

Exec fears UAB takeover

by Bob Blair

There is an impending change in the body that governs this university's intramural and intercollegiate sports programs, and some members of the Students' Union executive are concerned that this may result in students losing control of the \$290,000 they pay to the university athletic board.

The faculty of physical education is planning to convert the Division of Athletics into the Department of Athletics. It is this division that at a cost of \$187,000 to the faculty of Phys. Ed., plus \$290,000 to the students (the \$15 per student UAB fee) sets up and administers intramurals and intercollegiate sports.

Three members of the SU executive, services vp Tony Melnechuk, finance and administration vp Jack Redekop, and president Joe McGhie, have voiced fears that this may in some way weaken the control of student representatives over the money paid to UAB by students.

Said Melnechuk, "If things keep on the way they're going I'm afraid students aren't going to have control of that money."

However, when Melnechuk confronted Men's Athletics president Gerry Hunt with the matter at last Monday's Students' Council meeting, Hunt took the position that the matter did not appear to be as serious as the executive members were making it out to be and that in any case there is not enough information available yet to make any real position on the matter.

Hunt maintains the change will not adversely affect the control of students over their own money.

The move to departmentalization is, at least in part, the result of a decision by the UPC (University Planning Commission) that for budgetary purposes, athletics must be considered a part of the Phys. Ed. faculty. The UPC has control over increases in any portion of the university budget. Their concern with athletics is the portion of their budget they receive from the special fund of the Dean of Phys. Ed. (the \$187,000).

Hunt says that neither UPC nor any other part of the administration is out to control the \$290,000.

Melnechuk is not so certain. What is going to happen when athletics has a faculty appointed chairman - when the athletics budget is controlled by a department bureaucracy?

"I would make sure the students would have control of that budget," he said at Monday's Council meeting.

However, Hunt says that it will be in writing that the university can only affect the faculty of

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Dentistry proposals accepted by GFC executive

by Greg Neiman

The Executive Committee of GFC has accepted and recommended a proposal from the Faculty of Dentistry, although some discussion on the academic merits of the proposal is expected when the matter goes to Faculties Council.

The proposal calls for GFC's approval and recommendation for a new Dentistry Building, and acceptance in principle of staff adjustments for an increased student enrollment in the faculty, as well as basic curriculum changes which would reduce pre-dental instruction from two to one year, and increase the dentistry program proper from four to five years.

Jack Girton, student rep on the Executive Committee, feels the curriculum changes are contrary to basic instruction

principles at the university, and the trend to what he views as increased specialization in university education should be reversed.

"The students are being crucified," he said, "the pressure on students to get good marks to enter dentistry is high enough as it is."

Girton feels the university should strive toward providing well-rounded education in many fields of knowledge as opposed to cranking out professionals.

The proposal, says Girton, would only force students to work harder towards an acceptance into the faculty and would not encourage students to provide themselves with a broad field of knowledge.

In a *Gateway* interview, Girton mentioned cases which occurred in other professional schools wherein students "lied, cheated, and stole", to get the right kinds of marks to enter dentistry, medicine, or other restricted professional fields. The university, through this

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Entire slate takes election Leadbeater wins close contest

The Students' Union general election proved to be a close race this year. The entire Leadbeater slate was elected, but no single candidate, with the exception of Brian Mason, vp-elect executive, can claim any large majority.

Graeme Leadbeater received 2106 votes for a 55.5% majority, compared with incumbent president Joe McGhie, who received 1688.

Mason received 62.8% of the votes with a total of 2097, Paul Hazlett receiving 1405. Jane Bothwell won the vp-

academic seat with 2097 votes, 54.3%, and Rick Cooper gaining 1762. In the vp finance and administration position Gene Borys won with 54.8% of the votes, 1946, Robert Elliot receiving 1602 votes.

The closest race was between Terry Sharon and Peter Drabble for the position of vp services. Sharon got a slim 51% of the votes, 1888, with Drabble receiving 1802.

The position of vp men's athletics was won by Paul Belanger, who got 55.1% of the votes, 1887, over Keith Walker who received 1698 votes.

Leadbeater slate must face HUB crisis

by Greg Neiman

Although the Leadbeater Slate campaign did not rest as heavily on the HUB financial crisis the Students' Union faces, as the others, president-elect Graeme Leadbeater and vp-elect finances and administration Gene Borys will have to look seriously at the problem, and will also have to do it soon.

With the present provincial legislature dissolved and heading towards an election in March, the new executive once it assumes power April 1, and perhaps even before, will have to view the problem with a very

cold eye, should incumbent president McGhie fail to negotiate acceptable terms with the present provincial government.

It was one of McGhie's election promises last year "to do something about the HUB situation", one at which he has worked, say some critics, to the neglect of other duties.

In the event that McGhie cannot bring about a solution in his conferences with the government, Leadbeater must.

The financial solvency of the entire Students' Union is hanging in the balance and

must, according to prior financial commitments, be brought to a head either way before the next few months.

McGhie has been notably closed-mouthed about proceedings in the talks, a fact that may have cost him the election. Leadbeater on the other hand has been more expressive, at least for the short time since he has been involved with the situation.

"Joe says the negotiations are about 75% completed with about 25% to go," said Leadbeater, "I feel we may be closer than that."

