

"Big 3" athletics under fire

by Mike Walker

Students' Council thinks U of A athletic funding unfairly favors the "big three" sports - men's football, hockey and basketball - and it's fed up.

Council agreed Tuesday to send a letter to the University Athletic Board (UAB), which controls athletic spending, protesting unfair treatment of the Pandas women's hockey team.

The subject came up during debate on a \$555 grant to the women's hockey team. Although the grant was approved, a number of councillors were upset at having to bail out a team they thought should be better funded by UAB. SU vp finance Pat Haws reported that the team had asked council for \$2,294, of which \$1,400 was to pay for ice time in the university arena, and \$300 was for referees.

The maximum grant available from UAB for non-intercollegiate teams is \$440, according to Haws.

Brian Heaney, men's intercollegiate coordinator, later told the *Gateway* the intercollegiate

teams must receive more money than the non-intercollegiate teams.

"Either you run it all as intramurals, or all as recreation, or you make a serious effort with the intercollegiate programs," he said Wednesday. "You can't water these programs down ... these are elite programs."

Back at Council science proxy Bob Kirk questioned what UAB was doing with the \$26 annual fee paid by each U of A student. "This problem is also being experienced in a number of other sports."

Arts rep Randy Dawson suggested UAB was expecting council to pick up its slack: "UAB has tried to slide things (like this) to council in the past ... it appears they're funding three sports."

Not all councillors were convinced, though.

"I know some of the smaller sports get less money," said Lister Hall rep Brad Brown. "But it's reflected in the success of the teams they sponsor." He cited the Bears football and hockey teams as examples. He suggested council table the letter of protest until its next meeting.

However, most councillors wanted immediate action.

"We've been seeing this policy for quite a long time now ... I think it's time to stand up and just say what we think," said Home Ec. rep Beth McKinley.

Both Kirk and Arts rep Lisa Walter called for a close examination of UAB funding policies and operations.

"We have to take a look at the UAB," Walter said. "They have no financial accountability... their funding priorities are out of line."

The women's hockey team's problem stems from the fact it doesn't have an intercollegiate league to play in, Phys. Ed. Dean Herb McLachlan said Wednesday.

"The Pandas hockey team is only recognized as a hockey team if there will be intercollegiate

play," he said. But there isn't a women's league, he said.

UAB has been giving the women's hockey team all the help it can, McLachlan said. "It wasn't just that it was Pandas hockey... there were other groups (for whom there was not enough money)."

"I can tell you they (UAB) don't have any money," he said.

Council doles out the cash Broke! Who, us?

by Peter Michalshyn

Students' Council shelled out almost \$11,500 at Tuesday's meeting.

The Education Students' Association cashed in for \$3,699, the biggest giveaway of the night.

Second, but not close, was a \$2,000 disbursement from the Eugene Brody Fund to a Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) project in Nigeria.

The Brody Fund, which grants money to developmental relief and charitable projects grew by 50 cents per student last year after a fee referendum.

It also gave \$1,000 to the Edmonton Learner Centre, which is sponsoring a Media and the Third World Conference next April.

Council was reluctant to give out another \$1,000 grant, this time from the Forums Committee budget for a speaking tour by Chilean Patricio Lanfranco.

Lanfranco, president of the Cultural Association of the University, the largest democratic student organization in Chile, is coming to Canada to inform people about the situation in Chile today.

Arts Rep Randy Dawson asked why it was costing \$800 to have posters made for the tour, and if costs could not have been reduced by commissioning a Fine Arts student to do the work.

He criticized the executive for commissioning the poster before bringing the grant to Council, thereby leaving it little choice but to ratify the decision.

Arts Rep Lisa Walter hesitated to support the grant when it became apparent the U of A was the only university donating money to the cross Canada tour.

Council finally passed the grant by a narrow 13-11 vote.

In other Council business, a statement of purposes for a new national student organization was given support in principle.

V.P. external Kris Farkas called the support motion a "major step for the U of A to recognize the need for a national organization."

She requested a roll call vote, where councillors have to vote publicly. No one voted against the motion, but there were eight abstentions.

Baz by Skeet



Ski trips still open - but steep

by Wes Oginski

Yes, that snow is real. No, ski enthusiasts on campus are not brushing off their dandruff to make up for the recent lack of it.

And a number of organizations on or near campus are ready to bring you to a lot more of it.

Among these are the U of A Ski Club, Adventure Ski Tours, The Canadian Hostelling Association, and the Mechanical Engineering (ME) Club. The first two organizations are available only to members, but memberships are open to all students.

Only a few openings remain for the Christmas ski trips. The U of A Ski Club has no openings left, and Adventure ski tours only a few.

Adventure offers trips to Schweitzer Basin, Idaho (\$240) and Whitefish, Montana (\$240) at Christmas; they also have trips to Jackson Hole, Wyoming (\$295) and Summit, Colorado (\$450) at Reading Week. These prices include transportation, accommodations, lift tickets and planned social events.

