



—Dave Applewhaite photos

### Where were you when we needed you, Smokey the Bear?

First Mackenzie Hall gets a hot foot, then the general services building follows suit. A heater is the suspected cause of the residence fire, but the other blaze is still being investigated. The general services building fire, shown in these pictures,

provided spectators in Room at the Top with a short, but high-quality, show. The roof was all aflame, and falling debris set fire to tarpaulins lower down. For the full story, see page three.

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## Union membership offered grads for \$10 fee hike

### *GSA council fears loss of grad power; sees residence construction as salvation*

Graduate students are being polled on whether they want to marry the students' union, or just go steady.

The students' union has proposed full union between them instead of the present associate membership in the union for graduate students.

Associate membership costs the graduate students \$5, and gives them *The Gateway*, the yearbook and other privileges but no representation on students' council.

Full membership will cost each graduate student \$10 more, and give him the right to elect some representation to council.

The council of the Graduate Students' Association, which until now has represented campus graduate students autonomous of the students' union, is mailing a referendum today to its 1500 members

presenting three alternatives on the fee hike.

- to accept the \$10 increase and the proposed full union membership

- to accept the \$10 increase but refuse full membership to maintain GSA autonomy

- to fight the students' union fee change when it goes to the Board of Governors in February.

At a GSA council meeting Wednesday, councillors reached a consensus on endorsing full membership in students' union, but only if graduate students were assured of a degree of independence.

"We first want to ascertain whether the students' union will guarantee separate graduate student representation in the university where it now exists—seats on General Faculty Council, the

Council, the Council on Student Affairs and various committees of the president," said GSA president Peter Boothroyd.

"It looks like we will be forced to accept the fee increase but I don't think the Board of Governors can force us to become full members of the students' union," he added.

But before rejecting the privileges of full membership, the GSA will try to obtain graduate student independence as it is now in the bargain.

"We should accept the students' union offer gracefully, put smiles on our faces and see what we can get out of them," said Boothroyd.

Boothroyd was to discuss possible graduate student representation with students' council Monday.

Students' union president Al Anderson said, "Full membership for graduate students logically means representation for them on council. This would mean one seat under the present system, or possibly two if council is reorganized."

Anderson said the GSA would remain in existence as a graduate voice on matters particularly affecting graduate students.

He was amenable to "reasonable demands" for graduate power in the university structure where it now parallels students' union voice.

GSA debated dissolving itself, but decided to wait and see if they could serve graduate students in areas where the students' union

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## Council doesn't reflect student thinking

By RONALD YAKIMCHUK

The students' union executive is not sure whether they do in fact represent student opinion.

At the opening of Friday's students' council "hot-seat", treasurer Phil Ponting said, "The organization as it now stands does not reflect the thinking of the students."

The "hot-seat", held in SUB theatre, was intended to give students a chance to question the students' union council.

Later in the meeting, when the executive was being verbally assaulted by drama professor Dr. Barry Reckord, "hot-seat" co-ordinator Marilyn Pilkington rose to the executive's defence.

"May I suggest that students' council in fact does represent student opinion," she said.

This was seen in the CUS referendum last year and the substantial defeat of the "student power" candidate in the vice-presidential by-election.

The executive supported this view, apparently without recalling Ponting's previous statement to the contrary. Nor had anyone risen previously to attack Ponting when he had made his original statement.

Despite the fact that students' council may not be the voice of the students, several reasons were brought up to justify its existence.

Academic Relations Committee chairman Jim Matkin cited the achievements and projects of his committee, including the establishment of an Academic Grievance Committee, a student opinionnaire on professors, a proposed course guide, and a student mental health study.

Provost A. A. Ryan said students want a union to represent them and if it was dissolved this year, next year's class would organize a new one.

In addition, he said, the university administration needs a democratically-elected voice to represent the students before it.

## Assistant dean of arts leaves

J. W. Fishbourne, assistant dean of arts, will be leaving U of A at the end of the month.

He has been appointed to the recently established University of Lethbridge, effective Feb. 1 where he will be involved in the hiring and training of personnel at the new university.

"Right now they have 900 acres of wild prairie down there."

"It is a new institution and will

be somewhat of a challenge," he said. "I hope I can make a contribution."

Dr. Max Wyman, academic vice-president of the university said, "Mr. Fishbourne will also be involved in student counselling and arranging for summer session and evening credit classes."

"Dr. D. E. Smith, dean of arts, will be rearranging his staff for a replacement," said Dr. Wyman.

## Res rent rise recommended

An increase in residence fees from \$3 to \$3.25 a day is to be recommended to the Board of Governors.

At a meeting Friday Dr. D. G. Tyndall, vice-president for finance and administration, and D. A. Bone, director of housing and food services, decided on the increase, said Mr. Bone Sunday.

This increase of \$9 a month, and other suggestions to clear the deficit are to be presented at a special board meeting, after the regular Feb. 9 meeting. By then the uni-

versity operating budget from the government should be known.

"If there are enough funds there will possibly be no increase," said Mr. Bone.

Mr. Bone was to have appeared before students' council Monday night to explain the residence operating budget and the need for an increase in fees. He did the same thing last year when the fees were increased \$8 for most students.

"The decision is with the board. All I can do is tell them the financial situation," said Dr. Tyndall.