

I'll take a drug test...

as soon as my opponent takes an IQ test.

-An American congressional candidate during the recent election campaign.

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photo Stephen Pandke

Water action at last Saturday's Anchor Splash. The Delta Gamma women's fraternity put on this informal pool competition to provide aid to blind persons and fund programs in sight conservation.

## Club denied office space by the SU

# Muslim club executive resigns

by Randal Smathers

The executive of the Muslim Student's Club at the U of A resigned en masse last week, following a series of problems with the Students' Union.

The resignations were voluntary, according to Lutful Kabir Khan, who is now an executive member, and also served in the same capacity last year. He stated the outgoing executive felt the club had an image problem, and so they should resign. As well, Khan pointed out that there is a higher percentage of undergraduates on the new executive. "The Students' Union prefers that," he said, adding that the club is largely composed of graduate students.

"Undergraduate foreign students don't get as many chances to come here," he said.

Rick Stedman, SU Clubs Commissioner, indicated that there is not a preference for undergrads, but SU policy states that "two-thirds of any club's executive must pay full fees."

"Graduate students can pay full fees if they want to participate," he said.

The central problem with the

club this year is that they were denied office space by the SU. Khan indicated that there may have been friction between some of last year's executive and someone in the SU, "but we couldn't find out

who it is."

The next executive's first priority is to "try and see that there is proper communication" between the club and the SU. "We want to have a high profile with the Stu-

dent's Union," he said.

"We would like to present Islam as it is, not as it may be perceived now," said Khan. "We feel this university is relatively better for international students than others in

Canada."

He also said that in one recent year, the club received no funds, and that year the VP Internal had "a strong opposition to the Muslim Students' Union."

# Students arrested in Ontario

**KINGSTON (CUP)** — Police overreacted when they arrested more than 100 Queen's University students during recent Homecoming celebrations, say the organizers of the university's annual weekend-long festivities.

Police made 36 alcohol-related arrests Oct. 24, and 73 the next day at and near the annual street party, which for the first time was approved and legalized by city council.

Counsellor Helen Cooper said council would probably "not give them another chance" if students asked to have the event sanctioned again.

A convenience store was vandalized, and the owner reportedly stood in front of the store's entrance with a metal pipe trying to

reclaim shoplifted merchandise. Students were allegedly clearing shelves and urinating on the floor. Queen's students also vandalized a downtown pub.

A member of the university marching band sustained a serious leg injury in a collision with a police officer who was tackling a fan at the annual Homecoming football match with a Carleton University squad.

Three hundred tickets were also issued for alcohol-related violations. Local hospital emergency wards were swamped by injured students. Other patients complained rowdy students in and near the hospital were keeping them awake.

Despite these charges, Queen's University student union president

Jim Hughes said that this year's Homecoming was "low-key" and that the legal street party, organized by the student union, succeeded in keeping other, illegal parties under control.

"It was pretty casual," said Hughes, adding he had "reservations" about how arrests were made at the street party.

"I guess they (police) got pumped up for this event too," said Hughes. "They had a very confrontational attitude. They were telling (student and alumni) constables what to do, and were very tough and aggressive in their ticketing."

Deputy police officer William Hackett said the sanctioned event was the cause in the increase of arrests, which he said numbered about 80 per cent more than last

year's Homecoming. He said the police force will urge the university to cancel further celebrations.

But Queen's representative Dick Bowman said the university has no intention of cancelling Homecoming. "Queen's has been proud of this event for 10 years — the most spirited universities have the most spirited Homecomings," he said.

A university statement praised police for showing "patience and restraint" in dealing with incidents.

Hackett said the most common ticketed offence was display and consumption of alcohol, while the most common arrest charges were for public intoxication. Many assault charges were also laid.

A fire cracker was thrown in one officer's face, said Hackett.

# MSA seatbelt petition

by John Watson

Though the Alberta government is moving slowly on seat belt legislation, the Medical Students' Association is actively pursuing it.

The MSA is circulating a petition on campus until the end of November to garner support for mandatory seat belt legislation.

According to Kim Baker, the medical students' council representative, legislation is necessary. "They (the government) don't want to go for legislation, they want to go for education," Baker said. But education has not been working, and Baker feels legislation is the only answer. "It's important because it's a health measure, it's preventative medicine," Baker said.

The Alberta Medical Association has been fighting for the same legislation for much longer than the students.

"The Medical Association has

been trying to get mandatory seat belt legislation for over a decade now," said Ron Kustra from the AMA.

He feels a free vote, on in which members of the legislature are not required to vote along the party line, would put the law through.

"A majority of the legislature is in favour of the legislation," he said.

According to Kustra, mandatory seat belts would save the government close to \$50 million every year in medical expenditures.

In essence, he said, "the Alberta government is extra billing."

# Handbook sale

by Greg Halinda

The award-worthy U of A Student Handbook is now on sale at the SUB bookstore.

The book is still available free of charge to students at the SUB information desk, but there remains a surplus on hand.

SU VP Internal Barb Higgin says the Students' Union is trying to recoup some of the \$50 thousand spent to produce the handbooks.

They are on sale for \$3.95 each to interested buyers. One dollar of each sale goes to the SU.

"People who don't attend university have the opportunity to buy one, and it may remind students who haven't already picked one up to do so," said Higgin.

The 86-87 handbook was recently named one of the three best in North America by the National Orientation Directors Association.

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