike Walker

Friday's referenda calling for Students' Union and Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) fee increases are safe bets judging from yesterday's election forum.

Only one student had a question for SU president Nolan Astley, who spoke in favor of the SU fee increase from \$35.50 to \$40.50 per year. And no one at all had a question for SU vp external Kris Farkas, there to sell students on raising their FAS fees from \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Both hoped the lack of interest in their referenda was a sign of supportive, or at least well-informed, students.

"I don't think that displays a

lack of interest," Astley said. He added, however, that "perhaps the interest is reduced because both slates support it (the SU fee increase)."

The Kirk slate and the Soper slate support both referenda.

Farkas was not displeased at all by the lack of questions. "I think it means we've done an effective job campaigning," she said. "We've answered a lot of questions in classrooms."

The lack of opposition to the campaigns goes beyond the forum. Although any anti-FAS or anti-SU campaign would have been eligible for a \$400 grant from the Students' Union, no one applied, according to returning officer Dave Tharle.

"Groups representing either side of a referendum were to register at my office," Tharle told the only referendum questioner at the forum yesterday. No one had registered by the deadline, he said, so he extended it to last Wednesday, the first day of campaigning.

Both the pro-SU and pro-FAS campaigns have been affected by the lack of opposition, according to organizers.

Said Tharle: "Both groups have expressed it to me that it's unfortunate there is no anti-group."

Astley concurred: "In a sense I would have preferred opposition. Without a definitive anti campaign, there's nothing you're fighting against."

Farkas said she thinks most of the traditional anti-FAS forces on campus are silent this year because the fee increase will put right many of the faults they have pointed out in the organization.

"A lot of them are in favor of the expansion because it is trying to solve some of the problems," she said. "Anybody who comes out against FAS has got to come out saying that the issues (tuition indexing, student aid, funding cutbacks) aren't serious."

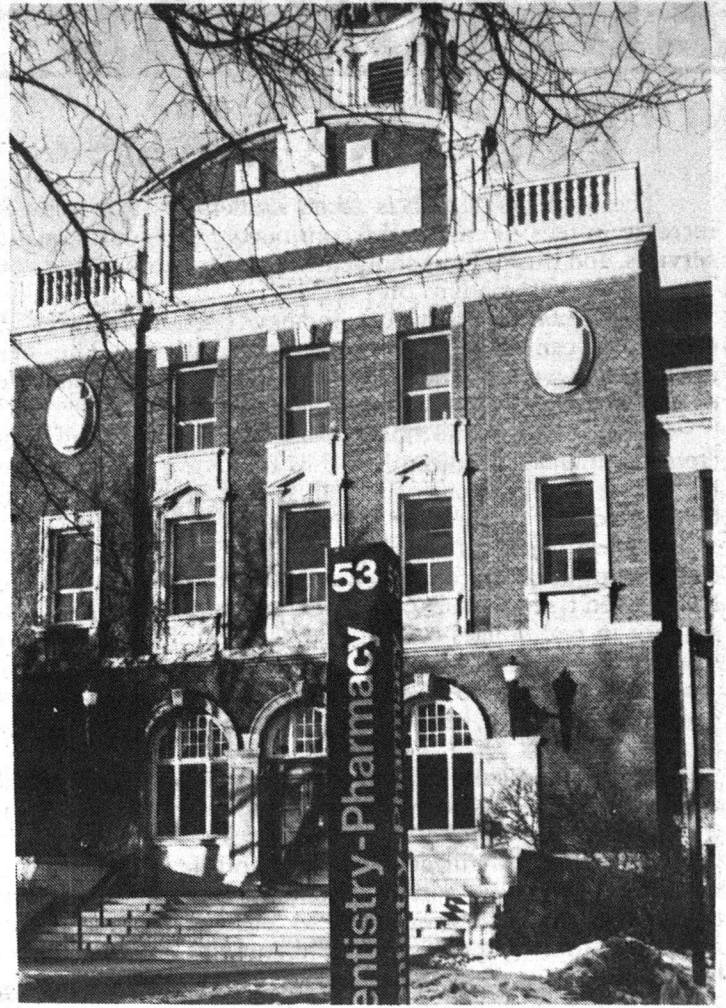


photo Bill Ingles

This is what university's all about: inside would-be dentists play with others' mouths while prospective pharmacists invent new carcinogens.

## bouquets and brickbats

by Deacon Greese

It's election time. Can't tell the candidates from the fritcakes in rabbit suits? It's easy: rabbits do it for their own fun and candidates do it for you. To you? Oda-lay-de hoo! Burrrix and bukes is running; wild, that is.

