

# From rowers to nurses: clubs for everyone

by Suzette C. Chan

Students looking for an on-campus club to join have a large and varied choice this year.

Clubs commissioner Barb Higgin reports that "about 125" clubs have registered with the Students' Union this year.

"It's about the same [number] as last year but a few haven't re-applied" for official club status, said Higgin.

Registered club status is mainly a benefit to the clubs themselves. Clubs are able to rent university space at no charge and are eligible for office space in SUB and grants from the SU.

Higgin said there is no budget for grants to clubs but that requests for funds are taken up on an individual case basis at the SU administration board.

As clubs commissioner, Higgin is responsible for ensuring clubs follow certain guidelines, such as those outlined in the SU constitution.

One of the stipulations in the SU constitution is that clubs submit and adhere to their own constitutions.

"Generally, we expect clubs to enforce their own constitutions," said Higgin.

The clubs commissioner alone decides which clubs can be granted official SU registration but Higgin says as long as constitutional require-

ments are met, there is no bias on the type of clubs the SU accepts.

"You can't make it a moral issue," she said. "I have never turned down a club and there has never been cause to."

Higgin said the distribution of office space is also made on strict guidelines.

"They should have no debts to the SU," she said. "Usually, [we accept] clubs that have had office space before, if they're good about using it."

She said club space should be places for the membership to meet and organize and take care of club correspondence."

Clubs applying for office space must show "a healthy membership", usually by providing the clubs commissioner a list of members.

However, some clubs, such as Gays and Lesbians on Campus, promise confidentiality to its members. In that case, Higgin asks for a legal affidavit in place of a list of names.

After the clubs are registered and office assignments are given, Higgin settles on the role of being a resource person to clubs.

Higgin sets up clubs council meetings (with the help of Housing and Transportation Commissioner Connie Uzywyshyn), edits the clubs newsletter, sits on building services board, admin board, students' council and the campus law review

subcommittee.

She also prepares seminars for club leaders and students thinking of organizing an SU club in the future.

The next clubs seminar will be held on Nov. 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. in SUB 034. The topic is how to promote clubs, recruit kept up interest among members.

Higgin's office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 to 4 p.m. in SUB 271. Her phone number is 432-5166. Messages can be left at 432-4236.

## List of registered SU clubs

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| U of A Accounting Club                             | Constitutional Law Association        | U of A   |
| African Student Association                        | Computer Engineering Club             | Happy Hannah Club                              |
| Agricultural Club                                  | Computing Society, U of A             | Hillel Jewish Student's Organization           |
| Agricultural Economics Club                        | Concert Choir, U of A                 | Horticulture Club, U of A                      |
| U of A Agricultural Engineering Club               | Curling Club, U of A                  | Intercollegiate Bears Ski Team, U of A         |
| Anthropology Club, U of A                          | Dance Club, U of A                    | Interfraternity Council                        |
| Arab Student Association                           | Debating Society, U of A              | International Law Students' Association        |
| Baha'i Club of the U of A                          | Disabled Students on Campus           | Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship             |
| Banff Student's Business Seminar                   | Drama Club                            | International Students' Organization           |
| Baptist Students' Union                            | East Asian Interest Club              | International Legal Fraternity (Phi Delta Phi) |
| Bears Gymnastics Club                              | East European Solidarity Committee    | Ismailia Students Association                  |
| Better Way Club                                    | Edmonton Chinese Christian Fellowship | Karate-Do Goju-Kai                             |
| Bowling Club                                       | Edmonton Concert Club                 | Korean Student Association                     |
| Business Students' Association                     | Edmonton Intercollegiate Rodeo Club   | Malaysian-Singaporean Students' Association    |
| Campus Birthright                                  | Electrical Engineering Club, U of A   | Mature Undergraduate & Graduate Students       |
| Campus Crusade for Christ                          | Fencing Club, U of A                  | Mechanical Engineering Club                    |
| Chemical Engineering Club                          | Finnish Club, U of A                  | Mineral Engineering Club                       |
| Chinese Catholic Student's Community of the U of A | Flying Club, U of A                   | Mixed Chorus, U of A                           |
| Chinese Library Association of the U of A          | Food Science Club                     | Music Society, U of A                          |
| The Campus Greens                                  | Forestry Society, U of A              | Muslim Students' Association                   |
| Campus Pro Choice                                  | Friends of Mike Bell, U of A          |  |
| Campus Young Communist League                      | Gays and Lesbians on Campus           |  |
| Caribbean Student's Association                    | German Club, The University           |  |
| Ceres International Women's Fraternity             | The Grind                             |  |
|  | Group for Nuclear Disarmament,        |  |

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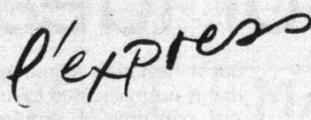


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