

Council disputes grant and fee hike Hot motions pass

by Allison Annesley

Student Councillors erupted into lively debate at Tuesday night's meeting over a motion to approve funds for a Women's Organizing School, followed by a lengthy discussion of a proposed raise in SU fees.

The organizing school motion originated with the Eugene Brody Funding Board. Motions of this nature usually pass without much discussion but some councillors took exception to this grant.

When asked to justify the \$1,200 Council was asked to approve for the nine day Women's Organizing School to take place this summer, VP External Teresa Gonzalez, who chairs the Brody Board, replied that the school would operate with a break-even budget. They would require \$63,000, Gonzalez said, for office space, phones, printing etc., while attempting to keep conference fees low for the women interested in attending. The purpose of the conference, Gonzalez said, would be to bring urban and rural women together to teach them to "assert themselves better in the work-force." Gonzalez also said that 200 people are expected to attend the nine day school.

Engineering Rep John Koch argued that it was not the responsibility of men and women at the U of A to subsidize a small group of women "to learn how to integrate themselves."

Gonzalez fired back that her board had been set up "to fund outside organizations. This includes women."

Education Rep Siobhan Avery pointed out that the conference would not service a select, elite group and that any woman could attend.

VP Internal Ray Conway voiced support for the motion but complained about the fact that men could not attend, which VP

Finance Roger Merkosky, also disputed. Conway stated that in future he wanted to see such activities made open to anyone interested in attending.

Countered Arts Rep Greg Madison (who subsequently resigned from Council on Wednesday), "I think it's arrogant for any man to think he can organize women."

By this time, debate had degenerated into an open forum for sexist remarks and indignant rebuttals. The question was called and the motion passed, 19 for, 11 against.

Another issue which sparked much discussion was Merkosky's motion to approve the Administration Board's decision to set inflationary adjustment for SU fees at 10 percent for the 83-84 term. This increase would be in addition to the five dollar increase students approved in a February referendum.

The increase, which will result in an overall 21 percent increase in fees next year, was disputed by councillors who feared the hike would weaken students' bargaining position with the University when opposing increases in tuition.

Executive members argued the SU needed this money to offset next year's deficit after money from this year's budget is spent on new club offices to be built in the curling rink area at a cost of \$120,000.

Councillors John Koch and Cheryl Davies asked to be put on record as having opposed the motion while Councillor Dwayne Chomyn asked to go on record as having supported it. The motion passed 21 for, 7 against. The inflationary adjustment only passed its first reading and will have to pass two more readings at Council before it can come into effect.



Student councillors mugged for year-end photo at Tuesday's meeting.

photo Ray Ciguere

U Prez given thumbs up

by Allison Annesley

No Students' Union executive member should be allowed to run for the same office twice, said Science Rep Naved Ali in a Notice of Motion at Tuesday night's Students' Council meeting.

Ali's motion was presented at the close of the debate-filled meeting (see other stories, pages 1 and 3.)

Private Sector Funding Committee Chair Bev Therrien recommended the committee be disbanded because it has lacked material on which to base its meetings. SU President Robert Greenhill was asked to provide material from other universities for the committee to examine, Therrien said, but the material was never produced.

Nominations were re-opened for the FAS Conference in Lethbridge this weekend because Councillor John Koch could not attend. VP External-Elect Andrew Watts was given a mandate to attend in Koch's place.

Council also heard reports that the SU will be asking Xerox to donate photocopiers to campus

and that the SU would soon meet with the University to discuss this year's budget.

The Presidential Review Committee recommended to the Board of Governors that University President Myer Horowitz be reinstated for a second term of office.

A visit to campus by Canadian Federation of Students Chair Brenda Cote was also announced. Cote will be in Room 270A SUB for a wine and cheese on March 25 to give students an opportunity to ask her questions. Cote will also address a forum on educational issues on March 24.

A raise in salary from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a month for SU Business Manager Tom Wright was reported, as well as a \$6,500 bonus he will be receiving in April. The SU is also looking at buying an offset printer for the copy room in SUB.

Council approved salary raises for SU Commissioners from \$200 to \$300 per month and for the SORSE Director and Assistant Director from \$200 to \$250 per month.

