

"Join the team"

Jim's Board has white collar blues

by Mike Walker

Gone are two lawyers, a partner in a national accounting firm, and the general manager of a chemical company.

Their replacements on the U of A Board of Governors: a banker, another accountant, another lawyer, and the president of Great Western Garment (GWG).

These four join five other government-appointed public members of the Board. The other five include three investors, an engineer and a housewife.

Advanced Education minister Jim Horsman defended his public appointments to the Board this week, despite the fact that they are far from representative of Alberta's public.

"I do believe these people can effectively represent the public," he said. But he stressed that it is his right to appoint whomever he chooses to the Board.

"We are, after all, the government," he said.

But Board student rep Kris Farkas wondered aloud about Horsman's new appointees.

"It seems to me that (these) are people he's fairly sure hold the same kind of views as he does, just judging from their resumes and from what they've said on the Board."

The Board's nine public appointees are:

John Schlosser, the chairperson. He is also president of Tri-Jay

Investments, vice-president of Nu-Alta Developments and vice-president of Princeton Developments.

John Barry, president of his own company, JEB Investments; Janet Bentley, a housewife

and community-group worker; Max Beretti, president of MB Engineering;

Max Ritchie, president of an investment company; Gordon Conway, managing director of Heritage Savings and

Trust; Gary Davidge, senior partner in the accounting firm Davidge and Company;

Jack Kennedy, partner in the law firm Cormie Kennedy; Erwin Mertens, president of GWG (Great Western Garment

Co.). The other ten Board members are three students, two alumni, two academic staff members, a U of A Senate member, university president and the university chancellor.



Put your hand in the hand of the man

by Mike Walker

Two prominent Progressive Conservative Party members have been appointed by the provincial government to the U of A Board of Governors.

Gordon Conway and Gary Davidge joined the Board in July, along with Jack Kennedy and Erwin Mertens, as public representatives appointed by Advanced Education Minister Jim Horsman.

Davidge is or has been president of the Whitemud P.C. association; a member of the

Premier's Dinner organizing committee; a member of the P.C. provincial fundraising committee; a member of the Don Getty campaign committee; and treasurer of the Alberta P.C. Party.

Conway has served on the executive of the Edmonton Strathcona P.C. association. His son Ray, a U of A student, is vice-president of the U of A P.C. Campus Club.

Davidge's connections with the Tories have introduced him to a number of cabinet ministers,

including Horsman.

"I've done some work for the P.C. party," he said. "I came to know Jim Horsman through one of my involvements." He was taken by surprise by Horsman's call offering him a position on the Board, he said.

But Horsman this week denied that political connections had anything to do with the appointments. And he said it was fitting that prominent Tories be appointed to the Board.

"In the last election a large

number of people voted for the P.C. party," he said. "Those people who voted that way are entitled to representation."

Kennedy was unavailable for comment, and Mertens declared that he has no political connection with the Tory government.

Vacancies among the nine public seats on the Board are never advertised. Most nominations come from cabinet members, Tory MLA's and current Board members, Horsman said.

"Yes, we have no parking today"

by John Roggeveen

The Students' Union refuses to be blamed for students not getting parking spots on campus, says Brian Bechtel, SU internal.

Bechtel motioned at Student Council, two weeks ago, to withdraw parking criteria the SU submitted to Parking Services in 1972.

"The criteria used in 1972 are terribly out of date," Bechtel says.

"We're not convinced that they were ever using our's (SU parking allotment priorities), he says.

"We're the scapegoat of the whole thing...We had to stop letting our name be used. We were getting a barrage of people coming and asking: 'Why didn't I get a parking spot?'" says Bechtel.

Jim Carroll, manager of Parking Services, which is responsible for parking space allocations on campus denies sending any complain ants to the Students' Union.

"I never sent anybody, and I told none of my staff to (send anybody)," says Carroll.

If people have complaints

about parking spots, Carroll says he is the one to see.

"I think I am the only one who can help them. If they can't get satisfaction from me, they should go up the ladder," says Carroll.

Bechtel feels the Students' Union hasn't had sufficient input in deciding who should get parking spots on campus.

"I'm sure that students have no input at the levels where it makes any difference," says Bechtel.

"We would like to have input into how many spots are allocated to students," says Bechtel.

Carroll feels the problems may have resulted from a misunderstanding.

"I don't think they were aware that they should have input

(into parking policies). Students' Union executives in the past have become deeply involved or not so deeply involved, depending on the administration," says Carroll.

"The problem was compounded by the loss of a considerable number of parking spaces at the time we were allocating parking. When parking spaces are lost, in the end its the students who suffer," says Carroll.

Parking spots are supposed to be allocated according to guidelines established by previous SU executives.

"Basically, those that live farthest away get the parking. We take into account, other things, such as women who have children,, as we have been told by other SU executives," says Carroll.

Carroll believes the criteria

could be improved.

"I think some consideration should be given to students in certain faculties. I think of medicine, where students have to visit hospitals," says Carroll.

"There is no consideration given to whether a student is first year, or third year, or a graduate student. I'm not entirely sure whether consideration should be given to them. The students themselves seem to think they should when I talk to them," says Carroll.

University officials are "aware of the problem, and are taking some steps," says Bechtel.

According to Liz Lunney, U vp academic, a Parking Policy Advisory Committee has been established to deal with parking problems.

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Where have the protestors gone?

Halifax (CUP) - More than 5000 angry students marched through the city Wednesday to protest government cutbacks in the funding of post-secondary education.

Approximately 2000 of the demonstrators ended their march by entering the Legislature, Province House, demanding to see Education Minister Terrence Donahue.

Chanting, "We want Terry," the students marched through the building hoping to force Donahue to respond to their complaints about the cutbacks. Neither Donahue nor any member of the government appeared to address the crowd.

Police efforts to control the crowd were in vain as students had already entered all the floors of the building. The students march-

ed out of Province House after Dalhousie University Students' Union President John Logan encouraged them to leave.

Logan was one of the central organizers of the demonstration which included students from St. Mary's, Dalhousie, Mount St. Vincent, and St. Francis Xavier Universities, as well as from the Nova Scotia School of Art and the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS).

The march began outside the Dalhousie Student Union Building, and proceeded through the town, picking up more students from the other institutions on their way. At the parade square in downtown Halifax, the crowd heard speeches from Logan, Alexa McDonough, Leader of the Provincial New

Democratic Party, Mike McNeil, St. Mary's University Student Union President and National Union Of Students' Chairperson, Felicity Boyd, President of TUNS Student Association and Tom Regan, President of the Provincial Young Liberals.

At the square, the crowd prayed over a 15 - foot coffin, which symbolized post-secondary education in the province. After the demonstration, the march headed toward the waterfront where the students buried the coffin at sea. After this, about 2000 students marched to Province House and entered, voicing their complaints.

Marches were held in the other three capital cities in the Atlantic Region Wednesday.

March on the Board Friday 9 a.m.