



Cheremosh, Edmonton's spectacularly acrobatic Ukrainian folk dance group, will celebrate Alberta's 75th anniversary Saturday and Sunday in the Jubilee Auditorium.

FAS' role is questioned

by Gordon Turtle

Disgruntled members of the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) are meeting this weekend in Red Deer to discuss the future of the organization.

FAS' internal structure and its methods of dealing with the provincial government and other bodies, will also be discussed.

Though meeting organizers are reluctant to identify themselves or discuss their concerns, FAS president Hamish Kerfoot told *The Gateway* that they will probably discuss "the possibility of forming an alternate organization and the feasibility of impeaching the entire FAS executive."

Kerfoot said "a number of people have complaints about the organization, but they have not yet voiced their complaints at official FAS conferences or meetings."

"At the last conference, a number of proposals for internal reform were discussed and passed, yet this weekend's meeting organizers feel that those proposals were not enough," he said.

But Kerfoot said positive recommendations will "hopefully emerge from the meeting."

U of A Students' Union president Dean Olmstead will represent our campus at the weekend meeting.

"There are some concerns that I would like to see discussed at the meeting," Olmstead said, "but I certainly don't want to see FAS destroyed. I'll fight to see FAS stay together; I think it's an important organization."

Olmstead added there are a lot of personal grudges involved.

Eight or nine provincial post-secondary institutions will be attending the meeting, Olmstead estimated.

If left is right, then right is wrong . . .

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. . . you'd better decide which side you're on.
Tom Robinson

SU election results will stand

Board rules most charges invalid

by Lucinda Chodan

An attempt to have the February 8 Students' Union (SU) election overturned has failed.

And the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board ruled yesterday that 7 of the 8 charges made by unsuccessful presidential candidate Scott Thorkelson were unsubstantiated or invalid.

At the DIE board hearing last week Thorkelson charged that unfair election practices made the election results invalid. He asked a new election be held for the position of vp external, which was won by an eight-vote margin by the Astley slate candidate, Kris Farkas.

Thorkelson charged the Astley slate with having too many campaign headquarters and with unfair election practices in their second campaign pamphlet.

Thorkelson also charged that Chief Returning Officer Sue Savage did not clearly designate slates on the ballot, that there were not two Deputy Returning Officers at each poll, that not all polling stations received accurate instructions for ballot changes, that there were inadequate procedures for handling spoiled ballots and that procedures for repunching ballots and tabulating them were invalid.

In addition Thorkelson requested an interpretation of what constitutes a slate.

Only the charge regarding procedures for destroying and repunching ballots was valid, DIE Board ruled. The board elaborated the definition of a spoiled ballot in the SU constitution and ruled that ballots repunched in this year's election be manually recounted.

DIE Board ordered a third recount for the position of vp external, but their ruling states

"DIE Board does not direct the disqualification of Kris Farkas, vp External-Elect, nor does it nullify that portion of the election . . ."

The Board also found that although candidates constitute a slate only if they endorse each other in their campaign material, the intent of the by-law is to prevent candidates from pooling resources.

They said they felt a slate was the "conscious attempt of two or more candidates to affiliate" to assist each other in a campaign.

The ruling recommends a manual recount of one position per year to verify the computer count and outlines more stringent guidelines for bringing charges to DIE Board.

Mike Ford, spokesman for the Thorkelson slate during the hearings, said the appeal serves the purposes it was intended.

"We had a very important and ambiguous by-law clarified for all future candidates. It was not a case of sour grapes."

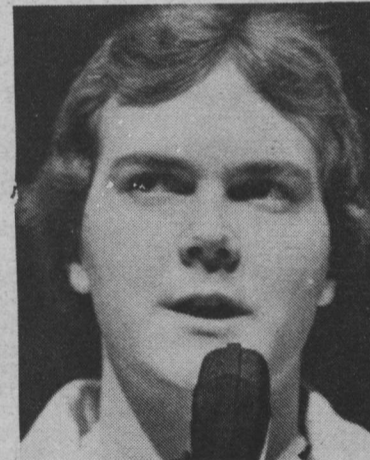
He also said no appeal was planned.

"We respect the members of DIE Board and its decision. There was no mud-slinging by the Thorkelson Team during the campaign and there was no mud-slinging by the Thorkelson Team after the election."

Astley slate spokesman Norman Ingram also commented on the hearings.

"I'm glad it's over," Ingram said. "We're very happy that nothing was overturned."

"I think the charge that we had three offices was vacuous, to say the least, and as to the charge that we used unfair campaign



Scott Thorkelson practices, it is my opinion that it is a cheap attempt by the Thorkelson slate to nullify an election in which they were clearly outmanoeuvred."

Orientation day coming up

Thousands of high school students are expected to descend upon campus for the U of A Orientation Day February 28, 1980.

The orientation day will allow the approximately 3500 high school students to obtain first-hand information about the university and campus life.

The day will begin with a general orientation session in the Jubilee Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. to provide prospective students with an overall look at university life.

Students will then visit the university's various faculties and departments. They will receive detailed information on such aspects of each faculty as programs of study and admission requirements.

A parent orientation session where parents will discuss concerns and learn of problems of the university will also be held.

High school students are required to pre-register at the university registrar's office before February 24

Student Bill of Rights reconsidered

The Student Bill of Rights is in the limelight again after spending seven months at the Council on Student Services (COSS).

"A thorough study into the need and desirability of a Student Bill of Rights is needed," says a COSS report to the executive committee of General Faculties Council (GFC).

GFC executive has struck an ad hoc committee to find a body to investigate the proposal. The Institute of Law Research and Reform, a third-year Law student and Student Legal Ser-

vices are listed as possibilities in the COSS report.

The committee members are SU vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya, special assistant to the president Margaret McCaughan and the Dean of Students, Burton Smith.

A proposal for a Bill of Rights, drafted by Student Advocate Colin Wong was presented to GFC executive last August. GFC then sent the proposal to COSS to assess the bill's feasibility in legal and practical terms.

COSS supported the notion

of a student Bill of Rights based on a philosophical commitment to student rights and not on hard evidence that a Bill was needed, the report says.

"We are doing the work (finding a body to study the Bill) COSS should have done," says Chris Hansen, a student rep on GFC executive.

"I don't know why it took seven months for COSS to come up with the recommendation," he says.

SU vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya had no comment on the matter.

Monday March 3 is Women's Day on campus. Watch out for events in SUB.

Have a nice Reading Week!