

Canadian Federation of Students

This Friday, October 21, you'll be asked whether or not you want to join CFS, a fledgling national student organization. The cost of holding the referendum is \$5000. The money comes out of your fees, so vote this Friday! Special CFS coverage appears inside.

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Most nations have been formed not by people who desired intensely to live together...

...but rather by people who could not live apart.

Jean-Charles Bonenfant

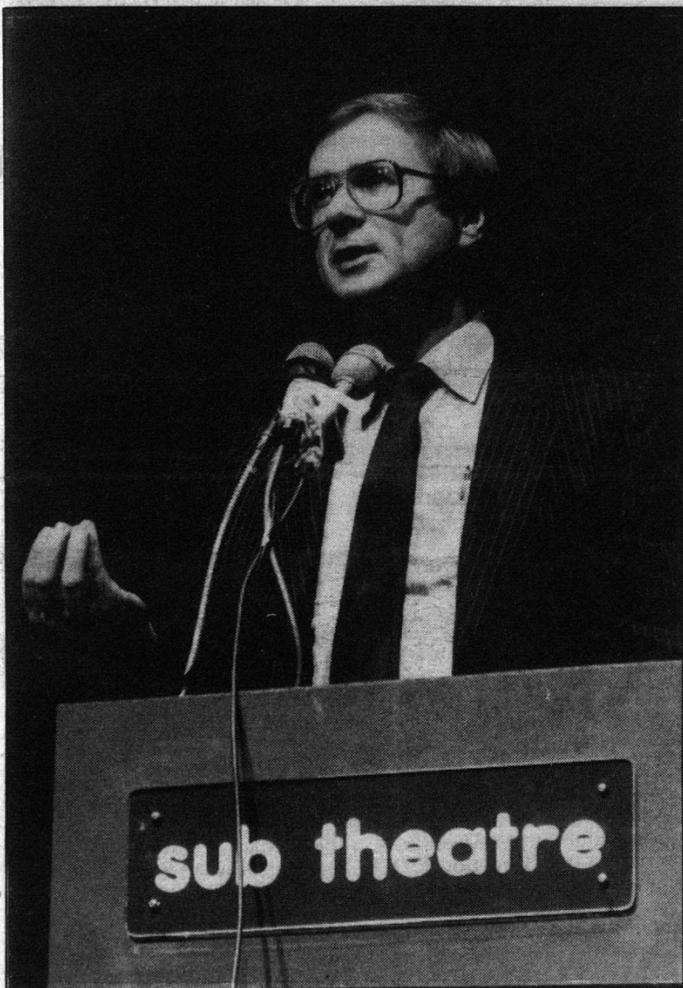


photo Angela Wheelock

Here he is, our new mayor Laurence Decore - completely naked from the waist down. Decore swept to victory last night with 67 per cent of the popular vote. Incumbent Cec Purves was humiliated.

Crime on campus

by David Mohr

There should be concern about the amount of crime in the U. of A. campus area, says the Information Liason Section of Edmonton City Police. Staff Sergeant Dennis Stockman came up with the following for January 1, 1982 to December 30, 1982:

- Robbery: 2 armed with guns; 2 armed with knives; 1 with physical violence.
- Break and Enter: 17.
- Assault: 21 common; 6 with bodily harm; 3 sexual.
- Drugs: 2 possession of cannabis; 1 trafficking cannabis; 1 trafficking restricted drug.

The amount of crime at the University is serious for the geographical size of the university, says Staff Sergeant Stockman. But it is approximately 1/10 of what one would expect in a community of equal population.

Gordon Perry of Campus Security feels, however, that the biggest problem with crime here is the petty theft and bicycle thefts that have been plaguing the campus. When asked about the figures received from the City Police, Perry was unable to remember or even believe that there had been any incidences like them. In the area of drugs, Perry is not very worried, "I would be more concerned about

alcohol...as there are more problems in this field."

Perry says the big problem with alcohol is the number of outsiders who attend U of A events and then cause vandalism. On the other hand Staff Sergeant Stockman says he "would be concerned about the armed robberies and the assaults...the assaults could have escalated to robberies."

But where should we be concerned as students? Many students have first-hand

knowledge of petty theft in the library. Armed with this fact, students could lobby the university to step up the crime prevention programs already in place. According to Perry, the library patrol program is not being used at this time as there is lack of funds.

The City Police has taken one step in improving the crime prevention on campus by appointing Constable Len Hudyma to work as liason from the Crime Prevention Unit.

Apathy runs rampant No opposition to CFS

by Ken Lenz

Apathy at the University of Alberta campus has reached a new high; the people that don't care don't even care any more.

Consequently, there will not be a 'No' campaign in the upcoming Canadian Federation of Students referendum.

The Students' Union, in keeping with their struggle for fairness and equality, provided \$1450 for both the pro and con side of the CFS referendum.

Friday, October 14 was the deadline for campaign organizers to turn in petitions with a minimum of 100 signatures to Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer.

Said Byer, "Only one person, Kenneth Bosman, took the forms and regulations with the intention of starting a 'no' campaign."

He added, "he hasn't talked to me since then."

Kenneth Bosman was instrumental in helping to defeat a

Federation of Alberta Students referendum at the University of Calgary last winter.

Byer worries about Bosman, "what bothers me is that Bosman might try something underhanded."

Byer referred to the scandal that was raised in February of 1982 where the SU presidential election was overturned because of illegal campaigning practices.

SU VP Academic Barb Donaldson thinks it unfortunate that there isn't a 'no' campaign, "I think the average student will be suspicious of the pro-CFS campaign because there isn't an organized opposition."

Jim Weir of the pro-CFS campaign thinks the situation is a good one, on one hand, "it shows there is not any radical and deep-rooted opposition to CFS."

But Weir has some reservations, "what I worry about is that without a 'no' campaign, people will think the referendum is just a formality and not get out to vote."

Earth Sciences hazardous

by Ann Grever

Education may be hazardous for your health - especially if you have classes in the Earth Sciences Building.

In a study by Fairbairn, Brinsmead and Ziola Architects, for the U of A, serious architectural, mechanical, and electrical flaws in the Earth Sciences Building violate "the minimum provisions for life and safety requirements as interpreted from the Alberta Building Code."

Specific complaints include:

- overloaded electrical circuits;
- an inadequate fire alarm and emergency lighting system;
- partition, shaft walls and service bulkhead materials of combustible construction;
- exposed electrical wiring

which are unsupported and unlabelled;

-below standard storage of hazardous and flammable chemicals.

The study also refers to the architectural inability of the building to compartmentalize a fire. "There are serious inconsistencies throughout the building that in the event of a fire would render control and extinguishing extremely difficult. Smoke...could be impossible to contain and would undoubtedly spread through major portions of the building."

The present construction of the shafts, stairwells and corridor doors also promote the spread of fire and smoke.

The extensive renovation necessary to bring the Earth

Sciences Building up to Alberta Building Code standards could cost the university 87 million dollars. The university's entire operating budget is only 50 million.

Peter Block, SU VP Internal, says the problem is one of underfunding by the government. He points to other possible fire traps on campus such as Corbett Hall, but Corbett Hall is not the object of a study because "as administration sees it, is low enough for people to jump out of."

The problem was brought up in a meeting between SU representatives and the Minister of Advanced Education, Dick Johnston. Johnston said the problem was "his number one priority." He said he was also in the process of obtaining funds.

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