

There's no life like it Capital Interns visit

by Margaret Baer

A group of current Legislative Interns visited the U of A last Wednesday to inform students about the Alberta Legislative Internship Program.

The program is open to students of Alberta's three major universities who have recently graduated or are about to graduate in any discipline. Interns obtain practical experience working as assistants to Members of the Legislative Assembly in both Government and Opposition.

Interns are hired for a ten month term, from September 1 to June 30, and receive a monthly stipend of \$1400 (subject to review and possible increase).

Each intern is assigned to a government MLA for half of the ten month term, and is then transferred to an opposition member for the other half (or vice versa). This alternation provides a more objective, broader perspective. Through research and work for constituents, interns are assured of a well-rounded experience.

Interns must also present six seminars in which they share their experiences with students and arouse interest in the program. As an example of the kind of work in which they are involved, the interns last Wednesday gave a seminar on the current Alberta Official Opposition controversy between NDP and Independent MLAs.

Keith Krause, a 1982-83 Intern, outlined the qualities required for the job. "There should be a balance between three things: academic ability, research and communication skills, and extra-curricular interests."

Applications require three letters of reference, of which at least two must be from faculty members who have taught the applicant. In addition, interns are chosen on the basis of transcripts

and a 250 word essay on why you want to be an intern.

Said Krause: "There's a lot of emphasis on why you want the job and what your expectations are."

Prospective interns are interviewed by a Selection and Advisory Committee, comprised of the Speaker of the Assembly, a representative of the government caucus, a representative of the opposition, and a representative from each of the universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge.

The U of A rep on the Selection Committee, Dr. Stevenson of the Political Science Department, said the board looks for grads who "have a real interest in the legislative process, and in government and politics in general."

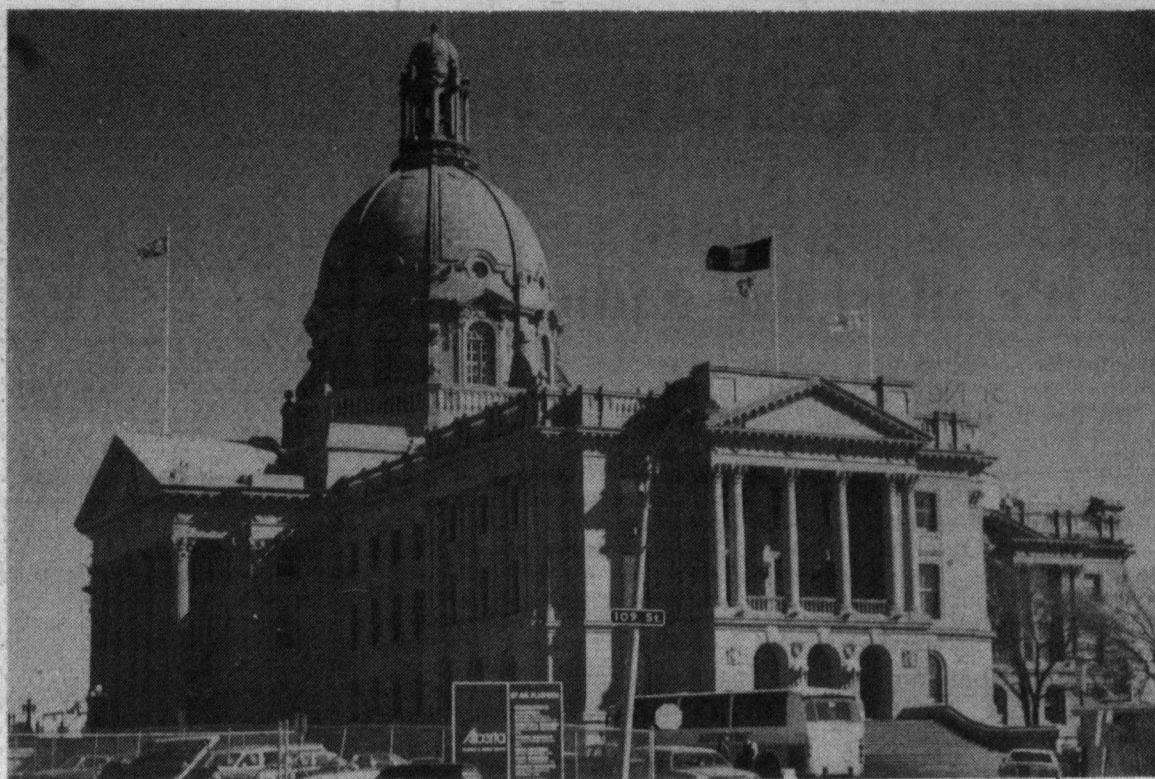
Added Krause, "You don't have to be a supporter of any party — it's not a government job. We get people from all ends of the political spectrum."

