

FAS vs. apathy

by Doug Torrance

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) faces a serious problem in "a poor response rate among the campus representatives in following up on programs and relating information back to the executive," UofA representative Brian Mason said Monday.

The FAS executive met this weekend in Olds, making plans to improve communication and eventually expand the federation. Mason said the executive is trying to show the representatives that "the work must be done by them, on campus, so that the executive has the time to coordinate efforts."

The executive also discussed plans for expansion, including a fee hike from the present 50 cents per student to \$1.50, and a membership referendum on campuses.

Mason said a "severe lack of facilities and resources" warrant an increased fee, but added it could be countered by the referendum, "forcing FAS to go directly to the students and justify itself."

The issue of most concern to FAS at this time is still the foreign student fee question, Mason said. FAS has sent information packages to MLAs and has looked into possible legal steps which

they might take to block the fee differential. Mason added that the legal picture was encouraging, but could offer no further information.

These issues will be discussed further at the FAS spring conference slated for March 17-

19 at the University of Calgary. Members of FAS include the students' unions of the three Alberta universities, public, technical and agricultural colleges, and the graduate student organizations of the universities of Alberta and Calgary.

Group questions low Alta. drinking age

by Stu Macdougall

A province-wide survey shows 75 per cent of Albertans favor an increase in the legal drinking age to 21 years of age. The Reverend Douglas Russell, chairman of the Alcohol-Drug Education Association of Alberta (ADEA), said at a press-conference Friday his group intends to present a proposal for a referendum on the issue to the provincial government.

Russell said his main concerns are the increase of alcohol related traffic accidents and "the decrease in moral fibre among our youth" due to alcoholism.

In late 1976, 2,382 Alberta households were surveyed by the ADEA, with every area in the province indicating strong sup-

port for a higher drinking age. Calgary and Edmonton were less enthusiastic than rural areas, polling around 67 per cent, with the remainder of the province indicating more than 70 per cent in favor of raising the legal limit.

The under 18 age group was the only one surveyed opposing the change.

A one day seminar on alcohol and drugs usage in the workplace will be held at the university on March 16.

This seminar is sponsored by the faculty of extension and the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission. Registration deadline is March 9 and will be held at Corbett Hall, 82 ave, and 112 st. The fee for the event is \$35.



Greenpeace information booth

A table in HUB displaying projects and petitions for the Greenpeace Foundation will be open for the remainder of this week.

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Professor Vanek was hired as an associate professor of two languages for a two-year probationary period in 1970, following which he was denied tenure. Subsequently the tenure appeals committee of that time upheld the decision of the faculty tenure committee and he served a terminal year on staff until June 1973.

Professor Vanek appealed through the courts and the case ultimately went to the Visitor of the U of A — the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta — who referred the case over to Judge A. Stevenson of the Alberta District Court.

His report, dated Sept. 7, 1976, suggested that the original tenure appeals committee should have done one of three things: returned the matter to the faculty tenure committee; heard the matter *de novo*; or deferred the matter under Article 106.6.1. of the Universities Act i.e. offer extension of term for one year and that the case be considered without prejudice.

Oct. 1, 1976, the Board resolved that the 1972 faculty tenure committee should be reconvened. Following reconsideration of the case it recommended that the original decision be upheld.

Vanek appealed its decision. The tenure appeals committee was reconvened and after deliberations recommended to the Board that Professor Vanek should be given a two-year extension of his probationary period plus certain other conditions.

The Board has now rejected its recommendation.

"We find it hard to understand the Board's decision," Gernell told the Gateway Monday.

"There were no academic problems; due process was carried out in the entire procedure and the proper order of appeal through the university hierarchy was followed.

"We were naive enough to assume they (the Board) were dealing with us in good faith. It's now obvious they were not."

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