

Vote and represent yourself

by Wes Oginski

"Every student has a stake in what happens at the Board of Governor level," says Lisa Walter, Students' Union vice president external. "Cutbacks are an incentive to vote."

Walter refers to the Board of Governors student representative by-election to be held on Friday, October 30.

The last representative, Ken Lawson Williams, dropped out of university last spring (April '81) because of a low academic standing. He did not make it to the first Board meeting.

Mary Ann Gillies, the student representative for '80-'81, agreed to maintain the position for the spring and summer terms.

Student Council appointed an interim representative in August, until a by-election in October. Kris Farkas was chosen for his period.

Farkas has decided to run for the position in the by-election, as well as Commerce student, John

Reynolds.

"I think that any candidate who runs for the Board of Governors should acknowledge before the election and after the election, that the Board decisions are not representative of the students attitudes," Walters says explaining the representatives role.

"It is the Board student representative who represents the students."

There are many faults with the Board that Walter says can be corrected by the student.

"Students shouldn't think of the Board as our beneficial protector or benevolent administrator because often they aren't," Walter explains.

Cutbacks are one of these short comings.

"The cutbacks to operating grants that the government has made in the past five years, haven't been opposed strongly enough."

"Certainly in tuition debates

they (the Board) acknowledge that cutbacks are the reason for tuition increases," she adds.

Walter stresses the importance that students push the Board to acknowledge such problems.

"Students know it and the administration knows it, certainly the academics know it, yet the Board has never made a statement on it."

Another point is that the student representative must be aware of the decisions and the issues brought to the Board, Walter says.

"So many of the decisions have been made without much knowledge of what is going on."

One such issue is North Garneau housing, according to Walter. The original plans were to house about 600 students in the two phase project currently under construction. That number has dropped to almost 300 for the same project.

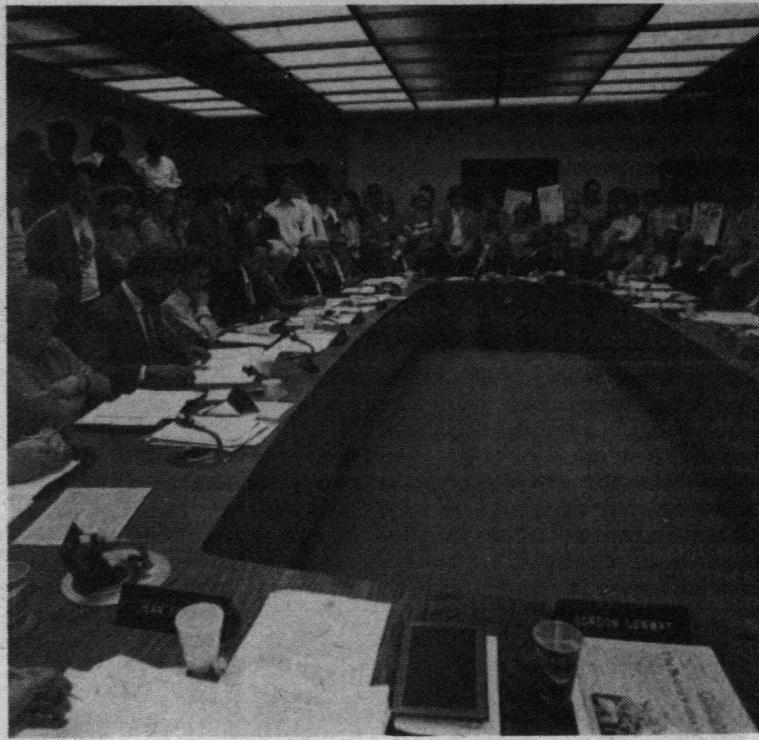


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The jury's verdict isn't in yet. Send yours in on Friday.

Masters and Johnson North talk

by Allison Annesley

"Our genitals don't operate in a vacuum," says Dr. Noam Chernick.

