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...Is worth a pound of performance.
Lawrence J. Peter.

"Vote for me" cry at rally

by Peter Michalyshyn

Over 500 students watched 10 student politicians try to amass votes in the annual pre-election forum in SUB Theatre yesterday at noon.

In the two hour session very little new was said; a few issues were cleared up, and a few were muddled further.

Cheryl Donnelly (Kirk slate, vp finance and administration) said that though she hadn't been clear in an interview with the *Gateway*, 40 percent of the five dollar SU fee increase proposal would go entirely into student services, clubs and faculty associations.

Bob Kirk and his own Board of Governors rep Ken Lawson-Williams disagreed on how they would vote on a tuition fee increase proposal at the Board.

Lawson-Williams, who was uncontested for B of G rep and thus acclaimed, said he would accept "realistic" increases in tuition fees but opposes "unreasonable" large increases or indexing fees to the inflation rate.

Kirk, however, said he opposed any increases without substantial changes in the student aid system.

Soper, in contrast, said his slate will be "helping the university in its effort to maintain sufficient funding (from the government) so fees increases aren't necessary."

"The Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower sets the administration and students at each other's throats," forcing the

university president to increase tuition fees, Soper said.

Kirk and Soper agreed, however, that government funding would only increase with persistent student lobbying.

Both slates also agreed that the Students' Union's massive deficit was a major issue, and that money-losing SU businesses, such as Fridays, had to be turned around or closed down.

Both said they planned to reduce apathy and raise student awareness by strengthening faculty associations and department clubs.

Both also supported the FAS and SU fee referenda, but differed slightly on what they would do if

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What could be so overwhelmingly interesting to draw hordes of people to SUB Theatre yesterday? Someone said it was the annual SU election forum. That must be why most of them left at one p.m.

photo Bill Ingles

Horsman to be "pressed for action"

Task force disappoints

by Mike Walker

The recently released Federal Provincial Task Force report on Student Assistance is a disappointment to Alberta students, and does not answer their concerns, Federation of Alberta Students representatives said yesterday.

The task force was formed last year by the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada, which consists of all ten provincial ministers. It was to investigate and review the student aid program in Canada and report back by last fall.

However, the report does not address many of the aspects of student aid that it was supposed to, according to FAS. In addition, it does not judge the success of the various provincial student aid programs, FAS said.

"We are disappointed," said Lorraine Mitchell, FAS executive member.

"It doesn't recommend any specific funding arrangements," she said. "It doesn't specifically review the provincial programs."

Alberta Advanced Education minister Jim Horsman, as well as most of his counterparts, has been delaying changes to Alberta's student aid program until seeing the task force report. But since the report does not make any recommendations, Horsman will not be able to base changes on it. "Now we'll be pressing for some action," said Kris Farkas, FAS executive member and U of A SU vp external. "Since the report doesn't address anything, I guess he'll have to."

Mitchell also complained that neither the Alberta government nor the Student Finance Board made a submission to the task force.

"On the one hand, they said they would wait for the results of

the task force (before making student aid changes)," she said. "And then we find out they haven't even submitted a brief."

Horsman was in Britain and unable to comment.

FAS is planning to intensify its lobby for a province-wide access study to determine what factors dictate whether students continue from high school to university.

In the past, Horsman has called this idea "an airy-fairy mushy access thing." However, he has moderated his position recently, according to FAS fieldworker Anne McGrath.

"Now he's been talking about it being under review," McGrath said. "Our lobby has been effective"



photo Bill Ingles

Some people need security blankets, others sleep with teddy-bears. But really, toy dogs on a leash?

Anti-gay prof quits

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Dave Dueck, the University of Winnipeg collegiate teacher who recently asked a student to leave his class because the student was homosexual, has resigned from his teaching position.

Dean of Collegiate John Vanderstoel cited "philosophical incompatibility" as the reason for Dueck's resignation and denied that the recent controversy surrounding the homosexual student incident had been a major influence in Dueck's decision.

"This has been an ongoing thing," Vanderstoel said. "Mr. Dueck has never been comfortable with the collegiate's secular policy, and feels that he cannot continue as it stands now. The gay incident was a regrettable error by Dueck, but it is not the reason behind his leaving."

It was reported two weeks ago in the University of Winnipeg student newspaper, the *Uniter*, that Dueck asked the leader of the U of W Gay Students' Association, Greg Cymenko, to leave the

classroom where Dueck had a guest lecturer speaking.

"I was trying to protect the guest lecturer," Dueck said. "I felt that if Greg, who is gay, sat beside the lecturer, the class might think that he too was homosexual. I didn't think it would be fair to the lecturer."

Vanderstoel said, prior to Dueck's resignation, the dean met with the members of the faculty to determine what course of action would be taken with Dueck.

"They were shocked," Vanderstoel said. "It hits pretty close to home when one of your peers does something stupid like that."

Vanderstoel would not say what the faculty decided to do about Dueck.

Dueck insists the incident involving the homosexual student was not discriminatory. "The student was not a regular member of my class. As an instructor I felt it would be in the best interests of my class if the student left. This is not a case of discrimination."

The student in question was originally asked by Dueck to bring the guest lecturer to class and to speak. When the lecturer came, Cymenko was then asked to leave because he was homosexual.

Vanderstoel said Dueck will remain on the payroll until August but will not teach.

Dueck has taught math and film studies at the collegiate since 1967.

Election Friday

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