

FAS leaflets late; info blitz planned

Posters and leaflets concerning the U of A's membership in the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), intended for distribution last week, will not be available to students until sometime today.

Students' Union president Len Zoeteman says a combination of design and printing complications have delayed the distribution until now, only six days before the Oct. 6 referendum concerning FAS membership.

And he says he's worried students will not have the information necessary to make an intelligent vote on the FAS issue on Wed.

"My concern now is that people may cast uninformed votes," says Zoeteman, "but I'm hoping they'll look carefully at the material now being distributed and reach an informed decision before Oct. 6."

FAS is a collective body, representing the students union of post-secondary institutions across Alberta, and has three aims as outlined in its constitutions:

- "to provide a unified voice for Alberta students,"
- "to lobby the provincial government concerning issues facing Alberta students,"
- "to conduct research on problems that face students in the province."

FAS was begun in the summer of 1975, at an organizational conference held here at the U of A. The U of A joined at a cost of 25 cents per student on a temporary basis and, if membership is approved Oct. 6, would join the federation at an annual cost of 50 cents per student, added to their normal Students' Union dues of \$34.

FAS work during the first year of its existence was mainly in regards to student aid, employment and housing, international student fee hikes, accessibility to post-secondary education in the province and student loan verification.

Research files have been maintained on all these matters and FAS has made a number of direct representations - in writing and in person - to the provincial government.

GFC election response poor

No students have been nominated for the three Education seats and the two Science seats open on General Faculties Council (GFC), to be contested in an Oct. 6 by-election.

But Students' Union returning officer Michael Amerongen says there has been good response for the Arts and Science seats on Students' Council which will be contested in the same election.

And he adds that any students wishing to run for the GFC positions or any of the five seats open on Students' Council - Arts, Science, Law and two Education positions - may still pick up nominations forms from the SU general office (Room 258 SUB) or the returning officer's office (Room 271 SUB).

Nominations close today (Thurs.) at 6:30 p.m.

Moon boon buys buildings

NEW YORK (ENS-CUP) - The controversial, self-ordained Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon is planning to add the Empire State Building to his growing list of American real estate holdings.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, Moon's Unification Church hopes to buy the New York skyscraper — once the world's tallest building — by next year. The Moonies, who already own about \$20-million worth of property in the U.S., also plan to start a daily newspaper in New York City sometime next year, the Monitor reports.

But, despite Moon's financial rise in this country, his followers were terming his scheduled appearance at a Washington rally two weeks ago as his final public appearance in the U.S. — at least for quite awhile. Facing growing

opposition in this country, Moon plans to begin concentrating his efforts on a new drive to spread his movement through Europe.

Part of the reason behind Moon's decision to concentrate on Europe apparently stems from the U.S. Immigration Service's current campaign to deport about 600 of his Asian followers. Immigration officials recently ruled that Moon has been bringing Asian followers into the U.S. not for religious training, but to sell goods and make money for his organization. Most of those scheduled to be deported are expected to move to Europe for Moon's new recruitment drive there.

As for Moon's weekend appearance in Washington, the U.S. government has estimated that it will cost American taxpayers about \$120,000 to provide



photo Bob Park

Now that's foresight...

The university is busy planting saplings beside its older trees in an effort to maintain the aesthetic beauty of the ever-decreasing green space on campus. But perhaps it's too late... Last week the Board of Governor's Building Committee

recommended that the playing fields south of Corbett Hall be replaced with the shiny black asphalt of parking lots that we all love and yearn for. And if plans for construction of the new Building Administration and Commerce (BAC) building go through, half of the Arts Quad will be replaced by a shiny new edifice to clutter the campus skyline.

Nova Scotia fights foreign fee hike

HALIFAX (CUP) - Both students and the president of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) have changed their

minds about differential fees for international students.

Last March students were calling for a reduced fee for Canadian students while the college president Gary Kennedy said he wouldn't consider it.

Early this month Kennedy announced he wanted to double fees for international students to \$1,560 in January. Now student leaders say they will fight any differential fee proposal.

Fine arts representative Don Soucy said Sept. 27 that "unless you equate creativity with

wealth," the fee increase will "set very strict limitations on the type of people who will be able to contribute to the Halifax art community."

He pointed out, "it is necessary for a flourishing art community to have different geographical and cultural influences."

Kennedy believes the fee hike is justified because the large number of Americans who attend the college have come to get a cheap education.

He said there is not problem for third world and other international students whose fees would also double.

Student president Brian Perkins said Kennedy's assertions are "based on half-truths, total misinformation and illogic. The administration has made absolutely no attempt to solicit student opinion on the matter."

Kennedy claims "student fee income has not been increasing at the same rate as has the cost of operating the college, or at the same rate of increase as other revenues... and added income

Bookstore complaints

by David Oke

Complaints about the operation of the university's bookstore have dominated the list of grievances submitted by students to Students' Council in the last two weeks.

Four hour line-ups snaking up and down bookstore aisles, confusion as to which line was "cash" and which was "cheque"

and people butting into line were the basic sources of irritation mentioned.

One first year student found waiting two hours to pay for his books "undignified," "a terrible initiation" to the U of A and left with "a feeling of disgust." Another student thought a wait of 2½ hours was "frustrating." One

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