Dr. Chernick and his wife Beryl, also a doctor, believe that the key to a successful sex life lies in a couple's ability to communicate well in all areas of life.

Sexual dysfunction is not a topic that most people feel free to discuss. The problem itself though, remains and much more

commonly than one would guess.

These two doctors from London, Ontario will be dealing with this delicate subject and how it interacts with other areas of our lives as part of an evening of education on October 28.

Noam, who is a practicing gynecologist and Beryl, who is a general practitioner, both have special training in the field of marriage counselling and family life education.

The Chernicks' goal in their lectures, workshops, and in private therapy sessions is to improve communication between spouses in all areas of life.

They strongly believe that our sex lives play an important role in molding our attitudes to our spouses in all respects.

The Chernicks' approach to the topics of sexual function and dysfunction in their many public appearances involves a frank,

non-threatening presentation of their views in laymen's terms.

The Chernicks, married for 23 years, are considered to be Canada's foremost marital and sex therapists by professionals across the country.

Together, they have also written a book, entitled *In Touch* which follows a fictitious couple's progress through sexual therapy.

The Chernicks have also produced a number of films and audio cassettes, the best known of which is *Sexuality and Communication*. These films can be viewed free of charge at both the University of Alberta and Grant

McEwan College libraries.

Their seminar in Edmonton, which will consist of lecture, role play by the couple, and a question and answer period will be in the Auditorium at the Provincial Museum at 8:00 on Wednesday, October 28. The evening, entitled "Sex and Sexuality — Caring and Sharing" will be open to the general public.

There will also be an inter-professional seminar that same afternoon at the MacDonald Hotel.

The Chernicks are being sponsored by D & O Human Systems Consultants Ltd.

"Awareness Week" shelved

by Mary Ruth Olson

Perhaps rapists will postpone their attacks while the Safe Campus Group's "Rape Awareness Week" is temporarily shelved.

The week's cancellation resulted from two major problems: a lack of manpower and differences among the committee over the purposes and the direction of the week.

Part of the committee wanted the week to focus on a pragmatic outline to include discussions on better lighting and

more telephone installations on campus.

Other members wanted to follow a philosophical approach to preventing sexual assaults through education and awareness.

The need for people to assume leadership in organizing "Rape Awareness Week" constituted the major factor for its cancellation.

The group is looking toward next spring as a new date for the project.

In the meantime, Safe Campus Committee's brochure on

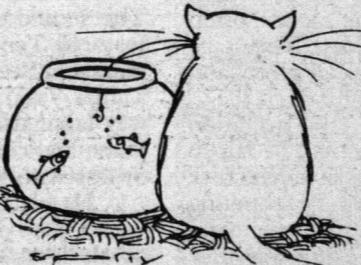
preventing sexual assaults has been completed and should be available soon at various outlets on campus.

"We are still working on projects," says Ruth Groberman, chairman of Safe Campus Committee.

The purpose of the group is to reduce the level of fear on campus.

"If there are areas of concern to women we could really use the feedback," says Groberman.

Information can be obtained from the group at 432-4145.



CFS conference

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Hopefully students on all associated campuses will soon receive the ISIC cards. These entitle the holders to discounts at selected local businesses, and around the world.

The highlight of the conference was the 'Lobby Day' when delegates from across the country (from Kwantlen College in Surrey to Memorial University in Newfoundland) lobbied their respective M.P.s. Despite vicious rumors to the contrary, the lobby was a success. Students were given the runaround by a lot of hardnosed security guards but the members were quite sympathetic.

The lobby was seen as part of something larger. Students were learning about lobbying, and M.P.s were learning about the depth of student concern and the gravity of the funding situation.

The lobby too, was a success. Students can look forward to hearing more from the CFS. It has definite

potential as a force for the future."

Dave Cox was a delegate at the CFS conference in Ottawa and is also a member of the U of A Students' Council.

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