



Students' Council: surprise announcement by president.

Pres seeks re-election

## Arms and announcements

by Allison Annesley

Tuesday night's Council meeting came to life with a heated debate over Canada's involvement (see story page 1) in the nuclear arms race and ended on a note of surprise when SU President Robert Greenhill announced his plans to seek re-election for the '83-'84 term.

In his closing announcements Greenhill revealed he would be resigning from all boards that are directly associated with the election.

The upcoming SU fee referendum was altered to request a five dollar fee increase from students, rather than the \$5.50 increase originally proposed. VP Finance Roger Merkosky explained that \$5.50 had been an arbitrary figure and that \$5.00 was found to be an easier figure to work with. The fee referendum will be put to students on February 11th.

Councillors Wes Sawatzky and Brian Thomas were elected to serve on the Review Committee for the President of the University, Dr. Horowitz, who has announced he will run for a second five year term when his present term ends in June of 1984. The Committee will examine Dr. Horowitz' performance thus far.

Re-inviting Israeli Colonel

Yehudi Levy to speak on campus was also discussed. Colonel Levy's last scheduled talk in December had been disrupted by members of anti-Zionist demonstrators. Councillors also noted that when PLO speaker Edmund Omeran was brought to campus to speak in November, the forum's attendance suffered from a lack of advance publicity. The motion to bring back Colonel Levy was tabled until the cost to the SU could be determined for Council to decide whether that cost is "reasonable."

A new muffin kiosk is set to open for business in SUB late this week. Renovations are set to begin soon on the Information Booth in SUB, the total cost of which will be \$24,000. Imperial Tobacco has agreed to pay for \$15,000 worth of that figure.

Funds were also approved for "Native Students Awareness Week," which is being sponsored by the External Affairs Board. The campaign will take place from January 18th to the 21st.

The Student Anti-Nuclear Committee, whose Dinwoodie Cabaret inspired a policy of fining clubs guilty of not meeting their contractual agreements with regard to cabarets, has been de-constituted.

# Advocate's role redefined

by Gilbert Bouchard

Students at the U of A may once again have an Ombudsman to turn to.

In the December 7th meeting of Council, a Student Advocate ad hoc committee was struck through a motion made by councillors, Barb Donaldson and Brian Bechtel. Donaldson, the home economics rep on Council, chairs the committee and described their duties as "investigating the duties and responsibilities of the Student Advocate." She says Advocates in the past have proved to be ineffective and the basis of the committee is to review the policy (defining the Advocate's office) to find any weaknesses and determine what should be changed to better utilize the office.

There is no Advocate this year. Explains Donaldson, "This year's Council felt that the office was ineffective and not well used so they didn't appoint an Advocate this term. They wanted to take a year off and study the issue."

The committee has not limited their study to the U of A. Information has been taken from other universities, as well as from standing boards and individuals on campus.

Donaldson anticipates great change in the office of the Advocate, and an expanding of his responsibilities: "A more political type of office, a watchdog for the student, with a lot of different concerns that the office could look into, like watchdogging Students' Council, academic appeals, and grievances."

Other problems with the Advocate in the past, along with the limited mandate, were short hours, a lack of publicity, and a lack of personal incentive. Donaldson explains that "the Advocate should be a well-informed individual on all issues, independent of Council. She would like to see the Advocate investigate concerns on their own initiative and by the students' request. "It is important that the Advocate be impartial."

To better describe the new duties of the Advocate the name may be changed to Ombudsman. The Ombudsman would strive to improve contact between

students and Students' Union services. Donaldson would like to see more information coming out of Students' Council and more input coming in. One method Donaldson favors is improved student services. Donaldson speaks from experience, having served as an Ombudsman at Fraser Valley College in 1981.

The committee will go to council with their results in mid-February, policy should be set and the office defined for the next term (in September). The new Ombudsman will try not to duplicate the mandates of other

student services, such as Student Help.

People who have problems or grievances this year should contact Student Help, the VP Academic, or the Office of the Dean of Students. These services will forward students to the proper agencies.

Anybody who would like more information or who simply wishes to forward comments to the committee should contact either Barb Donaldson or Brian Bechtel via the Students' Union office in SUB.

## \$2.7 million computer facility

# CAD-CAM comes

by Cathy Hrynchshyn

The opening weeks of 1983 will witness the installation of the latest addition to the U of A's educational facilities.

The U of A's newest addition is a \$2.7 million computer system, one of computer-assisted-design and computer-assisted-manufacture or CAD-CAM. It will aid in everything from the solving of structural problems to the manufacture of micro-electronic integrated circuits.

