

Frozen fee era is over: Hohol

by Kevin Gillese

According to Bert Hohol, Alberta's minister of advanced education, the era of frozen tuition fees has ended.

Students' Union president Graeme Leabeater announced at a press conference last night that in a meeting with the minister, "Dr. Hohol admitted that tuition fees will steadily increase in the future, using some form of indexing."

Leadbeater explained that Hohol felt universities should be looking at tuition fees as making up a large percentage of the budget, but that the percentage should be in the neighborhood of ten to fifteen per cent.

"Dr. Hohol felt very strongly," Leadbeater said, "that fees should be high enough to make students take their studies seriously and make their degrees have some value." The minister did not make clear, though, exactly how much students should pay for their education.

Brian Mason, SU executive vp, said Hohol emphasized that fees would *not* be correlated to inflation rates, but that the "indexing" arrangement would

merely attempt to maintain the percentage of education financing paid directly by university students.

The minister is now reviewing fee increase proposals from post-secondary institutions across the province and is expected to announce his decision concerning the proposals next week.

It is expected he will approve the U of A's request for a 25% fee increase but president Leadbeater said Hohol has guaranteed that in upcoming

years there will not be fee increases of this year's magnitude.

When asked what his reaction would be to a 30% fee hike this year, Leadbeater replied that he would be very disappointed. "Such a move would serve only to further increase the distance between lower and higher income groups and their access to higher levels of education. Furthermore, I believe it would perpetuate an elitist mentality at universities."

Native affairs advisor posted

Marilyn Buffalo MacDonald has been appointed advisor on native affairs at the University of Alberta.

Mrs. MacDonald, a 25-year-old native, began work recently in the position created by the university's Board of Governors.

As the advisor on native affairs, Mrs. MacDonald will primarily work in two separate but related areas. With students, she will be responsible for helping those already on campus, and for com-

municating with those who might wish to come to the university.

With native groups and communities Mrs. MacDonald will help in gaining access to the resources of the university, and also assist members of the university community in establishing contacts with native groups.

It is intended that Mrs. MacDonald's work will not replace any services the university now maintains, but she will work with university offices

University reaches out

The public, according to a report by the University of Alberta Senate, holds great expectations for the university's extension function.

Extension has been defined in the report as "any activity that brings the resources of the university to the service of persons who are not enrolled in the regular full-time undergraduate or graduate programs of the university."

The university's viewpoint of this role will be aired at an open meeting of the Senate Thursday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the club room of the

Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. The Senate will also discuss recommendations of its report on academic women, a document which was released in March, 1975 and which concluded that discrimination against academic women on the basis of sex does exist at the University of Alberta.

A seven-member task force struck by the Senate has been investigating the extension function since April, 1975. At Thursday's meeting, the group will describe the present state of extension services and relate it to the demands of the public.

The report is aimed at interested members of the public as well as the university community.

Related and unrelated ways in which the university tries to serve the needs of the people who support it have been collected by the task force. Its conclusions emanate from consideration of the changing clientele of the university; the variety of present extension activity; the appropriateness to the University of various forms of extension; the ability of the university to effect change within its own boundaries; the attitudes of its academic staff; the demands of the public; and the availability of funds.

This is the second document to deal with the extension function. In November, 1974, a Senate task force, after seeking widespread public comment on the extension function, stated that the university should make a university-wide commitment to the development of its role as a major community resource.

"Service to the people of Alberta at large should have status comparable to the traditional teaching and research activities of the university," the report said.

To encourage attendance by the public, the Senate will discuss issues of interest to the public during the evening preceding a regular meeting Friday, Thursday's meeting marks the beginning of this concept.

The remainder of the Senate meeting will begin Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

Ford flees fallen fly

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP) - *New York* magazine reports that shortly before President Gerald Ford met in France last fall with French President Giscard D'Estaing, the secret service carefully checked out Ford's quarters.

Nothing was out of the ordinary - except one dead fly. According to *New York*, the secret service was worried that the fly may have been killed by poison gas, and quickly flew the insect's body back to Washington for an autopsy. The post mortem was negative.

Students interested in admission to the Faculty of Environmental Design

are invited to meet representatives of the Faculty on Friday, February 20, 1976 between 11:30 and 2:00 p.m. in Room 128, Administration Building. Graduate programmes are available in Architecture, Environmental Science, Urbanism.

Students planning to apply for admission in September 1976, or preparing for later admission are urged to attend.

Further information is available from the

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