

## BOARD DISCUSSES FEES

### Student Councils Submit Fee Brief; Rent Rise Forecast For Residences

Amid rumors of increases in tuition fees and residence rents, the university board of governors meets today.

The Gateway learned late Tuesday the subject of tuition fees will be discussed.

Board chairman Dr. C. M. Macleod, Q.C., has asked for a joint brief from the Edmonton and Calgary students' councils, to be presented at today's meeting.

Calgary students' union president Russell McKinnon was to travel to Edmonton this week to confer with Edmonton president Francis Saville.

"We are very pleased that they are consulting the students before taking any unilateral action," said Saville.

Students' council in November unanimously passed a motion requesting the board not to raise fees.

Saville, in a brief presented two weeks ago to council, said any fee increase here would have to be accompanied by a corresponding program of bursaries and other assistance.

At that time, Saville told council he is afraid such an aid program might lag behind a fee increase "for several years."

"This is why we must fight a fee increase unless we get a written guarantee that the aid program will arrive simultaneously with the fee increase," his report said.

It is not known whether the board will consider the question of residence rents, but University Housing Director, George M. Tauzer, called a meeting of senior residence students for Wednesday night, presumably to discuss room and board rates.

University President Dr. Walter H. Johns would not comment when questioned about possible discussion of rent adjustments.

"I can reveal nothing, since it is the policy of the board not to release its agenda before the meeting," Dr. Johns told The Gateway.

Some forecasters in residence are predicting rent hikes of up to \$10 per month in all university housing.

Last April, the provincial legislature passed an opposition resolution asking for a board of governors report on student residence rentals.

Calgary Liberal Bill Dickie moved the motion, after he claimed students were intimidated by staff members into dropping protests against rental increases last year.

At that time, Mr. Dickie said the university should report to the Legislature on the basis for determining residence rentals on both the Edmonton and Calgary campuses.

The information is to be provided in the next annual report of the university, which will be tabled in the legislature this session.



FRANCIS SAVILLE  
... aid might lag



GEORGE M. TAUZER  
... calls a meeting

## Manitoba Students Hold Protest March

By Al Bromling

WINNIPEG—Fifteen hundred U of M students marched on the Manitoba Legislature Monday protesting a proposed tuition fee increase at U of M.

The students marched in —20 degree temperatures to present a submission to the government requesting a higher priority for education in the provincial budget.

"We did not get a fair hearing," said Richard Good, president of the students' union, in a telephone interview with The Gateway.

The submission and a petition with 4,000 signatures were presented to the minister of education by Good and Canadian Union of Students president, Jean Bazin, from Laval University in Quebec.

Good alleges the premier promised to bring down a flexible budget, subject to change if he considered the students' submission reasonable.

Good claims the premier prejudged the issues and showed bad faith by giving a press release saying the student proposal was "unrealistic" three days before the submission.

"He conveniently absented himself today after promising to hear our submission," said Good.

Good says the march, the petition

and a strike from lectures appears to have no immediate results in the Legislature.

"The mass media and the public in general are very favorably impressed and we are contacting the MLAs personally to get some action," says Good.

"We think this will impress the public and the government with the value of consulting the students before taking unilateral action in such a sensitive area."

The action was based on general CUS principle stating: freeze the fees until the student means survey and the Bladen commission on financing education completes its studies.

The minister of education has told the students the budget gives priority to other areas of the economy.

"We feel the province is falling behind in its education program," said Good.

"Manitoba has remained static in educational development and the proportion of the budget allocated to education has decreased six per cent . . . while Ontario has doubled in the same four years," he said.



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**ENGINEERING FEAT?**—Engineer Rien Scheffer, first-year variety, prepares for Queen Week festivities by applying delicate touches to a poster. Who says engineers have big feet?

## U of A Aids U of M

U of A made a symbolic contribution to the U of M protest march against tuition fee increase.

The new Canadian flag which led the march, was borrowed from the U of A's French Canada Week committee.

It was taken to Winnipeg by Jean Bazin, who travelled there to represent the Canadian Union of Students' opposition to unilateral fee hikes.

A Winnipeg by-law forbids protest marches, but the presence of a flag makes the march a "legal" parade.

U of M students could not locate a new Canadian flag and requested the committee's.

After doing its duty, the flag is being returned to U of A . . .