

## Fee Wolfs barred from Calgary door

CALGARY (CUP) - A proposal from the president of the student council to raise international students' tuition fees to \$2400 per year was overwhelmingly rejected at a November 21 University of Calgary Town Hall meeting.

Seven hundred students attended the meeting and passed three major resolutions:

- that the international fee increase proposal ... be rescinded and not be forwarded to the Presidential Task Force as a students' union principle proposal.

- that the students' union shall henceforth, through its representation on the presidential task force, lobby against the imposition of a quota system for any student on this campus, and

- that the students' union shall make presentation to the provincial government to instigate a scholarship fund to bring deserving Canadian or international students to the University of Calgary.

The argument following the fee increase for international students, first introduced last month by student president Dave Wolf, centered around the cost to the taxpayer of supporting students who, Wolf said, would never contribute to the Canadian economy.

However, the economic committee of the International Students' Association prepared figures for the meeting which show that an average foreign student bring three thousand dollars per year into the country.

But fourth year engineering student Don White contended, "So they're bringing \$3,000 a year into the country ... I think that is good. If we up the fees to \$2300, it'll be even better."

Others questioned the International Students' pamphlet, "United We Stand" which states that "no Canadian is deprived of a university education because of international student attendance."

One speaker called this "impossible" and added that "international students place the greatest strain on the student housing shortage."

The foreign students' pamphlet said that "with current trends in the government finan-

cing of post secondary institutions, a fee increase for international students this year could become an increase for out-of-province students next

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## Council pooh- poohs Ed Act

Students' Council unanimously rejected the "draft, for discussion only" of the Adult Education Act, put forward by the Government of Alberta, at their Nov. 26 meeting.

Brian Mason, executive vice-president, prepared the report for the Council meeting, which began: "Our understanding of the basic philosophy inherent in the Adult Education Act: A Draft for Discussion is one of a post-secondary system and co-ordinated by a central authority, in this case the Minister and the Department of Advanced Education and Manpower."

He further indicated that the government could become "an unchecked power", with the "broad extension of powers" this Act would entail. Mason also insisted the government "reconsider their Act and change their policy" and he hoped the government would encourage "enough consultation and public discussion" before taking any further action on the Draft.

Numerous problems and flaws were discovered in the Act due to its attempt to cover every aspect of post-secondary education. Mason also said the blanket jurisdiction of the Act may have serious consequences for the rights students have fought for and won. For example, "students could lose their seats on GFC and on the

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## NAIT-eaten "Last Supper"

EDMONTON (CUP) - Dave Edwards says he has eaten "the Last Supper", and is through with FAS.

The NAIT student president says he was shunned at a recent meeting of the Federation of Alberta Students.

According to Edwards, the FAS people would not approach his table nor talk with NAIT delegates during the final meal of the meeting.

NAIT said last October it had no desire to join ranks with the Alberta universities, and would stay out of the provincial organization originally proposed by the U of A.

Apparently, NAIT's action was the cause of considerable friction between the delegates attending the conference.

FAS executive member Terry Sharon, a U of A delegate, disagreed with these claims.



Between the feather light snow, the beauty of a thirty foot Christmas tree at night, and carols on the quad, one could say a Christmas spirit has come to life here. Photo by Greg Neiman.

## Gov't makes final policy

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Students should have input into provincial student aid decisions, but the government will still make the final decisions on changing aid policies, according to Manitoba's Minister of Colleges and Universities.

In a letter to the Manitoban dated November 14, Ben Hanuschak said that since "students are the users and beneficiaries of the student aid program ... we would be most anxious to receive whatever recommendations the students may wish to make."

In Manitoba, most of these recommendations are made by the student aid consulting committee, an advisory group to Hanuschak on student aid. It is composed of equal numbers of students, student aid officials and university administrators.

However, Hanuschak made it clear that he and the Manitoba Government do not and will not necessarily accept all the recommendations of the consulting committee.

"I may attach a tremendous amount of importance to whatever the student aid consulting committee may recommend and, in fact, I may agree that there may be a tremendous amount of importance to whatever the student aid consulting committee may recommend and, in fact, I may agree that there may be a tremendous amount of validity to the students' recommendations. But whether or not we accept the recommendations will be a matter for myself and my government to decide."

Hanuschak has already rejected one recommendation of the committee - that he ask the council of ministers of education to allow student representatives on the Canada

Student Loans Plenary, a group that recommends federal student aid policy to the ministers.

Two other recent recommendations of the consulting committee call for prorating aid for students who marry after the beginning of the school year, and making aid portable between provinces.

Hanuschak said he agreed, "in principle" on portability. However, he said that he would not want "full portability" to the extent that "any student from any province may be able to enroll in any university of his choice regardless of whether or not a same or similar course of studies may be available to him/her in his/her province."

He would not agree with prorating aid for married students, he said, because of administrative problems.

Later this year, the committee will be considering a student proposal that students' need for aid should be assessed separately from their parents' incomes. Currently, this is only done for students who have attended university or worked for four years.

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