

# SU quota policy expected in the new year

by James Stevenson

Students can expect a new Students' Union policy concerning faculty quotas early in the new year.

A new position regarding quotas will be introduced "sometime in January," said Students' Union V.P. academic Suresh Mustapha. This will replace the existing policy, created in 1984, just before the government introduced major secondary education cutbacks.

The old policy stipulates that the SU is obliged to condemn all Uni-

versity of Alberta quotas on first year admissions. A new policy would permit SU to examine the issues before taking a stance, rather than having to automatically reject it. "The old policy is very restrictive," said Mustapha. "What we need is a far more rational policy."

Students can expect a more liberal policy allowing SU to examine the issues in full before making a decision. Although the old policy was made with the intentions of allowing all Albertans an education, a ceiling on admissions is now

needed. "We can't get any larger than this. Realistically, we don't have the space for any more people," declared Mustapha. "We must view this from a university perspective and not an Albertan perspective."

Any plan concerning faculty quotas must face the dilemma of quality of education vs. quantity of education. "The real question is whether or not these quota policies meet their intended solution—

better education," said Mustapha. If quotas are put in, the University stands to lose both student tuitions and enrolment growth funding from the government. It remains to be seen whether the advantages of quotas are worth the loss of funding.

Mustapha questions whether the implementation of quotas will make a notable difference to the problems of overcrowding. The number of students to be denied entrance would result in a decrease of three to four people per class. "Will this

make a significant difference in improving the quality of education?" asked Mustapha.

The actual weight an SU quota policy carries is questionable. Any policy stipulated affects only the SU executive and has no effect on SU councillors or student representatives. There is also no guarantee of effectiveness at the university level. An SU policy is a "formal statement binding interior board members only," agreed Mustapha.

## Another Bridge?

U of M Engineers in trouble too

by Pat Kiernan

University of Alberta engineers aren't alone in their fight to defend their student newspaper. The editors of *The Red Lion*, at the University of Manitoba, were nearly suspended by their dean of Engineering.

Unlike the recent controversy at the U of A, the initiative against *The Red Lion* came directly from faculty administrators. The complaints about the November issue of *The Bridge* were launched by students

independent of the faculty of Engineering.

Garland Laliberte, Manitoba's dean of Engineering, charged that the content of the paper was offensive to both faculty and students. He called the material sexist, sexually explicit, and in poor taste.

Speaking to the U of M's student paper, *The Manitoban*, Laliberte said, "The *Red Lion* undoes our (the faculty of Engineering's) efforts. We are trying to project a different image of the faculty. It also reflects negatively on the university as a whole."

To address the concerns, the dean called an open forum to review the content of *The Red Lion* with editors Martin Beima and Elvis Cepus. After nearly an hour of emotional debate, Laliberte decided not to suspend the students, nor did he express any further intent to discipline the editors.

It's likely that an effort to tone down the content of *The Red Lion* will be made in the near future. As a result of the dean's comments and opinions expressed in the forum, both editors agree that a major restructuring is in order.

A spokesman for engineering students agreed some concern about the content was merited. Leah Lansard said, "I think we should all listen to what Laliberte is saying. The prestige of this faculty is not something to laugh at. It shows a great lack of respect for the profession and for ourselves."

## Everything you never wanted to know about campus . . .

Among the long list of acronyms used at the University of Alberta is GUBA—the name for the official mascot of U of A Athletics.

