

# Gov't ban on fee increase upheld—U of A \$100/student short

By DAN JAMIESON

The university will respect the government ban on fee increases this year in spite of the requests of provincial universities for an increase in funds U of A president Max Wyman said Monday.

The government, following a toe-the-line policy on budget allotments, has increased the per student allotment from \$2,460 to \$2,635, still almost \$100 per student short of the allotment originally requested by the Universities Commission.

The government has held firm on this figure in spite of a suggested \$60 increase by University of Calgary president Carrothers, and a statement from U of A president Dr. Max Wyman expressing concern over the future quality of education in Alberta.

Education Minister Robert Clark pointed out that the Alberta post-secondary schools had one of the best reputations in Canada, and said he felt confident this could be maintained.

He pointed out that government priorities would only allow a set amount for universities, and they had fared as well as any other government department.

"No one seems to have enough money," he said. "Hospitals want more, everyone wants more. We just have to make do with what we have," he said.

The government has instructed the Universities Commission to deny any fee increases this year, and in spite of rumors to the contrary, it will respect the government demand.

The university has placed a freeze on hiring as a result of the limited funds, and will be facing

an increase of 2,300 students with no proportional increase in staff. Normally such an increase in enrollment would be met by 140 new staff.

Department heads were called together Monday to discuss the effects of such a move.

Increased class sizes and a cutback in services were the obvious drawbacks to the government allotment.

Dr. Wyman said in a statement last week he feared a total depersonalization of the university to the point that courses consisted of a series of lectures ending with an examination, having no chance of student-teacher contact.

The building program on campus will go ahead as planned since the government has not seen fit to cut the capital budget. This means that there will be more classrooms, and only a very few new professors and programs to fill them.

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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES retired director Dr. J. F. Elliott was honored by the students' union at Room at the Top Monday night. SU president David Leadbeater is shown presenting Dr. Elliott with a copy of Canada—The Year of the Land. Coffee and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.

—Chuck Lyall photo

## Liz Law opts out of 5 Vice-president tells council GFC committees are not open to the voice of the students

by ELLEN NYGAARD

Academic vice-president Liz Law has resigned from five General Faculty Council committees, but will, at least for now, remain a member of the GFC itself.

Miss Law requested at students' council's meeting Monday night that council accept her resignations from the committees and the GFC.

In a letter to university president Max Wyman, Miss Law said "the content of decisions made by the GFC and its committees are irrevocably determined by composition — the sector of the university hierarchy from which its members are drawn."

"Students . . . have been reluctant to recognize the importance of this fact. Recent events in General Faculty Council have slammed that fact home to me," she said.

Miss Law went on to say that while several smaller items proposed by the student representatives have been passed, members of the GFC have not supported student positions on "substantive issues" dealing with changes for "the benefit of the students".

While council readily accepted Miss Law's resignation from the committees, they refused to allow her to leave GFC.

An appeal earlier in the meeting from the "concerned multitudes" presently fighting the Ted Kemp tenure appeal issue had garnered students' council's support in taking the matter to GFC at its meeting next Monday.

It was felt that if the usual processes of forming an appeal board were implemented, Mr. Kemp's case would probably be appealed after students had finished the term.

President David Leadbeater

moved that "whereas delays in discussion of the Ted Kemp tenure appeal would limit student participation in the issue," the issue should be discussed at GFC Monday, Feb. 23. Council supported this overwhelmingly.

In view of this impending issue, Mr. Leadbeater told Miss Law that her resignation at this time would be a poor move tactically. Dan Makarus, a member of the "concerned multitudes", agreed that Miss Law's familiarity with the case and with GFC would strengthen the students' position.

Despite Miss Law's protestation that the newly-elected academic vice-president would be quite capable of defending this position, council agreed with Mr. Leadbeater.

Reports from student members of several university committees were presented. Decisions regarding retaining student membership on these committees will be de-

layed pending the presentation of a GFC report on increased representation.

Following a talk by Dr. Nicholas Wickenden of the history department explaining a pass-fail grading system in effect at the University of California at Santa Cruz, council passed a motion supporting the adoption of such a system at the U of A.

It was also decided to request that The Gateway print the names of those councillors absent from each meeting. Commerce rep Willie Heslop, in proposing the motion, felt that it was in the interest of the student body to be aware of their representatives' attention to their duties.

### An Apology

In the Friday, Feb. 6 issue of The Gateway, a picture of the Law and Order Committee appeared on page one with the caption "LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE . . . drives the Nazis up the wall." The caption was in no way intended to cast any aspersions on the characters of committee student representatives Frank MacInnis and Robert White who appeared in the picture. It was simply intended as a pun aimed at the swastika which someone mounted on the wall behind the committee at a meeting in SUB theatre. The Gateway therefore wishes to apologize for any embarrassment or inconvenience caused Mr. MacInnis or Mr. White by the caption.

### Hot seat tomorrow

Candidates in the upcoming students' union elections will be on the hotseat in SUB theatre from 12-2 p.m. Wednesday.

The presidential candidates will kick off the program, facing student questions on proposed policies. They will be followed by the vice-presidential, co-ordinator and secretarial candidates.

Other rallies are today at 3:30 in the Nurses residence and at 5:15 in Lister Hall. As well, tomorrow's agenda includes another hot-seat at 5 o'clock in Ag 245 and one in the Arts Lounge at 7:30.