

# FORUM FIVE



Procedures Booklet had been finalized and so information could not be placed in the booklet. Mr. Croxton met with me in early July and was to come back with a proposal on how to inform new students of Part VII. He did not return until shortly after Registration Week.

At that late date Mr. Gault and I from this office met with Mr. Delaney and Mr. Croxton. A procedure was worked out and was followed exactly as agreed. Perhaps Mr. Mantor was not informed of this meeting by his Vice-Presidents.

In November or December I received a copy of the report of Part VII which was written by Mr. Quinn. On December 13 I wrote to Mr. Quinn to ask for a copy of the circulation list. To date I have received no reply, so that Mr. Mantor can base his statements only on the contents of Mr. Quinn's report.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Mantor's executive has failed again this year to co-ordinate with the dissemination of information in the Registration Procedures Booklet. After the first booklets were printed containing fee information, moves were taken to change the Students' Union fees. Maybe there will be planning next year and an attempt to co-ordinate with the activities of other agencies.

A.L. Darling  
Assistant Registrar

## UAB referendum

This letter was composed by six students as a result of a discussion we had in CAB during a coffee break concerning the UAB referendum to be held this Friday. A number of interesting questions were raised over the pamphlet that is being passed around giving reasons why one should vote "yes" in this referendum.

The pamphlet states that "because of inflation and the lack of a corresponding increase in the Faculty budget" an increase is necessary. Thus, a rough calculation would indicate a rate of inflation of 87.5%. Why is the campus inflation rate so much higher than the national average?

It is also stated that the Intramural program will benefit by an increase. However, it does not state what portion of this increase will go towards the expansion of facilities and equipment for the program. This also leads us into the more contentious issue of whether or not the non-participating student should be asked to fund the athletic program. The pamphlet states that he or she should, be willing to pay in order "to maintain the total educational program at the U of A at the highest possible level." What beautiful rhetoric!

Presently, the majority of the fee we are now paying goes towards the funding of our intercollegiate teams, with a dubious category in the budget for "administration expenses and salaries." It is our contention that students who so avidly support our prestigious intercollegiate teams would

continue to do so even if asked to pay a nominal admission to these athletic events. The idea of charging a fee for the use of a towel, a locker and lock is a good one because it is a form of tax that charges the people who are using these services.

Perhaps the argument that we object most to is when our athletic fee is compared to that of other Universities. However, it was not pointed out that the other universities which are listed, such as; Waterloo and Calgary do not have Physical Education Facilities, and, as a result, have no faculty budget from which to pay coaches, assistant coaches, etc.

In conclusion, while we actively participate in many intramural activities and support the Golden Bears, we feel that the fee increase that is being requested is exorbitant and the necessary funding required could be raised through charging admissions and charging for locker space.

Yours sincerely,  
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*Editor's Note: It was very courageous of you to sign your ID numbers but not your last name. It shows how thoroughly you believe in what you say.*

Vote Yes  
Why?

--Where else can you take a date on a Friday and Saturday night free for good intercollegiate competition? Saturday afternoon for football !!!

--Where else can you use facilities for handball, squash, and racquet ball - including gymnasium time for your choice of activities?

--Where else can you have recreational swim 12 times a week, including times for students, staff and their families?

--Where else can you and some other 5,000 students get together for the best intramural programs in Canada using top facilities?

Well, presently the Physical Education building does provide these facilities plus more for you. In the past the Physical Education Faculty could partially pay for expenses incurred through long hours of building use (such as - equipment managers, equipment itself, towel and lock use, building maintenance, ice cleaning procedures, etc.)

Unfortunately, the Physical Education Faculty budget in maintaining its increasingly expensive academic program can no longer give the University Athletic Board (student body) the same amount of financial support.

To prevent serious, undesirable cut-backs in our present program Vote YES.

Sue Inglis  
Phys. Ed.

How much does it cost to have the opportunity to be a

member of a Country Club, supplied with excellent programs and facilities for all skill levels? One hundred, two hundred, five hundred dollars? Certainly more than a mere eight dollars a year. And that is presently what the University of Alberta students are paying for their athletic fees. The U of A athletic fee is undoubtedly one of the lowest in North America and has not been raised since 1967. However with the price of living sky-rocketing, (eg, equipment up 20-40%, operating costs up, salary hikes) the UAB is quickly becoming less able to keep up.

There is going to be a referendum on Friday, March 29, to see if the athletic fees should be raised. However, I feel that those people who are against the increase have perhaps missed out on some of the reasons for the increase and the consequences if the vote does not go through.

Many people other than physical education students use the University facilities; this includes some 6,000 intramural students, and many people in instructional classes. Also included are masses of recreational paddleball, squash, badminton and basketball players, joggers, swimmers and weightlifters.

