

Wyman says two-tier fees legal but...

The Chairman of the Alberta Human Rights Commission and former U of A president Dr. Max Wyman said Wednesday the proposed two-tier tuition system for Alberta universities is not illegal.

"In my opinion the two-tier proposal does not in any way violate the Alberta Human Rights Protection Act," Wyman said. "Therefore it cannot be seen to be illegal."

Wyman added the proposal was clearly "discriminatory" in the technical sense that any division of students into two groups constitutes discrimination.

He refused comment on a suggestion that the proposal constitutes moral and ethical discrimination.

Wyman was responding to an article in the *Albertan* which reported him as saying a two-tier tuition system was not discriminatory and was a good idea.

"It came out that way in the *Albertan*," Wyman said. "I don't think two-tier tuition is at all a good idea."

The Alberta Human Rights

Commission has not formally ruled on the proposal. Wyman continued, because no policy has been implemented and therefore no complaints are yet valid.

"The Commission has no power to overturn policy in any event," Wyman said. "All we can really do is bring both sides of a dispute together for discussion."

Bert may pay twice as much as regular students

A problem is brewing over March 18's Friends of the Students' Union banquet ... what to do with Alberta advanced education minister Dr. A.E. Hohol's invitation.

Monday night student council meeting was going along smoothly, with discussions on budgetting the fest, when Ben Verdam asked vp-executive Howard Hoggins why Hohol was invited to a "friends" of the student council affair.

A few chuckles erupted while Hoggins scratched his head and tried to think up an answer.

"Well, Lougheed will be invited along with members of his cabinet — we can't very well leave

Students advocate roles

Students' Council approved a resolution to create a "student advocate" position to deal with students' grievances Monday.

In the proposal recommending the position, vp-academic Ken McFarlane stated: "Presently ... often due to conflicts with the executive's other commitments, grievances are not given the close attention they deserve."

"The position of advocate," McFarlane said, "was originally planned to complement the university Ombudsman. When General Faculties Council (GFC) turned down the Ombudsman proposal, the executive felt we should still contribute our part of the 'bargain'."

McFarlane said he thought the new Dean of Students "will essentially be a coordinator of

activities in the Office of Student Affairs, with grievances secondary. So either an ombudsman or an advocate — or both — are necessary.

"Even if an Ombudsman is appointed in the future," McFarlane added, "many people may feel his interests are too closely allied with the administration. The advocate will be independent of the administration with an authority only one of persuasion."

The position will carry with it a stipend of \$500 a year, with \$250 allocated for the remainder of this year. The resolution calls for "preferably a part-time student, but not necessarily so."

The position is currently being advertised.

out Hohol," he finally said.

"But," said Verdam, "I really can't see paying \$7.50 to see Hohol ... or even Cavanagh for that matter. I just don't see paying \$7.50."

Hoggins said, "You've got a good point, I'll have to come back next week with the philosophy behind the banquet, the theme

chosen is one of nostalgia, we used to have a banquet with the city fathers called Appreciation Banquet which this one replaces."

The exchange ended with some honorable members suggesting: "Maybe we could just charge Hohol twice as much."



And the line-ups begin again

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