"We are not a typically rowdy bunch, but we like to drink and have a good time," says Maureen McGhie of Adventure Ski Tours.

Adventure also has a weekend trip to Jasper (\$85) at the end of January, and a few more weekend trips are in the planning stage. Spaces are still available on some of these trips.

Four trips are planned by the Canadian Hostelling Association. These are to Whistler, B.C. (\$219) at Christmas, Jackson Hole (\$269) from January 25 to February 3, Steamboat Springs, Colorado (\$249) from February 21 to 27, and Aspen, Colorado (\$269) from April 6 to 12. A weekend trip to Lake Louise (\$88) is offered every week.

Hostelling Association trips are open to everyone — students, non-students, young and old.

"Just about everybody comes. A guy called up to ask if since he was 50, would he feel out of place," says Alice Banman of the Association.

Skiers on Hostelling Association trips stay in hostels and travel by van. Meals are not included except for the weekend trips.

Not surprisingly, engineers operate the ME Club.

"There is no particular reason why we are having a ski trip. If it works out, we will have a Reading Week trip," said social convener Gary Kovacic.

The ME Club is offering a

Christmas trip to Kimberley, B.C. the gas costs are split. Accommodations are located near the lifts, and lift tickets are included.

Transportation is by car so

Anyone can join the ME ski trip.

bouquets and brickbats

by Deacon Greese

Christmas comes but once a year and this comes once a week. Still think the universe is unfolding as it should?

How much turkey can you swallow before you get sick? Think of this as holiday training camp.

Ugliest Christmas decorations: HUB. Red two by fours and green fungus left over from the clean up.

Best Christmas decorations: The *Gateway*. The staff party always brings out the cheeriest red noses and green faces.

Best Christmas present for a student: The complete study kit — a good dictionary, a pen and pencil set, a brand new scribbler, and an ounce of coke.

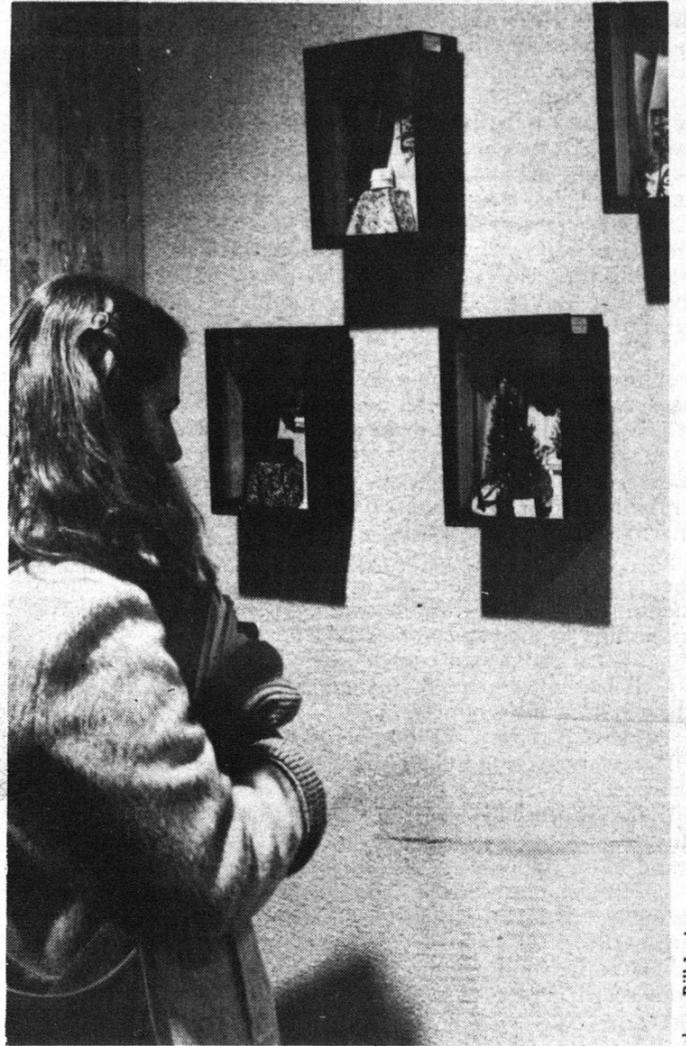
Worst Christmas Present for a student: His marks.

Seasonal-type-joke-like: It's called Christmas because all the Christians go to mass and don't bother the rest of us for a while.

NOTICE: Anyone having a child on or about December 25 who attempts to name it Carol, Noel, Chris, Holly, etc., will be sentenced to not more than 30 days as a department store Santa Claus and not less than six successive hours listening to *The Chipmunks Christmas Album*.

Professor of the Week: Donder Comet who, absolutely blitzen, was struck by Cupid's arrow. Though he was quite dashing, she was a vixen and pranced off with a dancer named Rudolph.

Send in your letters of support for *Bricks and bouks*. Don't let me be replaced by a Jim Horsman smell-alike contest.



This woman is in fantasyland peering into the olden days in the shadow boxes at the craft sale in SUB Art Gallery.

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