

Grad students will take cuts to ease U's financial crisis

The faculty of Graduate Studies like all other faculties at the financially strapped U of A this year, is feeling the economic pinch. Its budget has been slashed by \$138,000, and all grad students are bound to be affected.

Last week the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) council held a meeting to make recommendations to grad studies dean J.R. McGregor as to where the GSA would like the cuts to be made.

About 35 people attended the meeting, including a number of non-council members, and in an unusual move, the council members voted to open the voting on recommendations to all those present.

GSA secretary Sheila Nolan moved that all grad students having their fees paid by the university (by way of a teaching or research assistantship) be required to repay 20 per cent of the fees to the university. This motion was passed by a vote of ten to nine, with numerous abstentions.

"I felt it was the fairest way

to distribute the problem among all grad students," said Nolan. "We have three alternatives for cutting the budget — fee remissions, term allotments and bursaries. Of these three the fee remissions idea is the fairest since it hits almost everybody with a relatively small amount. The other two alternatives affect fewer students, but they would mean financial disaster for the students involved."

The meeting also passed a motion to reduce the travel grant budget from \$60,000 to \$20,000. Formerly travel grants were given out to students from North America as well as students from other continents; however, under the proposal passed at the meeting, grants would be given only to students from other continents.

Nolan stressed that the motions passed at the meeting are merely recommendations. "We just want Dr. McGregor to have some idea of what the GSA wants," she said. "We have no idea as yet how the faculty will eventually decide to meet the budget."

Lest anyone be confused, we would like to make clear that the positions on the students' union executive are:

president
executive vice-president
vice-president academic
vice-president finance and administration
vice-president services

There has been some confusion on this matter as a result of council's quick change of executive structure subsequent to a Gateway editorial pointing out that executive positions were not as advertised. Since Gateway ran that editorial, students' council has passed amendments to the constitution bringing the structure of the executive into line with the positions that have been advertised.



At Monday's council meeting, Beth Kihunky, Sci rep., asked council to vote money to publicize the referendum on abortion appeal. See story page 12.



U of T undergrads to protest exclusion by occupying library

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto students will occupy the university's main library to protest plans to exclude them from the stacks of the new John Robarts' Research Library.

February 2, the faculty-dominated Library Council rejected a student demand that the stacks of the mammoth, new library be opened to all members of the university community.

Current plans will restrict stack access to graduate students and faculty members. Undergrads will be able to get books only by ordering them.

Anticipating possible student dissatisfaction with the result of the Library Council meeting, U. of T. stepped up campus security arrangements February 2.

Although they had nothing to fear that afternoon, they stationed three campus police anxiously inside the main entrance to the library. They were apparently prepared to close the doors if an assault on the building was launched. Police do not normally guard the building.

This summer, police also began occupying the library when acting president Jack Sword went to court to seek an injunction against the Wachee tent community. That afternoon, the library was closed early in case anything happened.

Similar precautions may very likely greet the Wednesday merry-makers.

Student protest will center around a party complete with

food, drink, and entertainment held in the main library's foyer. It's expected that the party will edge its way towards the circulation and stacks area of the library as the day wears on.

The merriment is scheduled to go on all night and party-goers will not vacate the stacks when the library's midnight curfew arrives.

January 1, students began visiting all undergrad courses to circulate plebiscite ballots seeking to gauge student opinion on the open stacks question. Students will also be encouraged to question professors about their stand on it.

In three weeks, a special meeting of the university's academic senate will discuss whether to open the stacks to the university community.

Red Deer students and faculty vote non-confidence in senior administration

Students and faculty at Red Deer College have overwhelmingly voted non-confidence in their administration.

In a vote taken Friday (Feb. 4), nearly 90 per cent of the faculty and 75 per cent of the students who voted expressed non-confidence. Fifty-seven per cent of the students said they would not return next year if the present administration remains.

The administration precipitated the vote by firing several teachers and announcing

that some courses would not be offered next year.

The questions on the students' referendum were:

"Do you have confidence in the senior administration to maintain and improve conditions so that you can go about the business of learning?"

"Assuming you have a choice of returning to Red Deer College, would you return if the senior administration remains unchanged?"

A total of 588 students or 75 per cent of the student body cast votes with 75 per cent

voting no, 17 per cent yes, and 8 per cent undecided on the first question.

On the second question, 57 per cent voted no, 29 per cent yes, and 14 per cent undecided.

Seventy faculty members of the 72 eligible voted on four questions dealing with the ability of the College's senior administration. An average vote of 88 per cent non-confidence was recorded.

Meanwhile, the Red Deer College Board of Governors has suspended the chairman of the arts department.