What are these people going to do if the building starts to close down at 5 o'clock every night and is completely closed on weekends?

The others have to ask themselves if they want good facilities and equipment, high quality intercollegiate events, good locker room services, improved instruction, and better building services. And the students of the University of Alberta also have to ask themselves if they want to pay for attending university sporting events, pay for the use of the facilities, pay for the use of lockers and rent equipment.

On March 29, the U of A students have to decide whether they want to remain number ONE with their intramural, intercollegiate, and recreational programs.

Sue Seaborn

Is the seven dollar fee increase asked for by the Athletic Board worth it?

The best way to look at this is to examine the results of defeat. Should the referendum be defeated, we are looking at a decrease in the amount of intramural activities. Such sports as field hockey, hockey, soccer, curling and golfing are some areas which will suffer major cutbacks. The Physical Education and Recreation Complex will remain open fewer hours during the week and will probably be closed completely on weekends. Anyone wanting to use any facilities such as the saunas, weight room, squash and racquetball courts or even the gymnastic room, could be asked to pay a users fee. I.D. cards will not be sufficient to view intercollegiate games, we will have to pay. Contrary to public belief, an increase in fees does not mean more road trips for our intercollegiate teams at our expense. They will remain as they are at present.

Why will this cutback come about?

Up until now the Physical Education Faculty has been helping to foot our bills and they are no longer able to do so. Without support from the Physical Education Faculty we will have to pay for use of extra lighting and janitorial staff; use of equipment for our intramurals; use of lockers, locks and towels which have been free until now; use of the building and facilities, which add a lot to the total building depreciation value. Is it worth it to curtail all these activities we are presently enjoying?

At present we are noted for our extensive intramural program as being one of the finest in Canada. Participation is on the increase yearly. If we want to maintain the program for the students or try to expand

### editorial

## So this is progress...

It would be the ultimate insult if the Holy Redeemer College facilities and surrounding properties were to be converted into a prisoner's stockade and guard house by the federal government. This sell-out is currently being negotiated between the provincial and federal governments.

Originally, Holy Redeemer College was a junior seminary owned and maintained by the Redemptionist priests. In its final year of operation it was no longer a seminary, but functioned as the best high school educational facility in western Canada. It would be an insult to everyone associated with the College which includes its graduates, the current and former staff, the city of Edmonton, the Edmonton Eskimos, and the population of Alberta to see this blemish imposed upon the landscape.

One of Lougheed's campaign promises was to improve educational facilities in Alberta to the point of superiority over all other provinces. This was the justification for creating Jim Foster's Advanced Education portfolio.

The Lougheed government should not allow the federal government to override public opinion in Alberta, nor should they fail to utilize Holy Redeemer College as a specialized educational institution that would be beneficial to the academic community as well as the population at large.

The onus in rectifying this situation lies with the provincial government, and specifically Mr. Foster, minister of advanced education.

Bernie Fritze



it to meet growing needs, we need more funds.

At present our university is charging one of the lowest athletic fees and providing one of the best programs. With the rising cost of living, we require more funds to maintain our present level of service. You find your dollar buying less today than yesterday, the Athletic Board feels the same way.

I hope this will help you see why the referendum must go through on Friday.

At a meeting of all unit managers the gravity of the situation was explained. All unit managers, both male and female, voiced positive support for this issue. We elect our unit managers, let's show we have confidence in their decisions.

Don't be apathetic, bring your I.D. cards and vote yes on Friday, March 29. Seven dollars is worth the benefits.

Carlee Berner

Presently UAB offers a well-rounded program that gives all U of A students equal chance to participate at their own level of potential. In order to continue offering that same program the UAB requires \$7 more per student.

Our democratic society operates around the ideal of equality of rights. Our public education system depends upon this principle so that each child will be allowed the opportunity for education regardless of his innate academic potential or his socio-economic status. Each person employed pays into a

common fund we call income tax so that all of our children can be educated equally. Everyone in our society contributes to this ideal. Our income tax also helps those who can't help themselves, aids in the construction of new and better facilities of all descriptions, etc., etc. The \$500 or so you pay in fees per year doesn't nearly cover the amount it costs to have you educated here. Government grants help offset this, or should I say, the society as a whole makes it possible for you to receive a university education, thus developing your potential to its fullest.

UAB wants to offer equal opportunities for all U of A students to enjoy sport and develop his/her potential to the fullest at whatever level they wish to become involved. If the raise in fees is rejected by the students of U of A, some phase of the program must be sacrificed in which case not all students will be given the opportunity to develop their talents to the fullest degree.

The disappearance of a well-stocked weight room would disappoint the many who use it and we'd certainly be a poor example of democracy in action if a basketball player had to pay a couple of hundred bucks or so to play on the team. Worse still, a weight room or team may not even exist next year.

Laurie Leveille

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