



—George Yackulic photo

**DON'T HO, HO, HO ME YOU DIRTY OLD MAN**—Obviously ill at ease in the presence of so many whiskers this tyke was not to be easily convinced of the goodness of St. Nicholas. Even our photo editor could not bring a smile to her lips.

## DIE rules regulation breached; \$50 fine levied against SUPA

By ANDY RODGER

The Students' Union for Peace Action was fined \$50 by the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board Tuesday.

SUPA was charged with illegally operating a booth in the Math-Physics building in late November.

The both distributed information and comment on the war in Vietnam, and provided a forum for discussion of the issues.

A university regulation requires canvassers and solicitors to obtain permission at the president's office before operating on the campus.

"The original charge was against eight individuals, but the students' union, who brought the action, agreed to a request by SUPA to have the charge brought against the organization," said Board chairman Branny Schepanovich. The Board had no objection to this.

Regulations stipulate that an individual can be fined up to \$25, while an organization can be fined up to \$100.

Lawrence Portigal, law 3, was asked to leave the Board on this occasion, since it was felt that he

had an interest in the case. He acted as student counsel for SUPA.

Ruling on the charge, chairman Schepanovich said, "We find SUPA guilty as charged. We hold that a valid university regulation was breached, and that the fact SUPA was canvassing and soliciting on campus."

"We cannot condone what appears to us to be a conscious and deliberate violation of a university regulation. We impose on SUPA a fine of \$50."

Dave Parson, law 2, sitting in place of Portigal, said, "I do not agree with this regulation. But if they (SUPA) continue to break it, they can expect to be punished."

The purpose of the rule, as described by provost Ryan, is to protect the classrooms, labs, and teaching building from intrusions, and to protect people from being waylaid by solicitors or canvassers.

There was some discussion as to whether the fine would be paid by SUPA. "If the fine is not paid, the matter will go to higher quarters (the Deans' Council)," said Schepanovich.

"It is my understanding that SUPA will appeal the fine or the decision, or both," he said.

## Floor polisher joy riders risk 14-year stretch in vain

Persons who removed a floor polisher from the students' union building on the weekend, and then abandoned it behind Athabasca Hall have committed a crime for no reason, a union official said Tuesday.

The polisher in question may be borrowed free of charge by any

organization affiliated with the students' union, Dave Comba, SUB's senior living-in member told The Gateway. Groups wishing to use the polisher can apply at the SUB office during business hours.

The Criminal Code of Canada provides a jail sentence of up to 14 years for theft of goods valued at more than \$50.

## Students brace for fee battle

### Bladen fee statement causes student reaction at U of A

By RALPH MELNYCHUK

Rumors of an impending fee hike at U of A mushroomed following a statement by Dean V. W. Bladen that his commission erred in not recommending tuition fee increases.

"What we should have done is recommended that they be doubled," he said.

Dean Bladen, head of a commission on the financing of higher education in Canada which released its report in October, spoke in Peterborough last week.

Speculation about a fee hike increased two weeks ago following a statement by university president Dr. Walter H. Johns that discounted the rumors.

At that time Dr. Johns said he could not commit the Board of Governors to a definite policy for the future, but there has been no decision to increase the fees as yet.

He said any proposals would consider student views on the matter.

"I believe the policy of the Board of Governors in the future will be to initiate consultations with the students' union when such a thing is contemplated," he said.

Students' union president Richard Price says residence rates and tuition fees are both "under serious discussion."

#### BOARD MAY CONSIDER

It is expected that an increase in both tuition fees and residence rates will be discussed at a meeting of the Board of Governors Jan. 7.

The union will make "strong verbal presentation" at that meeting, said Price.

At Monday's student council meeting councillors were polled on their feelings about the expected increases. Most present objected strongly to any increase in residence rates.

Although a variety of opinions were expressed about tuition fees, the consensus was that the students union should attempt to freeze fees, but if an increase was inevitable, council should not go to "irrational" lengths to oppose it.

"Tuition fee increases are as certain as death and taxes," said secretary-treasurer Eric Hayne.

The present average tuition fee per student is about \$360. At this level students provide about 16 per cent of the university's operating costs.

The Bladen commission recommends a 20 per cent level, at which fees would be \$542 by 1970 and \$726 by 1975.

Price suggested that a different basis for judging what is the students' fair share must be worked out. He felt that students should be judged on their earnings, not those of their parents.

Perhaps a special "education tax" for business firms is the answer, he said.

Price said he would like to hear from as many students as possible to determine the general opinion.

## 'False box' alarms spark grim warning

A rash of false alarms in the Lister Hall residence complex during last week has prompted C. H. Saunter, campus fire and safety officer, to issue students with a grim warning.

Mr. Saunter Wednesday deplored the actions of residents, who have needlessly summoned City of Edmonton fire-fighting equipment.

"Not only is this a very dangerous practice as far as the public is concerned," said the fire officer, "but the individual, if caught, will be branded for life as having committed a criminal act."

He made these remarks after fire crews responded to a false alarm set off in the basement of Lister Hall about midnight Tuesday.

All fire alarms emanating from the university campus are regarded as two-alarm calls. This means five pieces of heavy apparatus must travel at high speeds through slippery streets, sometimes at peak traffic periods.

Mr. Saunter said persons who turn in false alarms are endangering the lives of other students who might ignore a legitimate alarm too long.

"... most seriously of all," he said, "it endangers the lives of firemen and other innocent persons who could be injured along the route of fire-fighting apparatus."

"Such a tragedy did occur when a mother of four children was killed and three children seriously injured while firemen were answering a false alarm turned in by a retarded child," he said.

"The daughter of a university employee was killed less than a year ago in a collision with a fire engine."



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