Since its inception in 1974, the Internship Program has proven to be a valuable step toward graduate studies in such areas as Political Science, History, Economics and Administration. The experience is also beneficial for careers in the media, politics, public service, law and other related fields.

Asked about the response from students so far this year, Krause replied, "Interest seems to be very high. We expect more applications this year than in the past, partly due to the economy and partly because of our recruiting campaign."

There are eight intern positions available for 1983-84. The deadline for applications is February 24, 1983.

For more information, contact: Dr. Stevenson, Dept. of Political Science, U of A; or, the Office of the Speaker, 325 Legislature Building (phone: 427-2464).



See the nice legislative buildings. Be a political intern and you can hang out with all the fat cats who live there.

photo Ray Ciguere

Uproar grows over fees

by Mark Roppel

Tuition fees are likely to go up next year, the question is by how much.

"It is almost certain that students at the University of Alberta will face another 20% tuition increase next year," says SU President Robert Greenhill.

"If the provincial government only increases its grant (to the university) by 5%, the Board of Governors will be faced with a \$10 million shortfall. They would try to make up for part of that by increasing tuition the maximum amount allowed, which is 21%. The Board hasn't discussed it formally yet, but we moved to freeze tuition and the motion was defeated," he said.

However, U of A. President, Myer Horowitz, denies such an increase. "That is totally incorrect.

Although the final decision has not been made yet I could honestly say that I would never be party to an increase of that magnitude," he said.

Horowitz explained that under the rules set down by last year's Advanced Education Ministry the U of A administration could raise fees by as much as 21% this year (two and one half times last year's grant increase from the government).

However Horowitz reiterated that the grant increase from the Provincial government had yet to be negotiated, the tuition fee increase had not been decided, and that he personally could not "condone" an increase as high as 20%.

The grant increase from the province, to which tuition fees are limited, is still unknown although rumors of an increase as low as 5 per cent are still around.

Early this month Nancy Budkowski, the executive assistant to Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston, speculated the increase would be only 5 per cent. Later she denied having made such a statement.

At Thursday's University Night, attended by MLA's and students, MLA for Edmonton Goldbar Al Hiebert also intimated the grant increase would be low.

When asked if the grant increase would be 14% as it was last year Hiebert replied, "... no

way, not that much."

When asked hopefully if the university could expect as much as a 10 per cent increase Hiebert replied, "You're still way too high."

On hearing complaints that pretty soon only "rich kids could afford to go to university" Hiebert was unsympathetic.

"That's a bunch of bullshit and you know it."

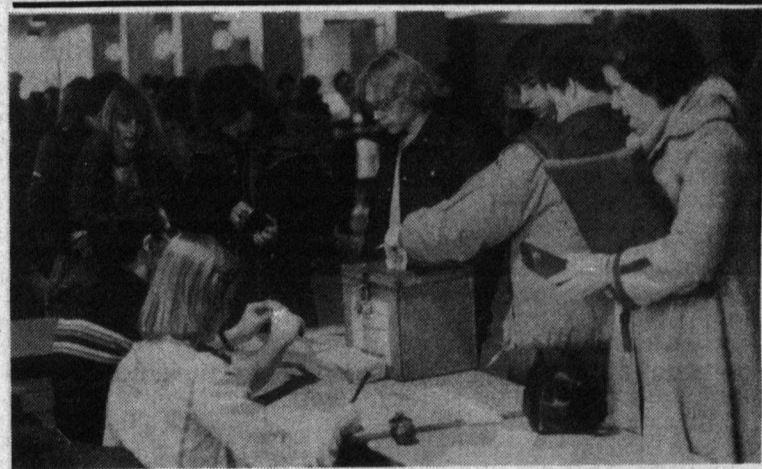


photo Martin Beales

They're off...

by Brent Jang

The largest number of candidates in ten years will run in the annual Students' Union general election.

There are three serious slates, two joke slates, and two independent candidates.

Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer has received 28 nomination forms. In 1973, 30 candidates sought executive office.

The five slates are: The Greenhill Team (GT), The Therrien Slate (TS), The Hardwicke-Brown Slate (HB), The Utopian Pragmatists (UP), and the Conservative Youth Front for Liberal Extremism (CYFLE).

