

GFC Executive to recommend more flexibility for Ed. exams

Education students may no longer be writing all their final exams in April.

A motion passed at a meeting of the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive yesterday would allow final exams in courses to be held soon after the lectures ended. Many education students take courses short as three week in length and spend the rest of the term

student teaching. This means they must then wait up to twelve weeks before writing their final exam. Flexibility in assigning the date for the final exam will eliminate this problem.

The Campus Development Committee also handed down their annual report at the meeting. One key point was the future plan for Assiniboia Hall, formerly used for graduate student offices.

"It appears that Assiniboia Hall is pretty well out of the picture; for the next four or five years," said R.E. Phillips, chairman of the committee. The costs of renovating Assiniboia will likely be higher than simply replacing it, and the government

may not want to go for renovation.

In other business, GFC Executive recommended the title of "University Professor" be retained, to be conferred on staff members who have made outstanding contributions to the U of A. At present only five persons hold this title, although the number is to be slowly expanded to fifteen or twenty.

A motion was also passed allowing deans to suspend the temporary registration of students who may pose a danger to the university or to the outside community. This issue especially important in faculties with a clinical component, in which students work with the public.

At U of T

Varsity goes autonomous

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto students voted overwhelmingly for separate incorporation for their student newspaper in a referendum March 14 and 15.

Out of an undergraduate population of 27,000, 2,822 students voted in favour of incorporating the *Varsity*. 831 voted against and there were 661 abstentions.

Student president Brian Hill congratulated the *Varsity* on its win, saying, "I think it is a step

forward for the *Varsity* on a number of fronts. It will make it more responsible and democratic. It will also make it more open to student input, and should probably improve Student Activities Council (SAC)-*Varsity* relations 100%."

Varsity editor George Cook was also pleased. "Separating the *Varsity* from SAC will help to guarantee the editorial integrity of the paper," he said.

Editor-elect Roberta Clare said, "it is a necessary step in establishing a firm foundation for the *Varsity's* future. Incorporation will grant the *Varsity* greater control over its financial concerns and editorial policies."

"I hope our success in winning this referendum will set a precedent for other student newspapers across the country, which are facing significant budget cuts and the threat of editorial interference."

"The *Varsity* is the third major paper this year to achieve separate funding," said Canadian University Press President John Wilson. "This relieves the *Varsity* from any threat of financial pressures from SAC."

Five papers at Canadian campuses are already financially autonomous from their student unions. Two more, the *Gauntlet* at the University of Calgary, and the *Sheaf*, at the University of Saskatchewan will go autonomous next year.

Other student papers are planning similar referenda for this and next year.

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U of R protests cutbacks

In a move reminiscent of the 1978 protest by Alberta students, 400 students demonstrated in Regina March against government underwriting they say will lead to cutbacks and tuition increases.

The Saskatchewan university commission announced the previous day it was giving the University of Regina a 6.9% and University of Saskatchewan a 7% increase.

However, U of R student president Bev Crossman said the increase was not up to the inflationary rate of inflation, and would result in tuition increases and cutbacks. The commission recommended the universities raise tuition by 7%.

The demonstration at the U of R was followed by a march to the provincial legislature where students listened to speeches by representatives of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, the U of S student union, and the support staff at the U of R.

Crossman presented a 10-point declaration of Regina students to continuing Education Minister Herman Rolfes and Finance Minister Walter Smishek. The declaration called for a freeze on tuition, accessible student aid based on grants rather than loans, and a full employment program.

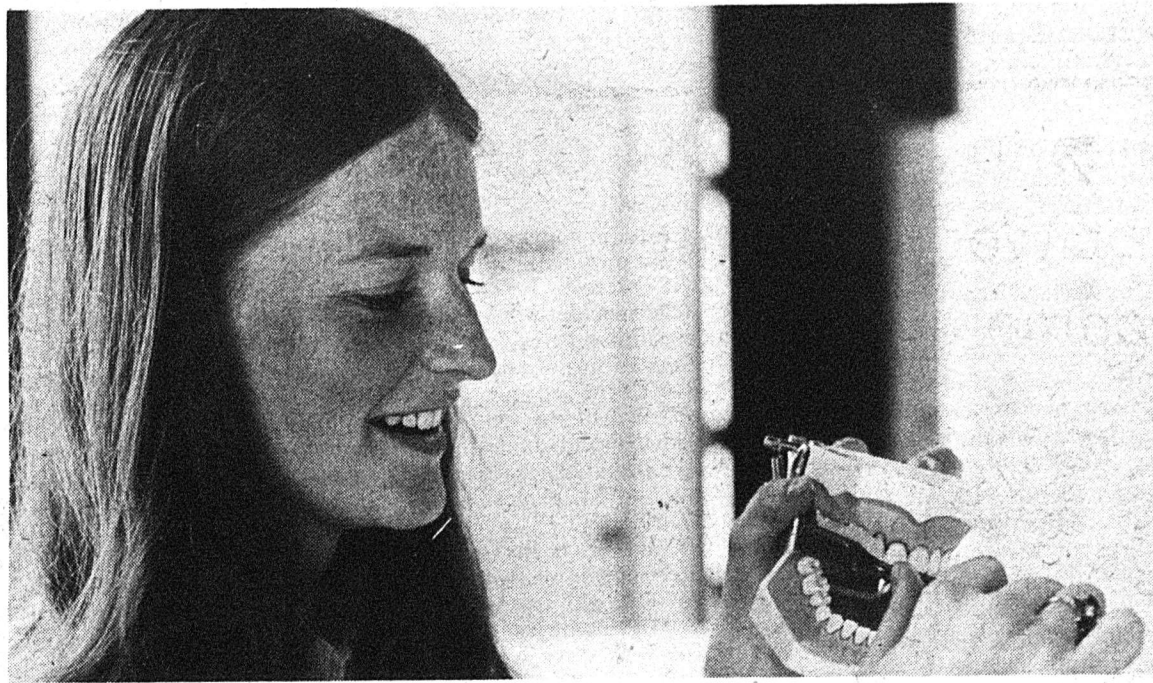
Smishek said he could not comment on the program at the time but did claim there were no cutbacks at Saskatchewan universities.

