

# Move to inform students on regulations

Gateway Staff Writer

Students may receive a handbook outlining university regulations when they return to classes in September.

That's the goal of a committee reviewing existing regulations on campus.

The handbook, which could be put out by the students' union, would be a comprehensive code of regulations that affect all members of the university community.

In the future, the committee has planned open gripe sessions where students can raise beefs about any regulation.

The committee has undertaken the massive task of studying the complex set of rules that govern almost every

activity on campus, everything from smoking in classrooms to organizing demonstrations on campus.

Its prime responsibility will be report annually to general faculties council with the mandate to be "sensitive" to opinions in the university community about regulations.

"I don't think we can possibly review all regulations on campus," says R.S. Nozick, a law professor who is chairman of the committee.

The committee is currently considering the ad hoc committee law and order report which stirred much of the university community last year when first completed.

Faced with a complex maze of overlapping regulations on jurisdiction, the committee

probably won't finish their review of the report until the summer.

Some of the report's recommendations involve changed in the Universities Act, which is also under review by the government, and others require approval of general faculties council and board of governors.

Students have been invited to attend the meetings of the committee, and to comment on the report. But judging from attendance at the first meeting Friday in University Hall, no one seems to care about it.

"It may be that things are running smoothly, like we might expect," says Nozick. "If things were irritating someone, we would expect to

hear about it."

Nozick, however, feels that students would want to comment on other matters as whether consumption of liquor in apartments at Lister Hall would be made legal.

Among other regulations contained in the report involve raiding or unlawful entry of university residences, selling of political literature on the campus, and smoking in classrooms.

Nozick says that the committee was divided over whether smoking in classrooms should be considered as an offence. And if so what kind of punishment would be applied.

Initially, the committee is examining those regulations which govern disciplinary

action, on such matters as cheating, classroom regulations, and assembly on campus.

A review of the tribunal system, which tried its first case two weeks ago, will also be necessary as several problems have cropped up.

One of these is whether the tribunals, established to hear charges against students, should be open to the public.

Two countervailing principles are involved in this matter, says Nozick. Trials are open to the public to protect the accused and to be ensured that they are tried fairly.

However, in this case, making public a tribunal decision would chalk up one strike against a person before he has even graduated from university.

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photo by Doug Moore

Now that spring has actually arrived, and we're all in muddy water up to our knees, it's time for pedestrians to beware of passing motorists. Gateway photographer Doug Moore was "caught" in the act of snapping this photo.

## Re-evaluation asked for effect of stress on students

More work should be done to determine stress from courses on university students says the chairman of a committee on stress. Isabel Monroe, dean of women, said in an interview that marking systems, the amount of reading and number of assignments in various courses should be examined in greater detail.

These factors are increasingly important with the

move to half-year courses in almost all faculties at the university level, says Monroe.

"We took a brief look but felt it was almost impossible to assess it. But if it's possible, yes, it would be a good idea."

Monroe headed the beleaguered GFC committee that has presented recommendations to general faculties council for approval. Some members complained that many were too vague and meaningless in the existing university structure.

"It could well be that (the recommendations) were not specific enough. But it wasn't our job to say how they would be implemented."

The report put forth proposals ranging from providing tutorial service in courses with large enrolments and to making an effort to allow foreign students to bring their families.

Despite criticism, Monroe says the committee was generally satisfied with the

results of the report, the first attempt at trying to isolate the rather nebulous area of student stress.

"We're relatively satisfied. We got as much input as possible" and encouraged an exchange of opinion between faculty and students on the subject, she says.

The committee was handcuffed from the beginning by a lack of response from students and staff at the university it encountered when gathering information for the interim and final reports.

Copies of the interim report were sent to deans and department chairmen, as well as student organizations and other groups on campus.

They were invited to discuss the report with the committee, rather than filling out a tedious questionnaire ("We felt students were tired of questionnaires"), but few bothered to do so.

Monroe says some of the

## It's YES for UAB referendum

Last Friday, the largest turnout of voters for any election or referendum this year voted overwhelmingly in favour of the \$7 Athletic Board fee increase.

Gord Wick, outgoing UAB President, said "What sold it was the program. The students showed their faith in the program that has been built up over the years."

Although there were some 900 no votes against 3022 in

favour, the ayes carried all 15 polls.

As a result, we can expect a few improvements in the Intramural program such as new equipment and possibly increased facilities.

For the intervarsity teams, it doesn't appear at this point that things will change too drastically.

For a more complete view of how the money will be used, see this Thursday's *Gateway*.

## Daycare improvement recommended

by Greg Neiman

The HUB Day-Care Centre Board at a meeting last Wednesday approved a resolution authorizing the Board to spend \$9,000 to install air-conditioning units in the centre.

The students' Union executive will bring this resolution before Council at a meeting Monday for approval of the expenditure.

The Centre which is simply a remodelling of 12 single-man units, is presently unequipped to handle the approximately sixty children who spend their days there. Conditions have been described as dangerous to the health of the children and staff of the centre, with room temperatures rising to 80 degrees F. and humidities as low as 2 per cent.

Without these improvements to the current temperature control system the Public Health Authorities of the City and of the University have indicated that the Centre will be closed down.

Dianne Dally, Day-care Centre Manager, says she hopes the go-ahead will be given by Council very soon and that construction of the new air-conditioning units can begin before summer temperatures worsen the situation.

She also says that in reply to a letter printed in *Gateway*

requesting individual students to donate one-dollar sums to help repay costs of the new equipment, that \$17 has been collected.

## Students Union takes over photocopying

The Student Union executive announced yesterday that they had been successful in their bid to take over photocopying services on campus.

SU President Joe McGhie said that the present Smith Corona photo-copiers will be replaced by Xerox photocopiers in locations across campus. The Xerox machines print on bond paper and are considered superior to the Smith Corona ones. The price will be five cents a copy.

McGhie also said a preliminary date of April 13 has been set for a SUB Theatre concert by popular west coast composer-folksinger Valdy.

Services vp Tony Melnechuk will ask for representation on a services advisory committee over the summer, to provide student-at-large input in the realm of Students' Union services.

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