

# MLA has fee solution?

by Kevin Gillese

Despite comments from Edmonton-Norwood MLA Catherine Chichak, Student Finance Board Chairman Paul Tietzen says he knows nothing of plans to grant aid money to foreign students who may be hit by a \$300 differential tuition fee hike next year.

Chichak told the Legislature today that foreign students might qualify for aid from the province's student aid program and suggested that the Alberta committee on international agencies could probably provide help for any foreign students facing financial problems because of the hike.

But Tietzen told the Gateway Monday that the federal and provincial regulations which currently allow only Canadians to apply for student financial assistance have not been changed, "and at this point in time there has been no official input on changing such regulations."

And even if regulations did allow foreign students to qualify for provincial loans, Tietzen said, he doubted whether this would help "impoverished foreign students."

"Loaning money to an impoverished student who is going back to work in an impoverished environment is not very reasonable," he said.

"This is the least desirable way of helping out international students who require financial assistance to attend our universities."

Tietzen said allowing international students to work part-time while they studied in Canada might be a better way to assist them financially. "A reasonable scholarship/bursary program would also be preferable," he said, "but it would have to be distributed more equitably to students."

Chichak said Monday she made her comments because she felt there was a number of programs which would help out

foreign students and therefore the tuition hike should not hurt them. She would not list the aid available to students but said "surely if there is a specific need for extra money to pay the \$300 hike, the international aid agencies will provide it."

Chichak said the committee which determines how much money from the private sector in Alberta and the provincial government goes to the different international aid agencies will provide the money foreign students might need.

She did not respond, however, when it was pointed out that the committee distributing grant money does not stipulate to the international agencies how the money is to be used.

And when asked for the names of the agencies which will provide the extra money to

foreign students next year, Chichak did not answer and ended the phone interview.

Howard Hoggins, SU executive vp and an organizer for the Equal Access to Education committee, said it was an unfortunate situation "when an MLA makes such remarks while unaware of the real situation." Hoggins said he agreed a committee should be formed to deal with the financial difficulties some foreign students will face next year, but that the committee Chichak referred to will not help because it does not stipulate to international aid agencies how funds are to be used.

"Just an example," Hoggins said, "the Canadian International Aid Agency (CIDA), which gives out a lot of money, allocates only a small proportion to education expenditures and most of the rest

will go to economic proposals."

And, said finance chairman Tietzen, a major problem with the current system of international scholarships, most of them awarded through CIDA, is they are "not above political control, and therefore may not be as equitably awarded as possible."

Tietzen added most of CIDA's scholarships are awarded to university students and the result is that few Third World students received the technical training they need back in their countries.

"Developing countries need nurses, veterinary technicians, and the like," Tietzen said. "But there are few foreign students in Alberta technical schools. The atmosphere at some technical schools is even more parochial than that of the universities."

Tietzen said "there is a definite need for a hard and critical analysis of foreign students at Alberta post-secondary institutions, and of ways to ensure those foreign students who really need an education in Alberta can get one."

He said the resources for such an analysis are present at Alberta universities.

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Got everything y'oil need...

While an observer stands by with lubricating oil at the ready, an eager participant in Friday's Forestry-sponsored Lumberjack Competitions prepares to rip into the *piece de resistance* with — whatever that thing is — a bucksaw? A band of icicles?

## S. Africa boycott continues

by Allen Young

The Apartheid Boycott Coalition of Edmonton continued to picket Edmonton businesses Saturday to encourage consumers to boycott South African products.

The coalition picketed ALCB outlets Saturday March 12; the Sat. March 19 picket was extended to include some south-side Safeway Stores.

"The overall response to the ALCB picket was very favorable," said a coalition press release. "Customers expressed interest and sympathy with the principle of opposition to apartheid."

Pickers asked consumers to boycott such products as Carling O'Keefe beers, Jordan

wines, Rothman's cigarettes (and brands of cigarettes marketed by Rothman's), as well as South African canned fruits.

Carling O'Keefe is controlled by Rothman's of Pall Mall Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of the Rothman's Group of South Africa. "Although South Africa is thousands of miles from Canada," said the coalition, "the extent of the Canadian-South African corporate connection renders all Canadians potential supporters of a regime that denies basic human rights to the black majority in South Africa."

Ken Baker, Deputy Chairman of the ALCB said as long as the demonstrations are peaceful, the coalition has a right to picket the stores. "All we do," he said, "is list the products from about forty countries, and if they don't sell then we take them off the shelves."

## Boycott motion pulled

The section of a motion encouraging a student boycott of Rothman's and Carling O'Keefe products was defeated by Students' Council following a confused and heated procedural debate Monday.

A motion, introduced by SU services vp Jan Grude, urged members of the university community to boycott South African products or those products made in Canada by companies controlled by South African companies.

"In particular," the motion read, "we encourage the boycott

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A leader of the coalition said the purpose of the picketing "is to educate rather than intimidate consumers." For this reason, picketers will not block doors or cause trouble with store managers or police, he said.

The picketing will continue on the north side next Saturday, and then possibly move to some of Edmonton's suburbs, said coalition member, Brenda Wall.

## Beware U.S.—Pratt

by Don Truckey

The federal government may regard the legitimate rights of northern native peoples on the land claims issue in order to promote Canadian-American relations, U of A political science professor Larry Pratt told a SUB theatre audience Monday.

Pratt, speaking to the open-session of Native Land Claims Week, predicted a federal cabinet decision on land claims September, after the Berger

commission makes it's report sometime this summer. Filling in what he called "the worst possible scenario," Pratt said the government might then accede to pressure from American president Carter to build a northern natural gas pipeline quickly.

"Negotiation in good faith with native people will be impossible under such conditions — the same thing happened at James Bay," Pratt said.

Hugh McCullum, a member of Project North (an inter-church

group supporting land claims) and a speaker at Monday's forum, agreed with Pratt. He argued that the 6,000 Indians living in the Yulon's Old Crow Flats area cannot even begin considering a northern pipeline in under eight to 10 years.

McCullum stressed that "native people are up against some of the most powerful people a minority could possibly face. They face odds that would

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## SU election postponed

A Students' Union election for representatives from the faculties of Arts and Sciences for Students' Council and General Faculties Council (GFC) has been postponed until March 30.

The election had been planned for March 23, but Council

voted Monday to delay it due to a Gateway advertisement which failed to be published at the correct time.

Nominations close Wednesday for two reps. for Council and six for GFC from each faculty, a total of 16 positions to be filled.