Worst Photograph on a Campaign Poster: Liz Lunney. Looks like a poster child.

Best Photo on a Campost (sorta like compost yuh know): Tim Marriot. Marry me.

Tritest Annual Scampain Promise: Stronger clubs and faculty associations. Every year everybody promises this. About as feasible as raising HUB on end. The only thing that could make the ASA stronger would be barbells.

Best Leaflet: SU fee increase. Good design flexibility and above average distance in straight-flight tests.

...and from the forum...

Worst Shoes on a Candidate: Phil Soper in amber acrylic heels.

Most Motherhood Statement: Kenny Lawson-Williams. "I am not in favor of molesting eight year-olds."

Seriously thinking of a write-in ballot for the Liberal Democrats? Transferring to NAIT? Brixx and boox to the rescue with an alternative: "Hey, hey, waddya say, it's not too late to bring back Jay!"

# Council balks at rally

by Peter Michalyszyn

The Students' Union will be sorry in a few years for not standing up to the university's plans to redevelop North Garneau, said Robin Hunter at Tuesday's council meeting.

Hunter, from the Grad Students' Association (GSA), was soliciting SU support on behalf of the GSA and Campus Co-op for a rally on campus protesting the university's North Garneau plans.

"We oppose any move on the part of the university to significantly redevelop North Garneau," he said, but added the motion was meant as a "stopper" to let the administration know

students want a 'rational' rebuilding of the community.

"We're not opposing any change ever... we realize it will come sooner or later," Hunter said.

"But we want it (the rebuilding) to retain the character of North Garneau," he said.

Students' Council wasn't convinced, however, that a rally was in their best interests, rejecting the motion 13 for, 14 against.

Several reps objected that the GSA had no idea what format the rally would take, where, when and between whom. They also questioned the wisdom of protesting without knowing fully

what the university's plans were and without offering alternatives.

"It seems to me silly to go against something without having something else in mind," said education rep Marian Kupper.

Councillors were also, in the words of one rep, "afraid" of a rally, in spite of Hunter's assurances that it would be a straight-forward informative demonstration.

Commerce proxy Wayne Olmstead pointed to a 1500 signature petition already supported by Students' Council and Campus Co-op as evidence that students want to preserve North Garneau.

"We're just saying this plan (the 'tentative' preferred plan 'G' presented at the last council meeting by Gail Brown of Housing and Food Services) still isn't good enough," Olmstead said.

Students' Council already gave plan 'G' support in principle at its last meeting, but said it didn't want North Garneau houses destroyed.

SU vp external Kris Farkas gave notice of motion at Tuesday night's meeting (on behalf of president Nolan Astley who was off in Res campaigning for the SU fee increase) to reconsider the motion of support.

"We are taking another look at the stand we took" on plan 'G', said Astley, Wednesday. He said council thought plan 'G', which would destroy 22 houses along North Garneau's perimeter and build new residences in a 'horseshoe' shape around the community — was already passed by the administration.

Hunter criticized the Students' Union for not staying on top of the North Garneau situation.

# OOPS!

The women's Reclaim the Night march was not organized by the Rape Crisis Centre, as reported in Tuesday's Gateway. It was the project of a coalition of women who met for that purpose. Gateway apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this error.

# Hope for disarmament

by Stephen Lamoureux

"I can't believe anyone would pull the trigger," said Arthur Menzies.

Menzies, Canada's representative to the Geneva Standing Committee for Disarmament, spoke at a University Parish sponsored forum Monday.

"Mutual suspicion is the root of much of the problem," he said citing Sino-Russian mistrust as an example. Menzies was the Canadian ambassador to China for four years prior to September 1980.

But he emphasized that it is irresponsible to give up hope. For 35 years the world has existed with the capacity for nuclear war, but it continues to survive.

"We have to do all we can and not accept defeat fatalistically," he said.

Canada has a role to play as arbitrator, said Menzies. For example, Canada offers an independent seismic detection system that could monitor violations of a nuclear test ban.

In addition, Canada must persuade Ronald Reagan to resume the SALT process, despite the international disregard in practice for Pierre Trudeau's suffocation strategy.

In 1978, Trudeau made a speech to the United Nations urging a ban on nuclear testing, test missiles, and fissionable materials, as well as a limit on

defense spending.

Menzies said the public has a responsibility to inform themselves of the risks involved and create the climate for disarmament negotiations. He

suggested that university students write to their Members of Parliament expressing their concerns, or perhaps organize an intervarsity forum on disarmament with American students.

Menzies will appear on "Face the Newsmen" this Sunday. Anyone interested in future forums on disarmament should leave their name at the Chaplain's office in SUB.



Arthur Menzies

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