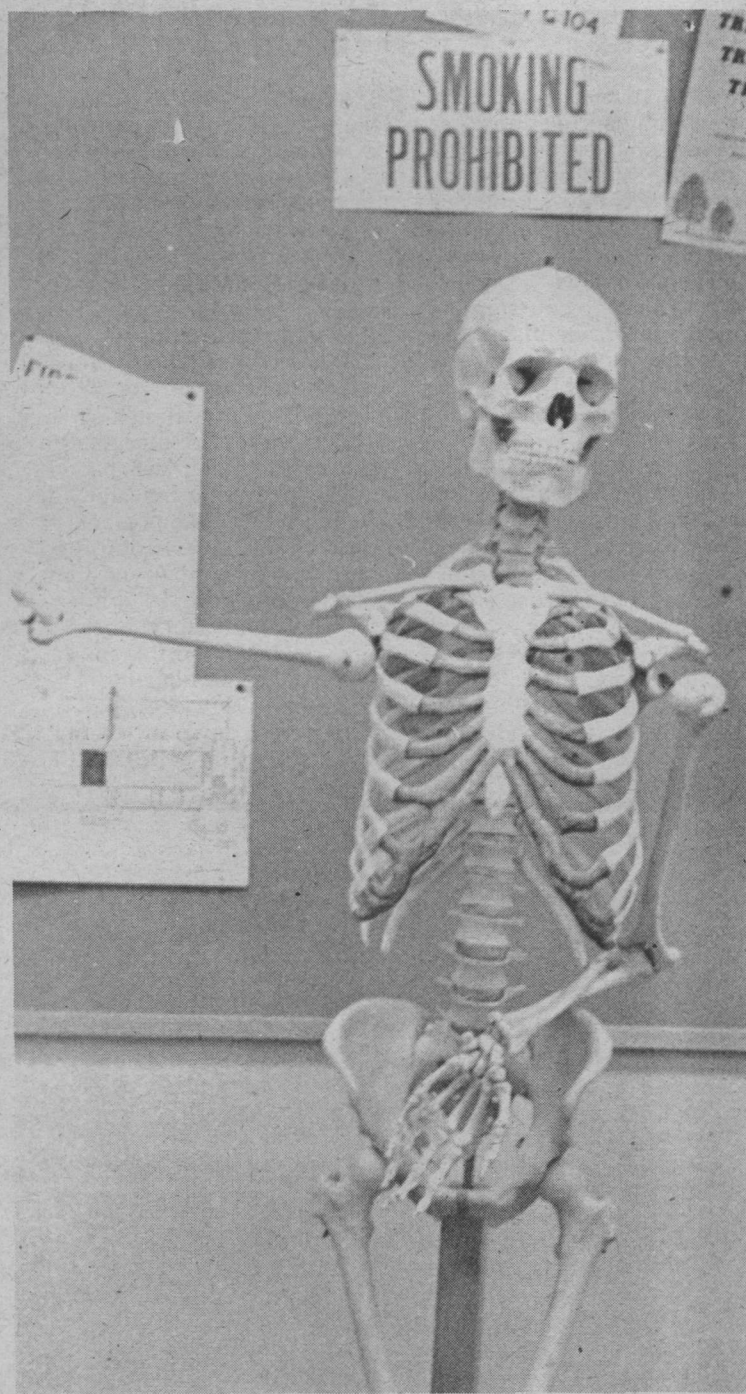


Photo Doug Moore

Read the sign, fella. No smoking regulations may soon have to be enforced with the implementation of the new Code of Student Behavior. Oh well, at least CUP and the staff of the *Manitoban* will be happy about it. They managed to enforce no smoking regulations at the national conference last Christmas, and again last weekend in Winnipeg.

"No conscience, memory..."

by Mary MacDonald

Have you ever tried to imagine what it would be like to be imprisoned for your beliefs, right or wrong? For some there is no need to imagine. They know the meaning of the words "political prisoner" already but for those of us who do not, Phillip Berrigan, anti-Vietnam war activist and ex-priest, tried to explain.

A haggard-looking Berrigan addressed a Sunday night gathering at St. Joseph's Cathedral Hall on the plight of political prisoners and in particular, Pham Tri Thu (Vietnam) and Valentyn Moroz (U.S.S.R.)

"The political prisoner is one who sees more deeply into things, feels the abuses of power more, and says there are alternatives to power," said

Berrigan. He not only opposes power and force but is willing to stake his life on his belief that there is an alternative to the abuses of the superstate.

How do these abuses begin? Berrigan believes it all is part of a society in decay, marked by the breakdown of social and political institutions. Using as a reference a book by M.G. Hall who theorized the destruction of societies in the tenth generation which show escapist behavior in cults, excess and militarism, Berrigan pointed out that we are in this generation and "Canada is FIVE years behind the U.S. in social decay." The people in the decaying state become passive and this mixed with the "cult of the leader" or subsequent abuse of power of the leaders causes the problem.

"The Superstate is the institutional product of the people's somnambulism, amnesia and greed. The abuse accorded political prisoners is ultimately, the people's abuse and a yardstick of our revengeful childishness," stated Berrigan. One victim in

The main problems that Leadbeater foresees are mainly ones of terms of support by the government. Leadbeater says he will definitely not accept terms by which the SU will have to have its budget overruled by the provincial government each year, but he also says that the SU will not come out completely unscathed.

Recent moves made by the current executive, such as leasing the third floor of SUB to the university administration, and the renting of SUB Theatre for engineering classes, can be

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