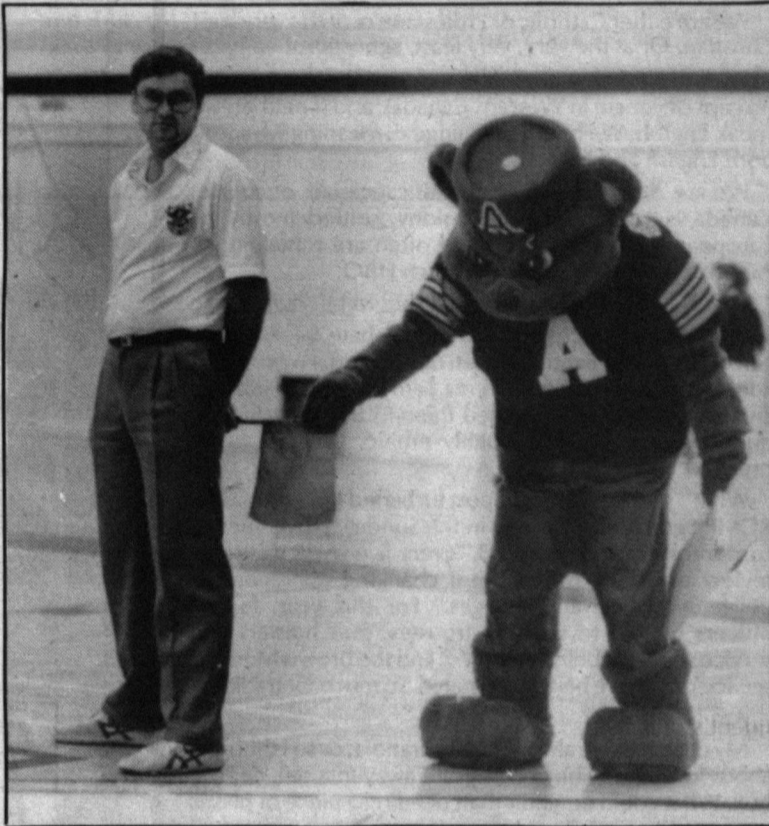
GUBA stands for Great University Bear of Alberta. The big bear was first introduced to sports fans at a Golden Bear basketball game in 1971. In the following week a contest was held to choose a name for the mascot. Out of 300 entries, the name GUBA was chosen.

GUBA has become a familiar face at Golden Bear and Panda games. He encourages jeers and cheers from the crowd. GUBA also has the ever-important role of occupying the smaller fans—whose attention spans aren't too long—so that their parents can enjoy the sporting event. It is estimated that GUBA's tail has been pulled about 2,000 times and that he has received about 5,000 hugs.

GUBA has traveled with U of A teams to national competitions and has also represented the University in parades and events such as Klondike Days.

But GUBA's most important role remains at U of A sporting events, where the tough bear roams, lifting fans' spirits and occasionally annoying the odd referee.

The all-important question about GUBA is, of course, who is it that walks around in there? Who takes abuse from ankle-biters at every game? Is it always the same guy—or girl? Is GUBA a paid position? If so, how much, and where can we apply? Does it look good on a resume? Unfortunately, GUBA is traditionally close-mouthed about the whole matter.



Colin Northcott

## Grapevine

**Pulp Mill Moratorium Day** will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the Provincial Museum. Organized by various groups opposed to the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill proposed for the Athabasca area, a rally will be held outside the museum. Inside, the Environmental Impact Assessment Review Board is holding hearings into the viability of the project. The rally gets underway at 11:15 a.m.

**Rutherford House** gives everyone a chance to experience a traditional Christmas on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. until December 24. Visitors will be able to participate in activities, designed for both the young and old, illustrating Christmas preparations of yesterday. Phone 427-3995 for further info.

The Annual Student's Union **Christmas Eggnog Party** is happening on Friday. All eggnoggers should meet at the SUB courtyard at noon for refreshments and carolling.

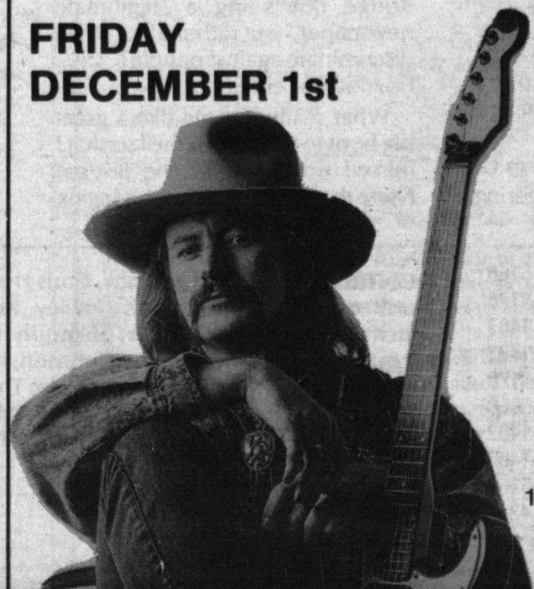
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