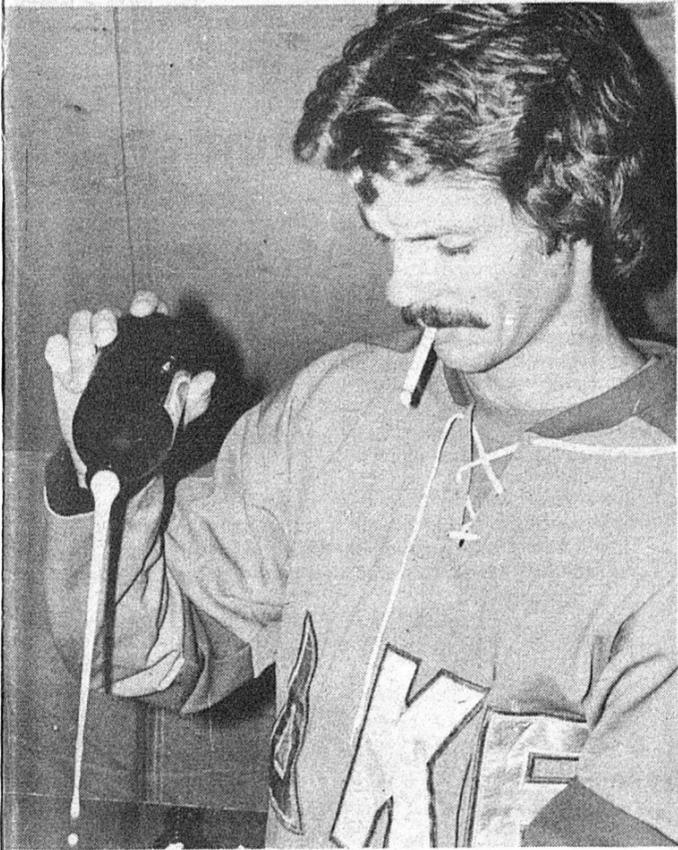


A woman without  
a man...

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...is like a fish  
without a bicycle

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**We've got the registration Blues!**  
Labatt's workers came to the rescue when they reached a settlement and started work this week - now the frosh can get sloshed all next week - at cabarets, the beer gardens and Saturday's Dinwoodie Social. This week, Fratrats are pouring booze lunch hours in Quad.

## FAS referendum Oct. 6

Within a month U of A students will decide whether to join the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) at an annual cost of \$10,000, a levy of 50 cents per student.

At a Tuesday meeting, Students' Council set Oct. 6 as the date of the FAS referendum and provided \$500 for an "information campaign" relating to FAS membership.

The information exchange, says SU president Len Zoeteman, will begin immediately, using posters, advertisements, leaflets and public debate to

provide students with data on advantages and disadvantages of membership.

Brian Mason, FAS executive secretary, says FAS also will organize a campaign to provide U of A students with information about the provincial students' organization and possible advantages in membership.

Mason said he hopes the FAS and the Students' Council campaign will complement one another and provide a complete picture for students voting in the referendum.

## National Student Day

by Tom Baker

Students' unions across Canada are organizing a National Student Day, to be held Nov. 9, in protest of government cutbacks threatening post-secondary education in the country.

At its fourth annual conference this summer, the National Union of Students (NUS) and member organizations, including the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), voted to demonstrate their concern over increased financial barriers to post-secondary education being set by governments.

The student organizations said government cutbacks were "threatening to reduce university entrance to a monied elite and had already resulted in increased tuition fees, quotas and reduced student aid programs.

National Student Day will be organized by local campus groups, co-ordinated by provincial and national committees; Students' Council Arts rep Ken Reynolds is U of A campus coordinator and will attend a

provincial conference in Red Deer Sept. 18 to discuss plans for the day.

The call for a national student day reflects increased student opposition to government plans for de-emphasizing post-secondary education.

Last January 21, 3,000 Ontario students demonstrated in Toronto against education cutbacks. In late January, 900 students in Calgary attended a protest meeting against a projected 25% tuition hike. One week later a thousand students here at the U of A boycotted classes to rally on that same issue. In early February, 500 students occupied the New Brunswick legislature for 11 days to protest cutbacks in the grant portion of student aid.

