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It's your turn to pay
for the lies Robert...

...Tom Wright

Union forces out Gateway editor?

by Allison Annesley

Notice of a motion to force the Gateway editor out of office enlivened an otherwise routine Students' Council meeting Tuesday night.

Arts Councillor Cheryl Davies' notice read, "Moved that due to the existence of a potential conflict of interest situation on his part, Students' Council advises Andrew Watts to resign as Editor-in-Chief of The Gateway, and if Mr. Watts chooses to ignore Students' Council's advice, that this motion be considered a motion of suspension as outlined in Bylaw 4100, section 7(1)."

Education Rep Vaughn Atkinson had earlier asked whether Watts, who was elected VP External in last month's Students' Union election had tendered his resignation. VP Internal Ray Conway answered no and explained that the SU traditionally stayed out of Gateway internal affairs.

Davies' motion will come before Council at its March 15 meeting and unless Watts resigns, will have to pass by a two-thirds majority at two consecutive meetings of council.

Conway suggested that any councillors with complaints could take them to the Gateway offices themselves but that he personally was opposed to it.

A tentative one-year settlement was reached on Tuesday between the Students' Union and their union employees who are under the Canadian Union of Public Employees. A \$95/month raise across the board was agreed upon for full-time employees, with a seven per cent raise for part-time employees. Negotiations with non-union employees are presently underway.

The University may be upping

its \$225,000 caretaking grant to the Students' Union for the maintenance of SUB. The results of a study to determine what caretaking costs would be if administered by the University should be available very soon. The grant has stood at \$225,000 since 1980.

The University will also begin to charge the Students' Union for utilities in SUB effective April 1st. The SU has already begun to charge some of its renters for utilities, though they plan to argue paying the University for utilities in L'Express, Dinwoodie, RATT, the theatre, and the games area. "These businesses," says VP Roger Merkosky, "create revenue but are not necessarily profit-oriented."

The Student Media Committee's selection of Brent Jang for next year's Gateway Editor-in-chief was ratified. Arts Rep Bev Therrien's appointment to the University's Planning and Priorities Committee was announced and Commerce Rep Fiona Bland was appointed to serve on the Gold Medal Award Selection Committee.

Councillors Roger Merkosky, John Koch, and Bev Therrien were appointed to represent the U of A at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Alberta Students in Lethbridge from March 18-20.

Council also approved funds for the following:

- \$2,380 towards the operating budget of the Education Students' Association
- \$1,700 to the Arts Students Association
- \$910 towards General Health Week
- \$230 to the U of A New Democrats
- \$300 for the National Week of Students campaign

Feds attack treaty rights

REGINA (CUP) — Most of the 264 Indian students in a special program at the University of Regina were forced to drop out last month.

They're gone because they ran out of money when the federal government cut funding for the University Entrance Program at the end of the first semester. The 264 students in the program were forced to attend classes after Jan. 6 without money for books, food, tuition fees or rent.

Most of the university's 333 native students were in the program, which is designed to help rural students and high school drop-outs attend post-secondary institutions. Officials say they did not expect a big jump in native enrolment this year, and the money ran out.

Sid Fiddler, an executive of the U of R Indian Students' Association, said many students

tried to collect welfare temporarily until the federal government provided more funding, but they were refused. The students began a campaign of non-violent protest in January, attracting considerable media attention. On Jan. 14 and 19, more than 80 students occupied the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Affairs and Northern Development offices to protest the cuts.

The federal government was slow to respond. Indian affairs minister John Munro told the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians that his ministry would fund 33 students. They later offered funding for another 39.

The others were offered permanent welfare and travel assistance if they chose to give up their university education and return home, Fiddler said.

About 180 of them accepted the offer.



Lisa Janz (10) puts ball up. Two of her teammates made the Canada West all-star team: Toni Kordic was on the 1st Team and Sherry Knutsvig made the 2nd Team.

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