This computer system will be installed at no expense to the University. Financing for the sophisticated CAD-CAM system is to be shared by Bechtel Canada and Computervision Corp., with the Alberta government, through its capital equipment matched funding program, defraying the remaining costs.

With the cancellation of the Alsands project last April, Bechtel was left with a newly-installed advanced computer system that was no longer needed. The company then donated \$400,000 to the U of A which, coupled with a matching grant from the province, enabled the University to purchase this equipment. Computervision Corp. donated \$800,000, also matched by the province, which will be used to purchase further equipment for the CAD-CAM system.

The advantages of such a

system, the first to be installed in a Canadian university, are numerous.

"The programs and specialized software of the CAD-CAM will enable a student to design more sophisticated circuits in a shorter time than is now possible using conventional equipment," said Dr. C. R. James, chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department.

The structuring (location) of the CAD-CAM system, which consists of 8 separate terminals linked to a central computer, has not as yet been finalized. If the terminals were dispersed throughout the Electrical Engineering Building, the system would be more readily accessible to students. However, if centrally located, the department would have the advantage of holding structured classes.

Though primarily to be used by engineering students, the new CAD-CAM system will be available for use by students of other faculties.

"Though it (CAD-CAM) is in our department, it is a University facility," said Dr. James. "Our main goal is to utilize the system as much as possible and in the best way possible."

The Electrical Engineering Department hopes to have the CAD-CAM system operational by January 24.

# ATTEMPTED HUMOR

by Abner Malle



## BAZ

by SKEET and Nielsen



As an Arts student, I've had it up to here (gesturing to my forehead) with engineering students and their snide comments about the faculty I attend. To show I have absolutely no hard feelings I hereby present a column dedicated to those wonderful thinking machines.

**WHY DO ENGINEERING STUDENTS LIKE DARK BARS?**

It's harder to make a positive identification later on.

**HOW MANY ENGINEERING STUDENTS DOES IT TAKE TO SCREW UP A WALL SHELF?**

Only one. However, you need at least four to get it right.

**HOW CAN YOU SPOT A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT'S GIRLFRIEND?**

She's the one with iron shavings on the back of her angora sweater.

**WHO DO ENGINEERING STUDENTS TURN TO FOR GUIDANCE?**

Their probation officers.

**HOW DOES AN ENGINEERING STUDENT KNOW WHEN IT IS TIME TO EAT?**

When he burps and can't taste it anymore.

**WHY DO ENGINEERING STUDENTS LIKE LOUD MUSIC?**

No one can hear them mispronounce big words.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM AN ENGINEERING STUDENT ENCOUNTERS WHEN HE HAS TO PRODUCE AN ESSAY?**

Finding a friend in Arts to write it.

**HOW MANY ENGINEERING STUDENTS DOES IT TAKE TO CHOOSE AN ENGINEERING QUEEN CANDIDATE?**

Five. One to drive down 105th and four to grab her and throw her in the trunk.

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGINEERING STUDENTS AND PITHECANTHROPUS ERECTUS?**

Pithecanthropus erectus is extinct.  
**ARTS STUDENT:** Have you heard the fantastic, mindboggling, stupendous "Asshole in Suspense" joke?  
**ENGINEERING STUDENT:** No! Tell me!  
**ARTS STUDENT:** I will...next week.

An engineering student was sitting alone in his apartment on Christmas Eve when a tiny little fairy suddenly appeared on his betamax.

"Make a wish, dear student, and I will be happy to grant it for you," the little apparition said.

The engineering student was overjoyed. Although he knew he did well in all his major midterms, he was seriously worried about the Arts test he had written. This gave him a chance to excel in the most difficult course on his time table. Therefore, he asked the fairy if he could receive a nine in his German 100 final. The fairy told him his wish was granted and with a puff of smoke the tiny magical man vanished.

The engineering student could not bear waiting until classes resumed, and the next day he phoned his professor.

"Dr. Hoffenbrosiffer, did I receive a good mark on my German final?" he asked breathlessly over the phone.

"Nein," answered the professor.

The reason I do not fear for my life for writing such slanderous and degrading jokes is because I know what good sports engineering students really are. After all, if engineering students weren't good sports they wouldn't be partaking in the activities scheduled for this week. Still, if any members of that infamous faculty wish to confront me face to face, I can be found at noon hours in HUB Mall. You can't miss me...I'm the one with the parka.

By the way, don't forget to take a taxi home after celebrating. Bail can be expensive.