

War game for weirdos

analysis by Adam Wessel

Have you seen the poster on campus that takes the Assassins club one step farther?

The title on the poster reads, "Combat Unlimited, The Life-Size War Game."

In these days of the expensive weekend retreat 'Combat Unlimited' offers quite a bargain. For just \$30.00 you can "Test your courage on the FIELD OF HONOR."

For this \$30.00 you will be transported by chartered bus to a 'private battlefield' where "you will be equipped with our exclusive CO₂ weapons which fire projectiles (gelatin capsules) containing a soluble (sic) marker dye."

Each weekend warrior will be assigned to a unit where "your objective for the entire day will be simple — KILL OR BE KILLED...EX-

PERIENCE THE ULTIMATE CONFLICT."

What is best of all is that the people putting out this 'literature' are not picky — they will take anyone: "Armchair Strategist or Soldier of Fortune."

Anyone really interested in this I would like to hear from. Set up a meeting place and time through the Gateway office in SUB. I'm interested in meeting human beings who could participate in this kind of bullshit.

The people who screamed about the Assassins club, I thought, were a little extreme. Assassins was a joke. The people who would have participated were just a little caught up in the James Bond/exotic spy myth. But Assassins was still harmless fun.

Combat Unlimited is another story. It appeals to overgrown army cadet weirdos who either

cannot give up their GI Joes or who get such a kick out of violence that they are willing to pay money to pretend to do it. Of course the potential customers aren't attracted by such insults. The ad appeals to "armchair strategists" and "soldiers of fortune."

It is the ridiculous things like this that make me wonder how far our society has advanced. Are the baser instincts of most of the kill-to-live animal populations still present in human beings or are we just having problems with growing up?

It would be nice to believe we are advancing, and growing but the mental midgets who organize and participate in these Vietnam fantasy enactments do shake my faith in humanity.

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Old issues wrapped up at last

by Allison Annesley

A ten per cent inflationary adjustment for Students' Union fees was approved after much debate at Tuesday night's five-hour marathon meeting of Council.

Both a second and third reading of the fee increase motion passed. Students will be charged the ten per cent in addition to the five dollar increase they approved in February's referendum.

A proposed amendment to the motion by VP Internal Ray Conway stipulated that the money collected from this increase "be targeted specifically" to creating additional clubs and office space. Conway's amendment failed.

Arts Proxy Don Millar complained the increase had not been definite on the referendum ballot, and said, "I don't think it is at all fair to infer that students endorsed this."

VP Finance Roger Merkosky then told Council that literature and speeches pertaining to the referendum had "certainly suggested that the increase would probably be brought before Council." The motion passed on a roll call vote, 18 for, 3 against.

The Students' Union preliminary budget, the highlights of which appeared on the back page of Tuesday's Gateway, was approved.

A motion was passed that Council express its disapproval of "the unethical and illegal actions" of the U of C for non-payment of FAS (Federation of Alberta Students) fees they have already collected. A letter, expressing these sentiments, will be sent to

the U of C by President Greenhill. An SU review of the proposed rate increases for student housing next year was approved and will be presented to the Board of Governors next week.

The Graduate Students Association (GSA) policy on University budget priorities, which asks for a moratorium on new campus buildings until repairs and renovations have been made to existing facilities, and that replacement of outdated equipment be made a high priority was passed by Council. The GSA policy also asks for a halt on new program proposals until existing programs receive adequate funding. It calls for an indefinite freeze on the creation of new administrative positions, as well as library service upgrading with funds taken from the central administration.

The terms of all student councillors were extended until May 1st, in keeping with the extension that has already been approved for SU exec members.

Five members of next year's Council were made delegates to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) conference this spring in Saskatoon, at a cost of \$390 per delegate. The U of A is a prospective member of CFS. The five delegates are Wes Sawatzky, Siobhan Avery, Peter Block, Andrew Watts, and Barb Donaldson.

Councillor Karen Hartwig and GFC Caucus rep Barry Lace were appointed to sit on Nominating Committee for the remainder of this year's term and Housing and Transport Commissioner, Janet Dale, was appointed to sit on next year's Priorities and Planning

Committee.

And grants were made to the following organizations:

- \$834 to the U of A Computing Society
- \$880 to the Disabled Students on Campus
- \$300 to the Tuxis Parliament of Alberta

Fees a possible barrier to education

Council says freeze tuition

by Richard Watts

Students' Council decided to support the policy of a freeze on tuition until the completion of a study to determine how tuition costs affect the accessibility of post-secondary education.