The new changeover date for executive members, from April first to May first, was approved at its second reading, making it policy. The change is to allow incoming executive time to concentrate on their final exams before taking office. The same changeover date was approved for Council members at its first reading but must pass again at the March 29th meeting, which according to this year's policy, would be its final session. Councillors must then vote to either extend their term another month or let a new council step in to serve with the old executive.

Motions also passed granting funds to the following groups: \$1,200 to the Women's Organizing School, \$1,150 to the Edmonton Intercollegiate Rodeo Club, \$910 to the Social Welfare Students Society, \$700 to the Nigeria Union of Students, \$500 to the Canadian University Nursing Students' Association, \$200 to the U of A Flying Club, and \$100 to the East European Solidarity Committee.

Speakers nix Berkely

(RNR/CUP) — The twenty year-old "free speech" movement may be dying on the very campus where it was created - the University of California at Berkeley.

Student heckling of visiting speakers there has become so common that many speakers now refuse to appear there altogether. U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick recently cancelled the second of two scheduled talks because jeering groups of students opposing American foreign policy forced her to leave the Berkeley stage after the first one.

Appearances by Watergate

figure G. Gordon Liddy, presidential candidate John Anderson and former Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver have also been interrupted. Political candidates used to visit the Berkeley campus in great numbers. Now relatively few come to speak.

A representative for the group that disrupted Kirkpatrick's speech claims such an interchange is "virtually a democratic tradition" in political debate. Vice Chancellor Roderic Park says the university is determined "to maintain a free forum...even if it means ejecting protestors."

Jobless teachers unite

by Ann Grever

A meeting of unemployed teachers will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 p.m. in room 113 of the Education Building, South Wing.

This meeting will bring together unemployed and underemployed teachers with the Alberta Teachers' Association, members of the Alberta School Trustees Association, and Department of Education officials to impress on all the need for a change in Alberta schools' hiring practices. The meeting will present research on the hiring of experienced and out of work

teachers in the province.

According to Ivy Fisher, an unemployed teacher and one of the meeting's organizers, to solve the problem Alberta must "cut out certifying people from other provinces." Figures from the first ten months of 1982 show 3,124 teachign certificates were issued to people outside of Alberta, 347 to people outside of Canada and only 847 to Alberta education graduates.

Ivy Fisher points to her case as evidence of the effect this has on hiring. Recently she applied and was refused a job in the Fort Vermillion School Division. In-

vestigating this further she found that of the 183 teachers in that A.T.A. local, 67 were newly hired. Of that 67, 57 had come out of Alberta. Only 7 teachers of these had had any experience and out of all the new teachers only two were found to have any experience in Alberta at all.

Thus the organizers of this meeting want to make known their complaints. All are invited to this meeting to share any personal experiences of complaints. For further information, contact: Corraine Beuser, 437-7505 Luce Granger, 462-1248 Ivy Fisher, 476-9947

Unemployed anxious and bitter

REGINA (CUP) — It has been 10 months since Doug Taylor graduated from the University of Regina - 10 months of scanning the help wanted ads and facing the daily frustrations of unemployment.

Taylor, an active member of the Unemployment Committee of Regina (UCR), spoke to U of R students recently about the anxiety and hopelessness that pervades the hearts and minds of the unemployed.

"The is apathy and an inability to channel frustrations," he said. Referring to the work camp

experience of the dirty 1930's, Taylor said: "The situation today is different. The unemployed are now isolated from one another."

Taylor said the committee hopes to break the isolation that leads the jobless to bitterly blame themselves for their situation.

He said the group has three major goals: to organize the unemployed and improve their situation, to promote public awareness of the problem and to create pressure for job creation.

The committee is unimpressed by federal attempts at job creation thus far.

Taylor said the federal New Employment Expansion and Development (NEED) program isn't helping the unemployed because it's "being used by civic governments to undermine long-term, decent-paying union jobs."

As for the recently-announced military job creation program, Taylor said "it seems to be bazooka training does not go over well in the job market."

"...a government is going to create jobs, it should create more useful ones than that."

