

Tuition fees debated



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Arguments against the abolishment of tuition fees are the same as those used back in the 19th century for elementary education, Max Wyman, president of the U of A, told a meeting of the Senate Friday.

"Fees bear no relation to costs and there is no basis whatsoever for the present fee structure at the University of Alberta," said Wyman.

Opposing viewpoints on whether to retain tuition fees at the University of Alberta were given by the Senate's task force on student finance. Apparently, the task force is divided on the question of tuition fees.

"A student is here by choice...How is it fair to ask the general public to finance students," said Grundy.

The elimination of fees would be a regressive step, he said, because it would subsidize high income families, who use the university more than those from lower income groups.

"What we really need is financial assistance to lower income families," he suggested.

Bill Grundy, a member of the task force, said he was convinced that a student "will have a greater sense of responsibility, of interest and a sense of achievement, if he has contributed some of his own resources to his education..."

Tuition fees contribute about \$14 million to the cost of running the university.

To ask the provincial or federal government to assume this additional cost "would seem to be completely impractical at this time," said Grundy.

He warned that complete elimination of university fees could lead to a "significantly increased tendency for more government control of the university."

Ron Pearson, a student member of the committee, argued that there is a greater need for higher education and it would be open to every capable person.

About 60 per cent of students take out loans, Pearson said, and the average debt on graduation is \$1200.

"On graduation, students find themselves in bad financial situation. The only collateral they have is an uncertain future."

Elimination of fees might allow students who have part-time jobs more time to devote to their studies, he suggested.

In questioning the basis for the present system, Pearson noted that while there are discrepancies in wages earned by students in different faculties, the fees are the same.

This also applies to women graduates, who earn less money than men with comparable training, he said.

Pearson suggested that a study of the present tuition system be undertaken to determine the motives for levying fees.

Hell's Angels fight drugs

(EN) - They may not sound like the same outlaw bikers that Hunter Thompson wrote about, but the Los Angeles chapter of the Hell's Angels says it's going to launch an anti-drug program for kids.

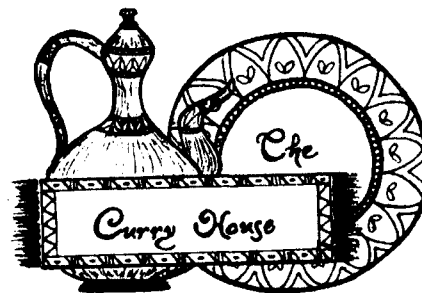
According to Bob Lawrence--the chapter president--"We don't care if a guy 25 years old sticks a needle in his arm. That's his business. What we're trying to do," said Lawrence, "is reach kids 12, 13, 14-years-old." Lawrence said the program would consist of bumper stickers, rap sessions with kids, and "friendly preachin'."

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Completed nomination forms should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Office of the Vice-President, Academic, 2nd Floor, SUB, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 10, 1973.

If an election is necessary, such election will be held on Friday, October 19.

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