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## Fees' use in dispute

by Mike Walker

How will your increased Students' Union fees be used next year if Friday's SU fee referendum is passed?

The two vice-president finance candidates have different opinions on the subject. Both say \$3 of the \$5 hike should be put into a capital reserve. But they differ on the allocation of the other \$2, which is supposed to go to club grants and services improvements.

Cheryl Donnelly, Kirk slate candidate, expressed reservations last week about whether the \$35,000 in total thus earmarked for grants and services will be used entirely for that purpose.

"How can we say we're going to spend this money on clubs and not combat our deficit? We can't just say the university is going to be nice and not foreclose on us if we're not going to tackle the deficit," Donnelly said Friday in an interview with the *Gateway*.

"If there are any funds left over after taking care of the clubs and faculty associations - and the general fees go toward running SUB and Students' Council (as well) - after those are covered, if there are any funds left over they are going to have to go towards the deficit," she said.

Elise Gaudet, Soper slate candidate, said that she was not planning to bail out unprofitable SU businesses with the proceeds

from the fee increase.

"Faculty associations, clubs and services... those are the places where students want it (the extra money)," she said.

The Students' Union pro-referendum campaign rests on the guarantee that none of the money from the proposed increase will be used to offset debts from poor performance by the SU businesses, such as RATT, Fridays, and SUB Theatre.

"I don't like the idea of them guaranteeing what we're going to do next year," Gaudet said. However, she said, "we (the Soper slate) are basically supporting their guarantee..."

Gaudet is planning to use about \$8,000 of the increase for a contingency loan fund for faculty associations trying to go into new service areas (such as photocopying).

She did not like the idea of closing businesses, but Gaudet said in the event of serious financial strain, she would favor closing businesses before cutting service areas. She noted that some of the businesses have service aspects, however, like the HUB record store and the SUB art gallery.

The Kirk slate's campaign literature contradicts Donnelly, saying that \$2 per person (about \$35,000 in total) will be directed into club and faculty association grants and service improvements.



photo Ray Giguere

These could be the Gateway's candidates for Friday's SU election. But really, they're Education Week mascots. To day at 1:30 the Ed. Students' Association holds its general meeting. Tomorrow there's a volleyball tournament, Thursday a job search forum, and Friday afternoon the Ed Week social.

## 'Only' an attempted rape: Campus Security

# Naked man attacks woman in Ed.

by Nina Miller

An unidentified naked man attacked a woman on the fifth floor of the Education Building, according to Campus Security director Gordon Perry.

The woman was studying alone one evening early in January when the "man grabbed her and tried to pull her down the stairwell," Perry said yesterday.

The woman managed to escape, making it "only" an attempted rape, Perry said.

But Jenny Ellman of the Rape Crisis Center said, "just because it was an attempted rape doesn't make it less serious."

The assault was connected with the article entitled *Pediophilia* in the Engineering Week paper *Godiva*, in a letter presented to the General Faculties Council executive by the GFC Equal Opportunities Committee (EOC) Monday.

Originally worded "rape," the letter was amended to read "unpleasant experience" in the GFC executive meeting. The EOC report said "the matters (the assault and the article) are related and of

grave consequence affecting the safety and dignity of women..."

EOC Chairperson Stan Munro said, "In general, the fact that women are treated like that (assaulted) is a potential outcome of the inherent sickness that is evident in articles like that."

No action was taken by the GFC executive, however, on either the assault or the article.

"Does that mean we have to wait until an actual rape occurs?" said Munro.

"It is not the only incident of its type on campus," he said.

Perry said he has heard numerous rumors about rapes on campus but he "can't get anyone to substantiate them."

That there are no available statistics for rapes and assaults on campus is not unusual; it is estimated that only one in ten rapes is ever reported, according to Ellman. And if they are reported, it is likely the person wouldn't go to Campus authorities, but to the police or the Rape Crisis Center.

But women shouldn't have a false sense of security on campus, Ellman said,

because Edmonton is a high risk area and the university is not immune.

However, Ellman added she was concerned that there is a danger of women being frightened into staying at home and restricting their normal activities.

"There are sometimes when you just can't avoid a rape," she said.

Campus Security runs a 24 hour

patrol concentrating on study carrels, dark and lonely passageways, and parking areas where rapes are most likely to occur, Perry said.

Security will escort anyone to their car or home from any place on campus if they phone 432-5252.

The Rape Crisis Center, Campus Security and the Dean of Students will meet this Thursday to discuss the safety situation on campus.

## Finance task force report mocks students' input

OTTAWA (CUP) - The recently released report on student aid "makes a mockery of student input and hides the real concerns with the existing programs," according to John Doherty of the National Union of Students (NUS).

The federal-provincial task force on student assistance released their report January 27. While the study does admit the current system does not heed students' needs, says Doherty, no fundamental changes are proposed.

"We had hoped for something that would deal with the real problems of the student aid program," he said. "We didn't expect them to pat themselves on the back."

The task force, established by the

Council of Ministers of Education, has been reviewing student assistance programs in all provinces except Quebec (which administers its own program) since February, 1980.

Doherty feels the recommendation regarding ceilings is misleading. While it appears that the government is concerned with student needs, the removal of ceilings would "shift the burden to those least able to pay. This would force low income people out of the system," he said.

NUS is planning a spring campaign on student aid. "We have to continue to press for an all grant system," said Doherty. "Students have to force the government to work at breaking down financial barriers to education with a good student aid policy."

## Election special issue

Friday is election day, as well as FAS and SU referendum day, and this issue of the *Gateway* contains candidates thoughts on themselves (pages 8 and 9). Tomorrow at noon is the candidates' forum, which, if anything like last year's, will be acrimonious to say the least. Polls are open all day Friday so VOTE.