

Mock trial planned Tuition hike opposed

A student presentation to the Board of Governors and a mock trial of university accessibility are two of the latest proposals to fight tuition fee increases at the U of A.

Vp external Tema Frank says that at a recent meeting of concerned students it was decided to get two students from each faculty to attend the March 7 Board meeting to highlight student concerns about fee increases.

"It will give our (students') arguments more weight," she says. "It shows a presence to the board."

"We want the board to say they are not increasing fees because they want to, but because they have to," she says.

"The chances are one in 1,000 that we will be successful in stopping tuition increases," she says. But if fee increases are not opposed they'll "almost certainly" become annual, she says.

The second proposal, that of the mock court, was also discussed at a meeting of concerned students Monday.

At that meeting it was decided that the trial would be the highlight of Student Rights Week March 3 to 7.

Frank says it is a way to

present information in a more interesting way than by having speakers.

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) has prepared a tuition information kit and is planning a tuition workshop in Calgary on March 1. They are also sponsoring a speaking tour across Alberta to encourage students to oppose fee hikes and

may speak at the U of A during Student Rights Week.

FAS executive officer Lake Sagaris says the government may begin indexing fees on a yearly basis if there is no opposition to the proposed fee increases.

The next organizational meeting will be held Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 280.

Make the rich pay to benefit students

"Students should not have to pay for anything."

That was just one of a number of statements made by the president of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada, Har-dial Bains.

Speaking to a group of students on campus Monday, Bains concentrated on student funding and foreign policy.

Bains said he supports free education for those students that cannot afford the cost. In order to implement this policy he added that the rich should be highly taxed.

The proposed student funding policy would provide for tuition, housing and books to be

made available to needy students at no cost. However, rich students would be required to pay the full cost of their education says Bains.

The Marxist-Leninist party also proposes the elimination of differential fees for foreign students.

If elected the Marxist-Leninists said they oppose all imperialist powers (both U.S. imperialists and Soviet social imperialists).

The party further supports the struggles for justice of the oppressed peoples of the world.

According to Bains, law under the capitalist system is "an excuse to exploit people."

Council approves plans

by Alison Thomson

A new, improved RATT and Fridays were approved in principle at Tuesday night's Students' Council meeting.

The report of the Long-Range Planning Committee, including other recommendations on the expansion of CJSR with FM licensing and covering the SUB courtyard, was approved.

Negotiations with the university about covering the courtyard, possibly in conjunction with the World Student Games, are now taking place, said Students' Union (SU) general manager Bert Best.

Vp external Tema Frank reported a reasonably good turnout at a Monday meeting on the proposed tuition fee increase. The forums committee is considering holding a mock trial of "accessibility to education" rather than a standard forum, she said.

A suggestion to have two students from each faculty at the Board of Governors meeting discussing cutbacks was also made. This would "demonstrate student concern," she said.

It might persuade the Board to protest having to raise tuition fees, Frank said.

Council also approved a

proposal that the university subsidize transit fares by increasing charges for parking. The proposal will be presented to the Board of Governors.

According to Frank, this will help students on a limited budget, alleviate parking problems, and encourage students to use public transit.

Sympathy was expressed by council over the death of pharmacy Dean Gerry Van Petten.

Council also approved the appointments of perennial Science councillor Steve Cumming as CJSR director, and Keith Krause as *Gateway* editor for 1980-81.

Bookstore bluffer in art fraud

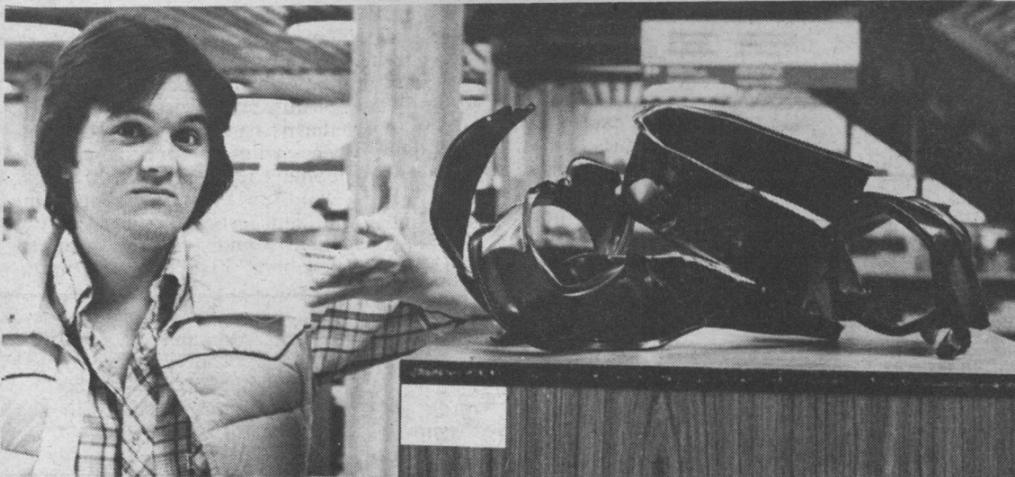


photo Lucinda Chodan

Duped *Gateway* photographer Brad Keith: "How are you supposed to tell nowadays?"

