

Rent protests to continue

by Lucinda Chodan

Protest continues over the proposed rent hikes for university housing units, with petitions and a presentation to the Board of Governors' Finance Committee planned for Tuesday by Michener Park residents.

"We consider the increases excessive and we think they contravene the philosophy of,

student housing," said Michener Park Tenants' Association (MPTA) president Keith Morgan.

"We aren't necessarily against a rent increase, but we'd like to compromise. They won't even compromise."

Morgan said the MPTA was prepared to pay up to 8.2 per cent more next year for housing, but "an average rent increase of 22.7 per cent from 1978 is too much."

The MPTA is protesting two aspects of the increase, Morgan said. The cost per student estimates are inaccurate because they include children in their statistics, he said, and the

special problems of families are not considered.

"The thing that really bothers me is their constant inability to see the needs of our students," he said. "People with children and single parents are in an especially precarious position with tuition increases, increased food costs, and now this."

"I talked to a grad student last night who's making \$5,900 a year as a grad student and supporting a wife and child. Any increase is really going to hurt him," Morgan said.

Morgan said the petition, to be circulated this weekend, will protest the amount of the proposed increase.

"There's a lot of poor people out here, and the university sure isn't being very supportive," he said.



The new Agriculture-Forestry Building, located to the north of SUB, is nearing completion.

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No damage done to SUB theatre

Punk rock groups could be banned

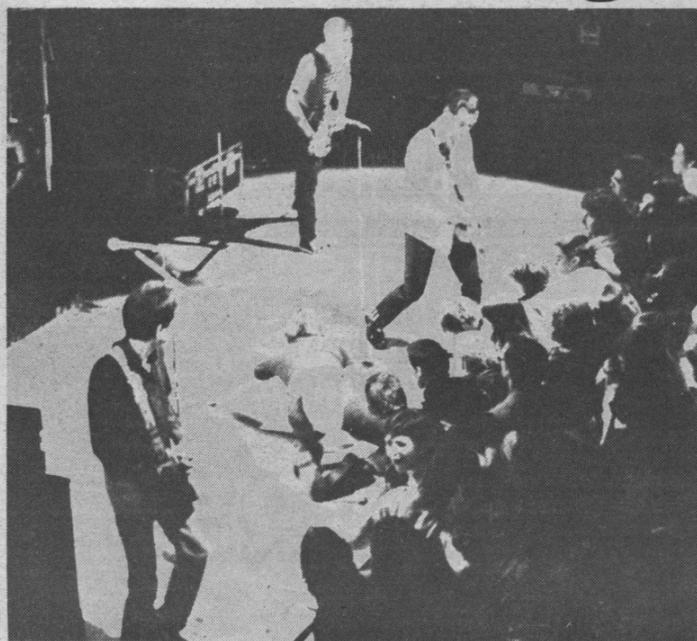


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A punk group livens up the audience in SUB Theatre Tuesday evening.

by Portia Priegert

Punk rock concerts may be banned from SUB Theatre.

But theatre publicity director Gerry Stohl says no damage was done during Tuesday's 999 concert.

Students' Union (SU) vp internal Sharon Bell says she was "just stunned" by the incident and says the SU executive will probably consider banning punk groups from the theatre.

"There's a direct correlation between the kinds of crowds punk groups bring in and the amount of vandalism," she says.

And General Manager of the SU Bert Best says he may be making a recommendation to the SU executive that punk concerts not be held at SU facilities.

"There was a lot of booing and yelling," he says. Stohl also says eggs, pieces of junk, coins and spit were thrown at the stage. After 15 minutes someone threw a bottle and PJ left the stage. But when PJ left, "The audience

couldn't care less," says Stohl.

But Stohl says he would protest any decision to ban punk from the theatre, and that improved security is all that's needed.

"We like the business (of punk groups), we need the money," he says.

Stohl says that Best may

recommend banning punk groups from Dinwoodie Lounge as well. And he adds that if SU Building Services complains about the concert, "We're really in trouble."

"Students should be warned that if this kind of trouble keeps happening punk bands will probably be banned," he says.

Aid to change soon

LETHBRIDGE (CUP) — Changes to the student aid program will be coming before next year's 10 per cent tuition increase is effected, Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower Minister James Horsman told the U of Lethbridge last Friday.

"We are going to be proposing some changes in cabinet and caucus," Horsman told a news conference at the university.

Students expressed concern about the tuition increase in a special meeting Friday morning with the minister.

"This is an area where there is some disagreement, whether there should be fees at all or whether they should be indexed to the government contribution (to the universities)," Horsman said.

Horsman commented favourably on the Federation of

Alberta Students (FAS), when questioned Friday.

"The Federation of Alberta Students is one vehicle by which students can communicate with me," he said. Horsman has had at least three meetings with the executive of the organization, he noted.

"They have provided me with information I didn't have. I don't always agree with them, but neither do I and my wife (always agree)," Horsman said.

Horsman said he used "the gentlest means I could" in bringing in the tuition increase. Calling students fees "delicate," he said it is a responsibility shared by himself and the Boards of Governors of universities and colleges.

"I thought boards should consider something in the neighbourhood of 10 per cent," he said.

CTV apology only partial victory

The recent CTV apology for statistical inaccuracies in its W5 program *The Campus Giveaway* was only a partial victory for the Ad hoc Committee of Chinese Canadians against W5 according to a spokesman for the group.

"The public apology was a good step towards negotiation but it's not a complete victory," says secretary of the ad hoc committee Randy Wong.

The ad hoc committee made three demands of CTV, but only the first, the public apology, has been fulfilled, says Wong.

The committee also demanded that CTV present a detailed report to show the other side of the foreign student issue and provide assurance that programs which discriminate against minority groups in society will no be aired.

Wong says CTV is working on another show about problems of campus education and he wants to make sure that the views of minority and academic groups are presented.

The ad hoc committee has cancelled on-campus film showing and speakers scheduled for next week.

But the committee will continue to work for its other two demands, says Wong.

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