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Leadbeater on tuition increases ...

...now is the time to protest

Students urged to walk out

by Greg Neiman

Students are expected to walk out of their classes and rally on University Hall February 6 to protest tuition increases in specific, and government education funding in general.

SU president Graeme Leadbeater announced to Council Monday that plans are being made to gather support for the walkout and rally by executive visits to classes, and through an information poster campaign throughout next week.

"We can write briefs till we're blue in the face, but if the students don't show their objections to the increase, it's of no use," he said in an interview.

"If there isn't a show of strength from the student body, the university administration has every right to increase tuitions because the students are tacitly accepting the increases."

The rally is being planned to occur between 10 and 11 am, during a meeting of the Board of Governors when the tuition increase proposal to the provincial government will be considered.

At the meeting Leadbeater will present a brief opposing the increase. He hopes that his brief, coupled with the raised voices at the rally, will convince board members that a tuition increase is not the way to solve the university's funding problems.

"I can't say they (the U administration) simply accepted the ceiling on university grant increases, because there was some lobbying by the board, but I think they admitted defeat much too easily."

Leadbeater says a university lobby would have the full support of academic staff, non academic staff, students, and the university community.

These forces, he claims, have been split now that the university is considering raising tuitions.

"They took the easy way out," he said.

"I don't think it's too late to fight the ceiling. The university still has some reserves to operate on next year without a tuition increase and still not give in to the government."

Although Leadbeater reports no active groundswell

of discontent among the student body against the increases, he says it has been the main issue students have spoken to him about, and that a direct show of discontent could be organized.

Speaking on the ceiling, Leadbeater commented "the government must really be blind in its plans. They see a need for more university educated people, yet they are closing the doors."

On the topic of university funding and tuition increase, Leadbeater has invited president Gunning to a public forum next Tuesday to discuss with him and students the issues behind the present situation.

If Gunning cannot attend, Leadbeater said he hoped one of the vice-presidents concerned with the increase proposal would be able to stand in his stead.

On your marks, get set—they're off and running!

The rumor mill ground its last this year with the official word from the Returning Officer, Ken Reynolds on who's running in the SU elections.

There's four slates to choose from in the executive offices. Joe McGhie, SU president '74-75, wins by acclamation the student rep position on the Board of Governors. Shaun Kelly takes vp (women's athletics) by acclamation, and two positions have no nominations.

Nominations for president of women's athletics and vp (men's athletics) will reopen between 1 and 4 pm January 30.

Reynolds predicts a close race between Paul Belanger and Larry Wall for the position of president of men's athletics.

"There's no independents, no funny people this year, they're all legitimate," said Reynolds of the executive race.

Here's the story alphabetically.

The socialist slate consists of Elaine Bernard for president, Gary Kettner for vp (executive), Wanda Daker for vp (academic), Edna Simpson for vp (finances and administration) and Duane Filan for vp (services).

The Janssen slate promotes Dale Janssen for president, William McIntosh for vp (executive), Wanda Muszynski for vp (academic), Gary Howardt for vp (finances and administration), and Doug Robinson for vp (services).

Brian Mason, present vp (executive) is now running for president with Margaret Oseen for vp (executive) Ken Klimchuck for vp (academic), Patti Stevens for vp (finances and administration), and Kim McKenzie for vp (services).

Present ag rep on Council Len Zoeteman heads his slate with Howard Hoggins for vp (executive), Ken McFarlane for vp (academic), Eileen Gillese for vp (finances and administration), and Jan Grude for vp (services).

"Personally I am in favor of slates," says Reynolds. "I think the ballot is pretty complicated as it is, and I would hate to see slate designations taken off the ballot."

"As the situation exists its undesirable to have independents running in an election."

Reynolds also says he would not like to see slates split up, despite the fact that people may prefer the qualities of individuals over the relative anonymity of slateship.

Election day is February 13.