Earlier in the day, the U of R student union and nine course unions and clubs had presented a petition to the board of governors regarding cutbacks in sociology, engineering, and business administration.

Design student Jim Clark said there were 90 students enrolled in a design program that did not exist. He said it was cancelled by a part-time professor.

At the rally, statements of solidarity from the National Union of Students, and other financial organizations such as the Federation of Alberta Students and the Ontario Federation of Students were read.

Crossman said such a show of support was "an important statement to the people today. It shows that cutbacks in Saskatchewan are not just an isolated occurrence. Their continued and solidarity emphasized the need for a nationally-planned educational policy."



A Dentistry student demonstrates the easy way to brush those out of the way molars (just pull out your teeth...) as Dental Health Week continues.

Hire-A-Student: information, seminars

Edmonton Hire-A-Student promotes and advises students interested in starting their own business. We assist by referring students to legal counsel and providing them with job referrals. These businesses, fully staffed and operated by students, offer a wide variety of services in such areas as landscaping and yard maintenance, construction, painting, roofing, concrete work, and many more. Their success lies in the fact that they provide an immediate and quality service to Edmonton businesses and homeowners. If you are interested in forming your own student business, additional in-

formation can be obtained from:

Edmonton Hire-A-Student
BEFORE APRIL 23 —
Room 618 SUB
University of Alberta
432-4007
Office hours Monday 2-5 pm

As well, an information seminar will be held for prospective student business operators.

The seminar is scheduled to last approximately two hours, and start at 7:30 pm.

MARCH 21 —
University of Alberta
Central Academic Building
Room 289

EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS APR. 2

Commencing Monday, April 2 until Tuesday, April 24 the hours will be as follows:

RUTHERFORD AND CAMERON* LIBRARIES;
Buildings Open: Monday-Friday 7:45 am-2:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 am

Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 am

Circulation services hours will remain as posted.

*Cameron Library will retain extended hours until May 2.

EDUCATION LIBRARY:

Building Open: Monday-Friday 7:45 am - 11:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am - 11:00 pm

Circulation services hours will remain as posted.

Variations from the above hours in other libraries and service points will be posted.

Squirm - for marks

Lawrence Morehouse, a University of California psychologist, says he has spent 40 years observing students who squirm during exams, and he says they earn better grades than their more placid peers.

Morehouse says that toe-tapping, jiggling, wriggling and weightshifting supply fuel to the brain by increasing blood circulation. He suggests that this keeps students alert during the last lap of an exam or in a tedious lecture.

Says Morehouse, "Students who just sit have a tendency to do badly, even stupidly, on the final few exam questions."

Morehouse hopes his observations won't incite a rash of ambitious writhing in examination room, however.

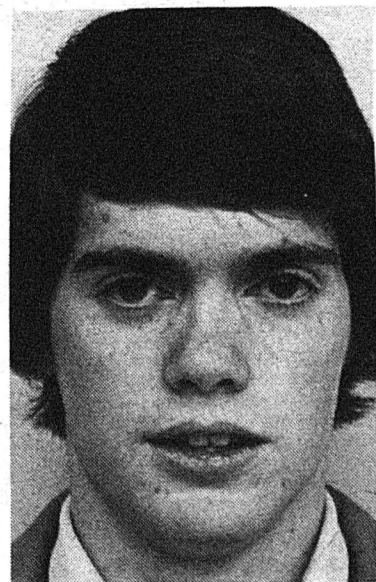
He says that a mere tap of the toe — instead of large-scale fidgeting — should do the trick.

New faces for Council

Alan Fenna and Kate Orrell won students' council seats in the Arts Faculty elections Friday, defeating Darrell Rankin and Kevin Warner.

And Faculty of Science nominees Steve Cumming and Sara Comish, Arts General Faculties Council nominees Brit Griffin, Gary McGowan, Bonnie Nichols, and Femke van Delft and Engineering student council nominee Alan McNaughton were all elected by acclamation.

In the only election, less than 400 Arts students voted, electing Orrell with 188 votes and Fenna with 187. A reliable source has informed the *Gateway*, however, that unsuccessful candidate Kevan Warner intends to challenge the results of the election at Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board. He will appeal on the grounds that Fenna and Rankin failed to remove their posters from Tory Building on or



Alan McNaughton

before the day of election, contravening Students' Council regulations.