

# The Gateway



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Bond fund loses \$48,000 on paper

## SU investment woes

by Ken Bosman

The Students' Union has experienced a loss, on paper, of over \$48,000 on its first ever speculative investment.

The Students' Union purchased \$400,000 worth of a London Life Insurance bond fund on November 26th, 1986, and an additional \$250,000 on March 27th, 1987. Since then, the value of the fund has declined from \$80.58 to \$72.66 per unit — a 10.9 per cent drop.

This investment "was a big mistake", according to current SU VP Finance Steve Twible. "I guess last year's Executive and Students' Council thought they could get a better rate of return."

"I feel misled. London Life painted a really beautiful picture," said Tim Boston, current SU President and last year's VP Finance.

The Students' Union intends to hold on to the bond fund in hope of recovering the lost value, but will sell out as soon as possible. "As soon as it gets to 77 (dollars per

unit) we're gone," said Twible.

\$77.00 per unit is the approximate break-even point for the investment.

Students' Union Finance Manager Ryan Beebe remains optimistic about the fund. "If I had money, I'd personally invest in it (The London Life Fund) right now. I know for the long term we'll come back."

The paper loss of over \$48,000 has changed SU investment policy.

"We're currently taking professional advice on the bond fund. As soon as we get our money back we're straight into Treasury Bills and government bonds," said Twible.

In the future, Twible plans to avoid any further speculative investments. "We're into C.D.s (Certificates of Deposit) as long as I'm VP Finance."

If the SU had invested in C.D.s at the then prevailing rates of interest, the \$650,000 would have earned a profit of approximately \$30,000.



Remember, in-person registration was worse... lineups at the Butterdome

Photo Bruce Gardave

## Audits cut student loan demand

by Roberta Franchuk

Increased audit procedures may be one of the reasons behind a drop in student loan applications received this year, said Jean Sprague, Acting Director of Program Services for the Student Finance Board (SFB).

As of Aug. 15, about 35,210 students have applied for loans for the upcoming academic year. By the same date last year 36,997 students had applied.

The drop in numbers follows additions to the procedure used to audit applications. Incorporated into the application procedure is a tax waiver that allows the SFB to cross-check each student's financial claims with Revenue Canada. In addition, students are requested to supply documentation, such as marriage licenses, to support their claim status.

The audit procedures were initiated in April 1987 in response to

increased abuses of the loan system. The possibility of having status and financial claims verified is expected to deter students from filing false applications, noted Sprague.

The tax waiver allows the SFB to compare the information the student supplies on the application form with that given to Revenue Canada. According to Sprague, all applications will undergo this verification although Revenue Canada will supply only the information pertinent to the loan claim and not the student's complete tax file. The Board is still in the midst of working out the final verification procedures.

Students' Union Vice President External Paul LaGrange agrees about the need for the new procedures. He noted that the SFB budget has been severely cut, and that abuses were damaging to the program.

"If they have a finite number of

dollars I want to see the money targeted to people who need it," he said, adding that the Students' Union is monitoring the program to make sure it does not cause problems for students.

Alberta is one of the last provinces to add a tax waiver to the loan application forms. Only British Columbia and Quebec do not now require a waiver.

According to Sprague, the response to a misleading claim will depend "on the nature of the problem". It could range from an administrative correction, such as decreasing the amount of the next year's loan, to filing criminal charges.

An Alberta student was charged last year after filing false information that resulted in her receiving \$12,500 in overpayments. She was convicted and sentenced to thirty days in prison, as well as being ordered to return the money.

## No minors allowed, please

by Boris Zvonkovic

Do you have any I.D. please? This question will soon be heard more frequently around the University of Alberta campus as a direct result of a complaint lodged against the University regarding minors being served alcohol on campus.

Dr. D.C. Norwood, Associate Vice President of the University and the individual in charge of the U of A's ALCB licence, was notified in August that a complaint had been filed at the ALCB. A parent claimed that his sixteen year old daughter, along with eight or nine other girls of similar age, were served alcohol at RATT (Room at

the Top) and Dewey's, two Students' Union run pubs on campus.

As a result of this complaint, Students' Union will implement a slightly stricter policy towards asking for I.D. at campus drinking establishments.

Tom Wright, Students' Union Business Manager, explained, "the main problem we have is that there is a fair amount of good fake I.D. on the market."

To help sift out fake identification and further determine an individual's age, patrons at RATT and Dewey's who are of questionable age will be asked to show two pieces of I.D. (ie. Driver's License, U of A I.D. card, ALCB card), while functions at Dinwoodie will be supervised by the Edmonton City Police.

Individuals found to be possessing fake identification will be asked to leave.

Both Norwood and Wright stated that this is an isolated complaint and that the U of A has an exemplary record with the ALCB.

Rick Stedman, S.U. Vice President Internal, said that this has been the only complaint in quite some time regarding minors being served on campus.

The Alberta Liquor Control Board declined to comment.

## Court to judge 'tuition' fee

by Jerome Ryckborst

Students will have to pay an extra \$60 on top of this year's ten per cent tuition increase.

The new \$30 per term "Library and Computing Services" fee is compulsory, regardless of whether or not the students use the services.

The Students' Union is challenging the legality of the fee in court, but no injunction has been sought to prevent the university from collecting the money.

"We're only seeking a clarification that the fee is in fact a tuition increase," explained Paul LaGrange, SU Vice President External.

by Rod Campbell

Former Students' Union President David Oginski was fined \$100 by the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board last Wednesday for breaching University liquor regulations while promoting a strip show on campus.

Oginski was also assessed an \$80 rental fee for the room used to hold the event, plus \$12 in clean-up

costs.

Wednesday's hearing was the third to review Oginski's case, which had previously been before the DIE Board in May, and the Building Services Board (BSB) in July.

Law students Don Davies and Stephen Phillips said they filed complaints against Oginski because they believed he had broken "every applicable provision of SU Building Policy."

At the initial hearing Davies and Phillips accused Oginski of breaching numerous SU liquor and scheduling regulations during the strip show.

Oginski denied the allegations, claiming that as SU president he was entitled to executive privileges, which allowed him to book rooms at his discretion.

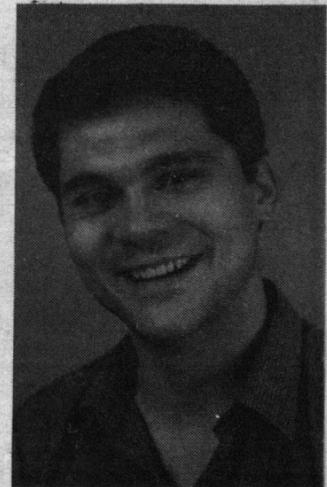
He also tried to establish that the room in question was covered by a standing liquor license.

The Board rejected Oginski's defence after finding no reference to executive privileges in the SU constitution.

They also established that Oginski

## DIE Board fines Oginski \$100

was not SU President at the time of the infractions, and noted in their decision that he had not followed the correct procedures for serving liquor at his function.



David Oginski File Photo

However, the DIE Board recognized that the BSB had initial jurisdiction over Oginski's case, and

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### This is my rifle...

...there are many like it, but this one's mine.

Full Metal Jacket