IN other words, Council wants to ascertain how many students cannot attend University because they cannot afford the cost of tuition.

Currently, the Provincial Government is conducting a participation study which will determine who is currently attending post-secondary education.

Presumably there should be the same balance within the University between upper and lower classes as there is in the general population.

Certain members of Council stated that to advocate a zero increase in the cost of tuition was unrealistic and unreasonable

since the University is sorely strapped for cash and will probably raise tuition fees whether students like it or not.

SU President Robert Greenhill stated it would be much better to indicate that students are willing to bear some of the cost of their education and ask for only a six per cent increase in tuition.

Greenhill and other advocates of a relatively small increase in tuition argued that it was a much more practical bargaining position than a position of no increase.

Council however disagreed and the majority said that, in principle, it was better to oppose any increase in tuition until it had been determined by a study on whether tuition represented a barrier to higher education.

An amendment to the motion was proposed and defeated which would have seen a zero increase in

tuition policy be the only policy advocated by representatives of the Students' Union.

The amendment was proposed by Arts rep Bev Therrien and SU VP External Teresa Gonzalez and was probably aimed principally at SU President Robert Greenhill. Greenhill campaigned in the February SU elections on the principle of advocating a six per cent increase in tuition when dealing with the Board of Governors.

Greenhill also stated that although he had publicly supported Council's position of a zero increase in tuition, his personal opinion differed from Council's. Greenhill said he had made his personal opinion known to University VP Finance Lorne Lietch while the two of them were in the sauna together.

The limiting amendment was defeated.

Conway under fire for sexism

by Richard Watts

VP Internal Ray Conway caught flack at Tuesday's Students' Council meeting for approving the posting of an ad in SUB advertising the band Headwind.

The poster of an illustration of a young woman whose shirt is being blown off by the wind.

Arts rep Bev Therrien asked Conway why he approved the poster claiming she found it sexist.

Conway replied, "I knew I was going to get asked about that so I took the poster to the entire executive Committee and we voted to allow its posting."

SU President Robert Greenhill interjected "I felt the poster was dangerously close to being sexist but there was no implied violence or degradation in the poster so I voted to allow its posting."

Greenhill added however, that if Students' Council decided to rule that the poster was indeed of a sexist nature then he would happily remove it.

Therrien indicated that she did indeed find the poster offensive and would like to see it removed.

Conway replied, "There is no need to remove the poster since people of the same opinion as Therrien have already done just that."

Arts rep Dwayne Chomyn objected to Conway's mention of

the fact that he had taken the comment to executive committee.

"I don't think taking the poster to executive committee absolves you of the responsibility within your own area," he said.

Conway replied that he had been elected to do a job and would do it the best way he thought he could.

The questioning on the matter of the Headwind poster came after some councillors asked Conway why he allowed the right-

wing reactionary Christian magazine Plain Truth to be distributed within SUB.

Conway said that while he agreed that Plain Truth was "practically fascist" he did not think it fell within the SU guidelines which disallow the distribution any racist, sexist, degrading or obscene material.

At that point Therrien asked why Conway allowed the posting of the Headwind poster.

SU fees to escalate 21%

by Richard Watts

Your Student Union membership fees will be going up next year by approximately 21 per cent.

Students' Council agreed to raise fees by the Consumer Price Index of 10 per cent. Coupled with the five dollar increase agreed to in February's referendum fees will be climbing from \$45 to \$54.50.

However it should be remembered students paid \$48.50 this year since they were also paying \$3.50 for a membership in the Federation of Alberta Students which is virtually no more.

Council hotly debated whether or not fees should be raised to take into account the devaluation of the membership fees by inflation.

One objection that occurred several times was that the University Administration would be less sympathetic to student objections to a tuition increase if the Students' Union raised their fees by such a large percentage.

Incoming VP Finance Greg Maclean said, "I was talking to Myer Horowitz (University President) and he said 'How can you support a 21 per cent increase in SU fees and fight against any increases in tuition?'"

One wonders if Maclean had the sense to point out to Dr. Horowitz that a 21 per cent rise in Su fees amounts in real terms to an easily affordable \$6.00, while the same hike in tuition fees would amount to a whopping great one hundred sixty five dollars.

