



Photo Alex Miller

Approximately 1,200 runners, both U of A students and regular Edmontonians, took advantage of the beautiful weather Sunday to raise close to \$70,000 in the fifth annual Terry Fox Run. Another picture and run gossip on page 3.

"I'm a political science major who's interested in politics."

— guess who!

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Parking permit pick-up perils

by Ann Grever

Allison Colborne and Tracey Fellowes are two students who are outraged with the inefficiencies of Parking Services.

They received notice last week they had parking spaces. Each day since then they have stood in line at Parking Services, or have been turned away in the middle of the afternoon because they would have no chance of picking up their permit before the office would close at 3:30.

The deadline for picking up permits has been extended to Wednesday but both students feel they won't be able to get their permits.

"One person told me everyone was skipping classes to get their permits," said Tracey Fellowes. "There is a two to three hour wait, they break for lunch and then they

cut the line off by 2:00 p.m."

"I can't skip my seminars or studios," said Colborne who is a Fine Arts student. "In the meantime I spend three dollars a day for parking and the only reason I can even get a space is because I transport a handicapped person.

"Last year I just picked up my permit before-hand. This year I have to go pick it up after registration."

"What I want to know is why they don't have relief staff or why can't they mail the permits," said Fellowes. "We only heard that they were extending the deadline by word of mouth. They don't advertise or anything."

Kevin Campbell, the administration assistant of Parking Services said that "it's taking longer for lineups to go through this year

because there is more space to give out."

Campbell said the reason they have not hired more staff is because "we are limited to the amount of time we can pay people for."

To compensate for the period of time before students get their permits parking rates are based on a half month in September.

"As long as we're obliged to give permits on a priority basis, as long as we have to sell them after everybody has had a chance to apply, we will have lineups."

Fellowes said that the lineups go to the sixth floor at Parking Services back down to the basement, and it's impossible to leave the lineup. "A person can only take so much of this B.S."

SU road show becomes mission improbable

by Suzette C. Chan

The Canadian Universities Students Unions road show received mixed reviews from universities shopping for a national organization to belong to.

"Although the majority of campuses felt they needed a national network, they didn't think our constitution was the way to do it," summarized VP External Gayle Morris.

Morris was one of three student representatives assigned to sell the proposed CUSU to Canadian universities.

CUSU is a brain child of SU president Mike Nickel and other U of A students. Unlike the Canadian Federation of Students, CUSU would be a forum exclusively for SU executives.

Also on the "mission", as Morris called it, was Stephen Lynch, General Faculties Council rep on student council and Charles Oberg, who helped draft the CUSU constitution. Morris stressed her opinions on the trip were based on her personal observations.

Morris said she felt universities in the west favored the idea more than those in the east.

"U of T (Toronto) was non-committal and Windsor and Western are prospective CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) members. UBC was very keen on it — they even proposed amendments (to the constitution). U of M (Manitoba) liked it."

She said there were four controversial areas of the proposed constitution:

- the minimum enrolment requirement of 7,500 students to become CUSU members. UBC representatives would like to see a higher minimum of 10,000 while Ontario colleges would like the number lowered.
- the plan to run CUSU on dona-

tions. Morris said that Western University reps observed that this would result in "an organization funded by the west, participated by in the east."

- the stipulation that the organization avoid "political" discussions. There was no guarantee this would not happen.

- two national students organizations could harm student solidarity when lobbying the federal government.

Morris said a Western University rep put the proposal into perspective.

"If you're going to propose another national organization, if you think it's going to be better than CFS, you have to make sure you (avoid) CFS's mistakes."

Among the supportive comments, some reps said they liked the idea of SU presidents, who presumably represent students on their respective campuses, meet-

ing to discuss common issues.

Although Morris felt the idea was "pre-mature" and that the touring group had "literally no mandate" (only 20 student councilors approved of the trip), she felt the road show was "worth it."

"It's hard for me to get the gist of what (other SU executives) are saying over the phone."

Morris's personal feeling is that the reaction CUSU received has "toned down the whole concept."

Saying the U of A may benefit from being part of a national student organization, Morris did not discount the possibility of a Phoenix-like return of CFS on this campus.

"CFS wants us back in. If they move to rectify some of the reasons the larger institutions pulled out, it could be good."

Morris makes her official report of the trip to students' council next Tuesday.

Council brews over beer

by John Watson

After a great deal of political wrangling, the SU executive voted last Thursday morning to lower draught prices.

The price will be \$4.75 a jug, down from the \$5.25 price set on the 28 of August.

The increase was passed with one absence (Scott Richardson, VP Internal) and one abstention (Mike Nickel, president,) according to the minutes of the meeting.

The remaining three exec. members Gayle Morris, Caroline Nevin, Rob Splane) all voted for the increase. ALCB prices are expected to increase in the middle of October. If they do, the SU can expect to lose \$15,000 through draught sales between then and the end of April.

"Students' Union fees will be going to subsidize the beer drinkers on campus," said Nevin, who is VP Academic.

Council is divided on the issue.

In the first council meeting of the term Wednesday, the pricing motion was tabled when quorum was lost. No decision was made, so in executive meeting the following

morning the issue was brought up.

Stating it was a campaign promise not to increase beer prices, Nickel, Richardson, and Splane voted in executive to roll prices back. Gayle Morris voted against the roll-back and Caroline Nevin was absent.

Though Richardson, Nickel and Splane are professing to be keep-

ing their campaign promises Nevin accuses them of playing politics.

"Splane said he agreed the increase was financially sound, but he intended to vote for the decrease because it was a campaign promise," Nevin said.

"We hire managers to make these types of decisions (pricing) but we felt this issue was too impor-

tant not to act," Richardson said.

Attempting to keep all campaign promises may be difficult for the Nickel/Splane/Richardson team:

"We also promised to make our business profitable, so there is a bit of conflict there," he said.

The pricing motion is expected to be on council agenda again this Tuesday.



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