This year's presidential battle will be between: Robert Greenhill (GT), Bev Therrien (TS), Mungo Hardwicke-Brown (HB), John Paul Roggeveen I (UP), and Tim Jellard (CYFLE).

Incumbent President Greenhill is running with an all new team: Andrew Watts (vp External Affairs), Sterling Sunley (vp Internal Affairs), Brian Thomas (vp Finance), Barbara Donaldson (vp Academic), and Lise Malo (Board of Governors).

The Therrien Slate includes Don Millar (vp External), Peter Block (vp Internal), Greg McLean

(vp Finance) and Siobhan Avery (vp Academic).

The Hardwicke-Brown Slate consists of four Business students and one Education student. Mungo's brother, Justin, is running for vp Internal; Phillip Nay is going for vp External; Christopher Zilinski for vp Finance; and Linda Taylor for vp Academic.

Roggeveen I and No-No Nanette take credit for the UP slate. This slate also includes Duke Blodgett (vp External), Vegreville Wes (vp Internal), Tiffany Twitchen (vp Finance), and Jens Andersen (B of G).

CYFLE is led by Tim Jellard. They hope the positions of vp External, vp Internal, and vp Academic, will be filled respectively by the following candidates: Rita Bouwesema, Lee Griffith, and Mark Misunis.

The two independent candidates running in the February 11th election are Martin Schug for vp External and Wes Sawatzky for B of G.

Campaigning officially begins Wednesday at 9:00 pm.

With the large number of candidates in the race, this election will be more confusing than usual.

Radiate in style

(RNR/CUP) — The American Emergency Management Agency has compiled 15 articles full of helpful hints on how to survive the big blast.

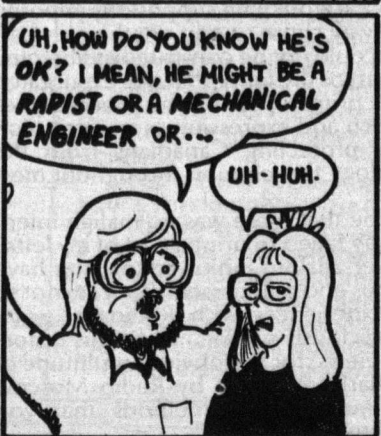
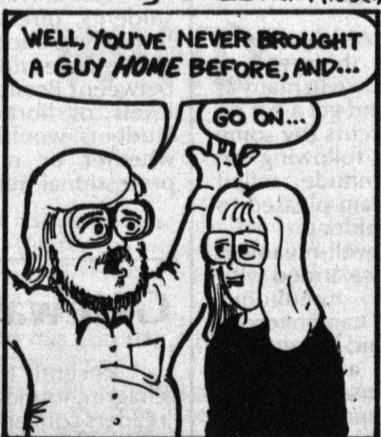
Nuclear Times magazine reports that the series is to be published in newspapers around the country in the event of nuclear war, assuming we have a few days' warning before the missiles arrive. Otherwise, we would not get to read the final article, entitled, "Would Survivors of Nuclear Attack Envy the Dead?...Experts Say 'No.'"

Other articles describe how to build a "car-over-trench" fallout shelter in case the bombs fall while you're on the road; tell us to take two aspirin every three or four hours to treat early symptoms of radiation sickness; and inform us how to prevent a house fire, with the advice, "if a nuclear explosion affects your home, go upstairs immediately and...stamp out burning drapes."

The agency does not say how to convince the newspaper carrier to deliver the papers to your doorstep once a nuclear warning sounds.

GAB

by SKEET and Nielsen



U of T in final huddle

TORONTO (CUP) — With no time outs remaining, the two-minute warning has just sounded on football at the University of Toronto.

In a letter to Athletic Council chair Kirk Wipper dated Jan. 19, a group headed by professor Bruce Kidd demanded a review of the benefits of football.

Kidd cited high personal risks,

increasing costs, decreasing high school participation and plummeting public interest as reasons for the inquiry.

If Kidd and other physical and health education professors have their way, the status of football in the Intercollegiate Tier System will be considerably lowered.

In recent years, the university

developed a 'tier system' to classify all intercollegiate sports, with football ranked level one, receiving the most financial and personnel resources.

Kidd's group said a review is necessary before the university hires a full-time coach to replace Ron Murphy, who recently resigned after serving 17 years as head coach.