

To err is human, but when the eraser wears out ahead of the pencil,

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you're overdoing it.
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LRT
station
finally
named

by K. Graham Bowers

The future LRT station on campus is to be officially named *University Station*.

The City of Edmonton made the formal request last September and on Oct. 28 the Advisory Committee on Naming Buildings and Facilities referred it to the Facilities Development Committee and the Board of Governors' Building Committee.

The name received Facilities Development Committee approval on November 24, and became policy after Building Committee approval December 16.

SU now lacks a fees policy

by Rod Campbell

As a result of Tuesday night's general meeting, the University of Alberta Students' Council no longer officially opposes a freeze on tuition fee increases.

Council moved that a referendum be held on March 12 and 13, in conjunction with the SU elections, on the question: *Should the Students' Union support a continuous zero per cent tuition fee increase policy?*

Councillors passed four motions regarding tuition fee increases in an omnibus vote of 18-7. Omnibus voting treats a series of motions as one, and one vote is taken for the package of motions.

Until the referendum, Students' Council will have no legal policy on fee increases. This has External Commissioner and Anti-Cutbacks Team chair Martin Levenson upset.

Levenson proposed a motion, to maintain the old legislation — which opposed tuition fee increases — until after the referendum in order to

give the council a "position to bargain" with the Provincial Government. Levenson's motion was defeated 14-8 with 4 abstentions.

After the meeting Levenson said, "I don't understand where they're coming from, it's confusing. I don't think we're (the student body) being well served."

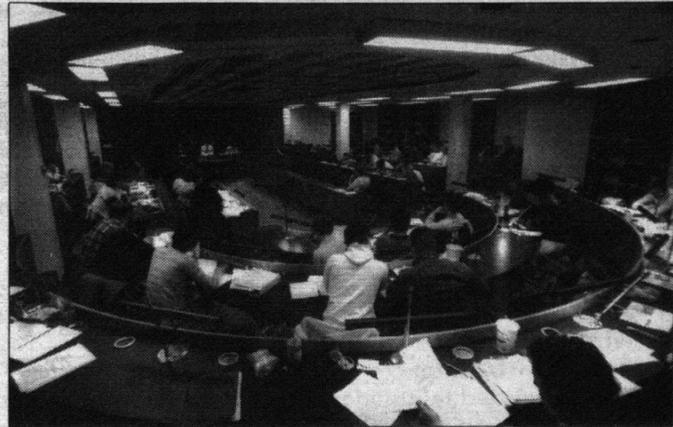
SU president David Oginski, author of the four motions, replied to Levenson's comments by saying that even though no policy existed, council was "still there to represent the welfare of the students."

Oginski didn't feel the ACT campaign would be affected by council's no-policy position.

The wording of the referendum question was formed by the SU Bylaws and Constitution Committee, and can be appealed at the next Student Council meeting.

Further motions passed by Council are as follows:

1. To install functioning condom dispensers in male and female washrooms in SUB "in order to



The hazy, crazy forum called Council.

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facilitate the pursuit of student happiness and avoid illegitimate births and sexually transmitted diseases."

2. To grant \$20 thousand to the University Golden Bears hockey team so they can attend the World University Games. This motion, originally passed two weeks ago,

was rescinded by DIE board because of irregularities in the original meeting.

3. To recognize the Faculte St. Jean "as a unique educational experience...and that it plays an important role within the community at large."

SU will be at CUSEC's 1st meeting

by K. Graham Bowers

SU president Dave Oginski's dream of creating a new national students' association is soon to become a reality.

The founding convention of the Canadian Universities Student Executive Conference (CUSEC) will be held February 18 to 21 in Toronto.

Oginski is not interested in joining the existing Canadian Federation of Students because dues for the U of A would be \$100,000 per year. "We don't feel we can get a hundred thousand worth of services from CFS," said Oginski. He added that CUSEC will have no membership dues.

Former president Floyd Hodgins first thought of the idea for the organization in the spring of 1985, after the SU decided by referendum to withdraw from CFS. Hodgins wanted a national student association which was only interested in issues which directly affect students.

His successor, Mike Nickel, agreed that such an organization was necessary. Nickel had a tentative constitution drafted and organized the first meeting of the Canadian Universities Student Council.

Oginski changed the name slightly to reflect some structural changes which he has implemented. He also went to B.C. and Ontario, attempting to sell the idea to UBC, UVic, SFU, and the member universities of the Ontario Federation of Students.

Currently there are five university student councils which have agreed to join CUSEC. They are UBC, U of C, U of M, U of T, and U of A. Other university councils are interested and will be sending representatives to the convention. CUSEC membership is open to all Canadian universities, and Oginski has especially lobbied those universities which have over seven thousand students.

CUSEC policy resolutions require the support of two-thirds of the universities, and those universities must have two-thirds of the students represented at the conference. CUSEC resolutions are not binding upon member universities, but rather are intended to help

individual universities find allies with whom to cooperate on an initiative.

At the upcoming conference CUSEC will be officially formed and will adopt a constitution. Then it will hold four workshops entitled

Issues, SU as a Business, Education from an Administrative Point of View, and Student Initiatives Within Government.

Members will then attend regional caucuses, with the nation divided into Western, Ontario, Quebec,

and Eastern caucuses.

The final day will be spent discussing current issues, such as Federal Transfer Payments, Canada Student Loans, Hire-A-Student, and Student Taxation.

Bus fare deal in the works

by Linda Atchison

Students need a better deal on public transit, according to the Students' Union's Housing and Transport Commission (HTC). The Commission is looking into cheaper alternatives to the four-month Student Transit Pak.

Student Paks consist of four adult monthly bus passes sold together for \$130. At a 10 per cent discount, the Paks save post-secondary students a total of \$14 over the regular price of four passes.

"If you're looking at the student who is only using the bus pass for school it's not a good deal," says Pamela Renke, a member of the HTC subcommittee investigating the matter.

Renke says the main problem is that although each school term is closer to three months long, students who opt for the Student Pak are obliged to pay for four months worth of passes.

"With final exams in December and April, and Reading Week in February, a lot of students may not use the passes enough to save money on them, especially if they go away for the holidays or use alternate forms of transportation outside of school."

As an alternative, an eight-month bus pass proposal, brought to the Commission by SU VP External Michael Hunter, initially called for yearly savings of \$72 over the monthly adult passes and \$44 over the Student Paks.

This additional discount would help make up for the months in which the passes are underused.

According to Hunter, the City of Edmonton, as well as students, could benefit from the proposal.

"The idea was to generate revenues for the city in September which they could put in the bank

and gain interest on during the school year."

However, the proposal has met with some resistance from Edmonton Transit. According to Robert David, General Manager of the Edmonton Transportation Depart-

ment, for the project to be feasible, a single eight month pass would have to be issued and identified as a student pass with the student's picture on it.

He says this would require a costly controlled sales environment

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Those bus passes may actually get cheaper.

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