Tuition fee increases of 10 to 25% have been announced throughout most of Canada. The highest fee increases have been imposed on international students. In Ontario they will face 250 to 300% fee hikes, and Alberta a tripling of fees has been proposed. At Grant McEwan Community College, Red Deer

College and Mount Royal College such increases for foreign students will be in effect next year.

Although students are paying more for their education and related expenses, they have less money to contribute. This past summer an estimated 15% were unable to find work.

In spite of these financial problems, governments have made no provisions for increased assistance through financial aid.

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Hear ye,  
hear ye

Four seats on Students' Council will be contested in an Oct. 6 by-election, to be held in conjunction with a referendum on the U of A's entry into the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS).

Two education seats, as well as science, arts, law and rehabilitation medicine seats are open for nominations.

## Late housing search may prove fruitless

by John Kenney

Students without accommodation are caught in a housing squeeze which student officials say won't be solved unless 300 to 350 new housing listings are put on the market immediately.

"I never could have believed so many people would leave it till the last minute," Students' Union Housing director Harald Kuckertz said Wednesday. "We've had a tremendous number of people here in the last few days."

"To make matters worse, most of them are looking for self-contained units - suites, apartments - and there just aren't any in the city."

Edmonton, at 0.1%, has the lowest vacancy rate in Canada, except Saskatoon, Kuckertz said, and it's getting to the point where students can't afford to be too choosy in what they rent.

"Students looking for self-contained housing should think about taking rooms," he said, "even if it's only on a temporary basis."

Housing registry staff has increased from two to six to handle the last-minute rush, Kuckertz said, and between 40 and 45 new listings are coming into the registry each day.

He asked that all people with rental accommodation contact the registry at 432-4212 to help alleviate the rush.

The SU registry has provided 1145 listings since June 1, compared with 1535 last year. A booklet of listings is issued every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Room 280, SUB and the registry will continue to do so until full-time operations stop September 30.

Homeless students searching for permanent accommodation may find beds available at Lister Hall where 40 beds have been provided on a temporary basis.

## Non-committal study needs student input

The provincial government would like to develop a student housing policy but they don't yet know what students want, according to a final report issued this summer by the department of advanced education.

The housing study, supposedly a "spring board" for the development of provincial policy, requires greater information about student housing preferences, administrators say.

And the Students' Union has responded to the government's needs by inserting a housing survey questionnaire as the final part of this year's registration package.

Harald Kuckertz, SU housing director, says it is imperative that students on campus fill out and return this housing questionnaire if student response to the government's request is to be taken seriously.

"We've got to get enough responses to have significant data to hand over," Kuckertz says. "If we don't, they won't take us seriously or realize the severity of the student housing situation."

The study suggests that planning proceed in three interrelated ways: contingency planning for serious student housing shortages, short term planning to respond to continuing needs, and long term planning for broader societal demands for housing.

Between the extremes of student residences and low-rental public housing, said the report, were the variables of student needs, institutional requirements and situational factors.

The study said student needs, for example, include the cost to students, privacy, proximity to institutions, student recreational and social interests, and the length of a student's program.

The study recommended that no student be denied access to a post-secondary institution simply because housing is not available.

But the study concluded that further research would be necessary before implementation of the recommendations could take place.



## FOS is eye-opener

More than 2,000 wide-eyed freshmen were eased into the university system through the Freshman Orientation Seminars (FOS) program this summer.

Participation in the seminars this year represents an average 45 per cent increase over last year.

While it may have been a case of the myopic leading the blind, the purpose of the seminars was to introduce newcomers to university by making available to them the knowledge of experienced students.

The FOS student "leaders" were present at the seminars to answer any questions: from where to eat to how to apply for a student loan.

The freshmen were also given a detailed explanation of what might be the most difficult task they'll be asked to perform at university: in-person registration.

The program consisted of day-long and weekend seminars held at the university from July 2 through Sept. 8.