An appreciation of the aesthetics of art is not our strong point. Especially not our photographers'.

On page 3 of Tuesday's *Gateway*, we ran a photo of a piece of sculpture on exhibit in the University Bookstore in SUB. The piece was called "Metal Work 1980", and was ostensibly on loan to the bookstore from the National Gallery of Canada.

Well, it isn't. What the piece is could be called a work of spontaneous art, created by a very local artist.

The amazing sculpture is actually a piece of bent metal shelving put on display by bookstore staff for a bit of joke.

A bookstore staffer, who asked not to be identified, said they were just interested in seeing how many people would consider it a real work of art.

Apparently, the *Gateway* staff weren't the only people to swallow it.

Before the truth about the art became known, photographer Russ Sampson was so moved by the piece that he called it "the finest and purest example of negative imagery in a three-dimensional time-space continuum that I've ever had the pleasure of experiencing with all six senses."



Pysanka — Ukrainian Easter eggs — on display in SUB. This week is Ukrainian Week on campus. Watch for more craft displays in various locations.

photo Brad Keith

Kirk Kirkwood

"Sharp little things, these." I found a watch on my way to the bus stop yesterday. The strap was broken; it must have popped off someone's wrist or jumped out of a pocket. I stopped to consider whether to leave it in the snow or pick it up but I had to hurry. Resolving to do something about returning it later, I scooped up the watch and got to the bus.

Until I did figure out what to do, I found it nice to play with. It was the only nice thing I had to look forward to that day. I'd been up all night working on a paper. It was done but it was terrible. Just thinking about it was depressing so I played with the watch.

This was quite a nice watch. A quartz job with the LCD digits. I know these things have been around for years but I'd never really looked at one before. It had two little buttons: one on either side. I pressed one and the month and date appeared. Hot damn! How do they do that?

I pressed the other button. Nothing happened. I kept pressing but nothing. I figured the watch might be too cold to work right so I rubbed it between my hands to warm it.

I heard a loud pop, the sound you make with your finger in your cheek. I looked beside me and there was this guy in a downfill and a silk touque. He rubbed his hands together and said, "Thanks bud. It's brass monkey weather in there, lemme tell ya."

"Hiya, I'm Steve," he continued, "genie of the watch. Waddaya want?"

"What the . . ."

"Ya get three wishes. Things are pretty well still traditional in this biz."

"Genie of the watch are you. Sure."

"Okay, not that traditional. Where ya gonna find a nice oil lamp these days? And I tried living in a flashlight. It's got no class. Come on waddaya want?"

The guy was off his nut, right? Still I've sat on the bus with worse. Monday a three hundred pound woman who must have eaten sweat socks for breakfast sat beside me. At least this guy was fun so why not play along?

"Fine, I wish for a thousand more wishes and not let me think."

"Ya can't pull stuff like that, bud. Ya get three wishes and finite. And I gotta admit, I'm no five star genie. No wishing for castles in the sky and harems full of Charlie's Angels. Keep it small."

"All right. Steve is it? Fine, Steve, see this paper? It's about half as long as it should be and trash. Fix it up, eh, or is that too much for you?"

I heard that pop again. He actually did stick his finger in his cheek. I looked at the paper. The title page was difference. It looked like it had been typed on an IBM Selectric instead of my 1921 Underwood. It felt heavier. I turned the pages slowly as if it might explode. The paper was intelligent, logical, informative, persuasive, entertaining, neat, whoopee! "How many more wishes you say I got?"

"Look bud, I gave ya three, ya used one, ya got two left. What's your next wish? Ya wanna learn how to count to four?"

"Skip it." I had something here. My eyes wandered about the bus as I pondered my next wish. Suddenly I knew.

"Steve good buddy, see that blonde up front there? The one with the Snoopy book bag and the . . ."

"Say no more." He popped his cheek again. He was gone and she was sitting beside me.

"Excuse me," she said, "but I saw you were holding that copy of *Canadian Government*. We're taking Canadian government in Poli Sci 200 but I don't understand it at all. Do you know enough about it to help me?"

"Uh, yea. Do you, er, have any time uh, free this morning?"

"Oh, I don't have any classes this morning. I just came to study but I really need some help. Please?"

How could I refuse? Even if I hadn't been overcome by hormones I would have fallen to paternal instincts. The third wish would be gravy after this.

The bus jerked sharply and I almost hit my head on the next seat. I snapped back and my eyes felt strangely sticky. I was sitting alone holding that watch. I yawned and I know: the roosters had worn off.

I didn't bother to check my paper. I knew it was still terrible. Anyways there wasn't time. We were two stops past the university. I got out and ran to class through bracing cold.

No blonde, no paper, no third wish. I still have the watch, however. If you can identify it call me. I'm offering a reward.