Onlookers cause SUB dispute

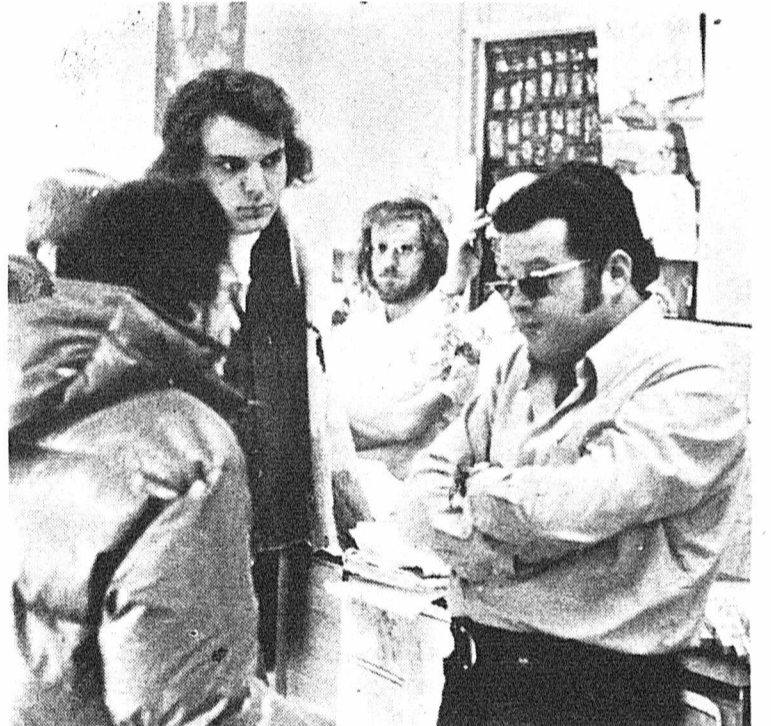
by Ted Thederahn

SUB was made aware of Israeli Awareness Week Wednesday when a large crowd of onlookers gathered to watch Israelis and Arabs "kibbutz" by the SU information desk.

A debate developed when some Palestinian sympathizers clashed with a member of the staff manning a promotional display over issues of the PLO and Palestinian refugees.

Although no serious confrontation developed, the discussion did serve to further the purpose of the display which is to promote discussion of Israeli problems and to develop an awareness on campus of the country of Israel.

A spokesman for the SUB display, sponsored by Hillel and the Jewish Student Association, said that it is also intended to counter what he feels is propagandizing by Arab supporters and to try to present a



Few issues seem more volatile on this campus than the Middle East issue. If you're ready for non-stop haggling, check in with the Israeli Awareness Week. Total satisfaction guaranteed or you can give us this issue of the paper back.

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Council wants health fees for all

Student Health fees may be mandatory next year if the Board of Governors (B of G) acts on recommendations made by Students' Council.

Council passed a motion this week to send a letter to the B of G suggesting that a) Student Health continue operation as is, with no cutbacks in services offered, and b) the optional ten dollar fee become mandatory for all university students.

Student Health found itself faced with imminent cutbacks in funding and sought mandatory fees in order to continue operating at present levels.

Although the motion passed by a ten to four majority, the SU executive remains split in their views on the issue. Graeme Leadbeater (pres) and Gene Borys (vp finance) support the motion, feeling that the move is justified under the cir-

cumstances.

On the other hand, Jane Bothwell (vp academic) feels that Student Health is in no danger of being eliminated and that its maintenance should be the responsibility of either the university or the provincial government, not the student. "It's a good service and well worth the ten dollars," she said, "but I can't see imposing it on everyone."

Brian Mason (vp executive) believes that the Students' Union is contradicting itself in opposing tuition fees while simultaneously endorsing mandatory health service fees.

Council based its decision on findings of an investigation prepared by Dr. F.B. Cookson. The report revealed that 16,000 students pay the fee now, and, of those who don't, a large percentage are first year students. It was felt that many of these students don't pay their fees simply because they aren't aware the service exists, or of the extent of services it offers.

It was also found that many students who don't pay their fees use the health services anyway, and in actuality are free-loading on those who do pay for the continuation of the center.

Representatives from Student Health indicated that, should fees become mandatory, it would not be necessary to raise fees for some time to come.

The whole matter remains unresolved, though, and must go before the Board of Governors before any decisions are reached.

Into the communal pot, all ante

Individual groups will no longer be able to raise money by holding socials in Dinwoodie if Council agrees to an executive proposal giving the SU a monopoly on the money-making method.

Gene Borys, vp (finances and administration) told *The Gateway* only the SU will be running socials and money gained from ticket and beer sales will be put into doubling grants given to SU clubs and faculty associations.

This way he said they could be better policed and centrally organized.

"The fairness of the system

is that before, only certain associations or groups could put on a social. Either we gave them a social or we didn't, and either they got their money from it or they didn't."

He said not as much money would be made from any particular social because they'd have to pay people to run it, but profits would at least be administered fairly.

All socials were cancelled earlier this month when it became impossible to control rowdiness and drunkenness.

At one social, estimates of damage to SUB ranged as high as \$500.00.

Borys said socials sponsored by the Students' Union would be better policed, and that the SU would not be "licencing out" its responsibility for damage to SUB to individual groups.

In response to an *Edmonton Report* article on the subject that portrayed students as enjoying their weekends by "quaffing stout and tripping the light fantastic", Borys said: "I think that it's a bit over-exaggerated. If people were having that much fun here, we'd have over a thousand dollars per social profit."