



Had God commanded maidenhood to all Marriage would be condemned beyond recall...

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and certainly if seed were never sown, How ever could virginity be grown?
Geoffrey Chaucer

FREE TUITION: Athletics proposes tuition lottery

Photo: Pernell Tarnowski

by Mark Spector

The U of A Athletics department is working on a deal whereby a free tuition would be given to the winner of a draw to take place at an upcoming sporting event.

Plans are being made to implement this giveaway at both games of the season opening series against the UBC Thunderbirds on Oct. 18 and 19th.

In a lottery like fashion, one name would be drawn between the second the third periods of each game and that person would have this year's tuition paid for by athletics. This would not include

anything over and above the average yearly fee of roughly \$985.00. Students' union membership, athletic board, and student health services are included.

The offer is open only to present U of A students. Student I.D. cards would be required upon the payment of the two dollar game admission fee, in order to be eligible for the draw. If a winner has already paid his or her fees for this school year, they would be reimbursed by the Office of the Registrar. If fees have yet to be paid then the winner would receive a credit with the Registrar equal to

the amount of their fees.

This event marks the initial volley in the U of A's long journey towards filling the stands at their athletic events. So far this year, two home football games have drawn about 500 fans in total. The final game in the Molson Golden Bear invitation-al between the Bears and U of Saskatchewan Huskies drew approximately 150 people.

Athletics' Director of Marketing and Public Relations Dale Schulha, who's position was newly created this year for the sole purpose of selling U of A sports, sees this as an unprecedented step for a Cana-

dian University.

"To my knowledge, this has never been done before in Canada," states Schulha. "Our viewpoint is that if we can get the students out to just one or two games, they would realize that this is quality sport. Then they would come back on their own."

And if they don't come back to the sporting venue because they are hooked on university athletics, they would surely come back for another try at a free tuition.

"Depending on how successful we could be (at the gate) on this weekend, we may just try it again in

the future," explains Schulha.

There's no doubt that should the stands at the Varsity Arena be filled on the weekend of Oct. 18-19 athletics would advertise the tuition draw again in the future. "You just never know for UBC," hinted Schulha about the football Bears last regular season game against the UBC T-Birds on Nov. 9.

Although most certainly the hiltite, the tuition draw would not be only thing that athletics has planned for the busiest sporting weekend at the U of A so far this year.

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Council beats back cassette price decrease

by Bill Doskoch

Sexual harassment and endorsing a vigil for South African political prisoners were on the agenda Tuesday, but one of the major issues seemed to be an attempt to legislate the price of cassette tapes.

"The Students' Union does have a large surplus and we should get rid of it," said law rep Pat Mahoney in introducing his motion to reduce cassette tape prices in SU Records by \$0.50. "This is only one of a long streak of prices that I'd like to regulate."

"I used to think managers should manage and politicians should keep their grubby little hands out of it," he said, "but I've changed my tune."

Mahoney said a \$0.50 reduction over 20,000 tapes would cost the SU \$10,000 but since it was less than the \$15,000 in lost revenue due to the beer price freeze, he felt "fiscally responsible."

This set off a flurry of counter-motions, culminating with VP Internal Scott Richardson promising that SU businesses and services would "beat the price of any competitor in the area."

This was greeted with cries of "Nobody beats Big John!"

Eventually the counter-motions

and whatnot were withdrawn and Mahoney's motion was defeated, but he promised a motion to lower wine prices for next week.

An update was provided on the sexual harassment situation by SU president Mike Nickel.

The "new directions" based on his conversations with NASA (Non Academic Staff Association) on Monday centred on the fact that NASA already had great quantities of information and so a new survey would be redundant.

Other problems faced by Nickel included dis-similarity between organizations involved in the task force and the continuing "damage control and dis-information" emanating from the Board of Governors and the administrator. "Dr. Horowitz seems to be of the opinion that this whole issue should just go away."

Nickel said he would "keep trying" on the issue but did not make any specific promises as to start dates or new objectives.

A motion to endorse a candlelight vigil in support of political prisoners in South Africa barely passed, with most objections based on the principle that the Students' Union should limit itself to educational issues and avoid divisive areas

like international politics.

In addition, the Students' Union gold medal award was changed to the Students' Union award for

excellence because, according to VP Academic Caroline Nevin, "to have a gold medal, it has to be 24 carat gold and weigh at least 30

Council unenthusiastically endorses Candlelight vigil for South Africa

by John Watson

A motion to endorse a candlelight vigil for South African political prisoners squeaked by in students' council Tuesday night.

The vigil takes place Oct. 11, United Nations day of solidarity with political prisoners in South Africa.

The vigil also marks the day Nelson Mandela was put on trial in South Africa in 1963. Mandela, leader of the outlawed African National Congress, has been in prison ever since.

The Edmonton Council of Churches and the Citizens Against Apartheid and Racism (CARA) organization are co-sponsoring the event. After Tuesday's 12 to 10 (five abstentions) council vote supporting the vigil, the SU is now one of about 20 groups endorsing the vigil.

Maureen Werlin, a member of CARA, said the vigil will honor all

political prisoners in South Africa. "A political prisoner is anybody who fights back against apartheid," she said.

Werlin hopes the nationally coordinated vigil will "nudge the Canadian government, let them know Canadians are concerned about this."

However, there were strong arguments in students' council against supporting the vigil.

While making it clear he did not support apartheid, science rep Ken Bosman said, "We're not going to change the world. If we try we're going to be neglecting student's issues. It [supporting similar motions] would cause acrimony and paralysis for council to act as a legislative body on this campus."

SU VP external Gayle Morris does not think supporting such a motion would compromise council's re-

sponsibility to students.

"They [opposing councillors] forget that it is students who come to me with these concerns."

The vigil starts at 7:30 p.m. at Abbey Glen Park (102 st. and Jasper ave.) and will proceed to the First Presbyterian Church (10025-105 st.).

Participants are encouraged to bring candles but to leave placards at home.

After the vigil, music and speeches will last about an hour at the church. Coffee and a social will follow.

There will be one minute of silence for South Africans in prison and in exile.

Organizer Werlin said the evening will end with "a call for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners."