

'... hope tuition fees won't be hiked'--Manning

## Cabinet proposes grant increase

### \$235 per student increase recommended for next term

By RALPH MELNYCHUK and SHEILA BALLARD

A \$235 per student increase in the provincial grant to the university may eliminate the need for a tuition fee increase this fall.

Premier E. C. Manning announced Wednesday the Cabinet would recommend to the legislature a grant increase of \$235 per student for the 1966-67 academic year. The grant will now total \$1,600 per student, compared with \$1,365 this year and \$1,270 last year.

"It is the hope of the government that this increase will cut out the necessity of a fee increase next year," said Mr. Manning.

"I share the hope of the government," said University President Dr. Walter H. Johns.

"I am pleased that the provincial government is continuing its support in line with the increasing needs of the university," said Dr. Johns.

#### JOHNS PLEASED

"The cost of higher education is increasing every year as the major universities take over increasing responsibility for graduate education and research. It is becoming increasingly difficult to meet these responsibilities, so I greet the Premier's announcement with pleasure," he said.

The grant comes under the provisions of the Universities and Colleges Assistance Act which came into operation in the 1964-65 academic year.

Funds granted through this act cover operating expenses of the University. Capital expenses, such as construction, come through a different act.

The operating expenditure grant is revised every year, said Mr. Manning.

The increase in 1965-66 from the previous year was \$95.

The university's operating budget this year is \$20 million. The provincial government's contribution to the budget amounted to 71 per cent of it, 16 per cent came from tuition fees, and 13 per cent from federal grants.

The federal government has also proposed increasing its grants to universities.

The proposed federal and provincial increases would result in a net percentage decrease in the student contribution.

#### BOARD DECISION

Although any possible fee increase is still up to the university, both the Premier and Dr. Johns hope it will not be necessary.

The Premier's announcement follows widespread rumors of a fee increase. On Jan. 7, in an effort to prevent an increase, students' union presented a brief to the Board of Governors.

The brief suggested the Province of Alberta invest some of its \$550 million reserve into education.

With next year's projected U of A enrolment at 13,000 students, the \$235 per student provincial grant hike will provide more than \$3 million extra revenue for the University.

## Liberal chief challenges students

The Alberta Liberal Leader told students Monday that their age group has more at stake in provincial politics than any other.

"Within five years half of the voting population in Alberta will be less than 35 years old. What happens in the next ten years will determine what happens in the next 40. The challenge is yours," said Adrian Berry.

Mr. Berry spoke to the campus Liberal club in Pybus Lounge at 4 p.m. Monday. He was the second provincial party leader to speak to U of A students in four days. PC Leader Peter Lougheed spoke on campus Friday.

Mr. Berry said human relationships cannot be ignored by governments.

"I am convinced people are more important than dogs," he said. "We must not measure everything in terms of dollar bills."

In the field of education this means the teacher is more important than the classroom, and not vice-versa, as many people imply, he said.

#### RE-ALIGN THOUGHT

Mr. Berry called for a re-alignment of political thinking to prepare for the effects of automation.

"Human relationships will be even more important in the future with all the extra leisure time we will have," he said.

"We in the Liberal party need the convictions of young people to help us meet the challenges of the future," said Mr. Berry.

"The old line philosophies are just not good enough."

He had no specific comment on the proposed University Act revisions other than a remark that the party considered it an important matter and had set up a committee to investigate it.

Mr. Berry also commented on laws.

"Some make laughing stocks of our policemen. I think of traffic laws in particular," he said.

"It degrades our policemen to handle traffic laws. These regulations should be in a different category than laws," he said.

Some of our liquor laws are pretty ridiculous too, he said.

"I can't carry an empty bottle of liquor in my car, but I can empty it into my stomach, and that's all right," he said.

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A \$200,000 federal winter works grant towards financing the new students' union building was turned down by the Department of Labor Wednesday.

No reason for the refusal was given.



**43-MAN SQUAMISH, ANYONE?**—When the Probate judge flips a new Spanish peseta, these members of the U of A 43-man squamish team will take to the main gym floor to decide the North American 43-Man Squamish Championship when they take on the UAC team. The game will be played Saturday during halftime of the Golden Bear-Dinocaur basketball game.

## Council moves against act

By LORRAINE MINICH

Students' council has asked the provincial government to scrap the two student sections of the Board of Governor's recommended revisions to the University Act.

Councillors agreed unanimously at Monday's meeting to accept a brief prepared by Richard Price, students' union president. The brief suggested a special section to replace the deleted sections.

The brief recommended the creation of a Council on Student Affairs which would be directly responsible to the Board of Governors. This council would be a joint body of students, faculty, and administration, and its duties would include:

- exercise general supervision over all phases of student affairs;
- provide for student self-govern-

- ment;
- act as the appeal body in all cases of discipline;
- regulate the government and conduct of the dining halls and rules of residence.

The proposed Council on Student Affairs would be parallel to rather than subordinate to the GFC. Students would compose 50 per cent of the recommended membership of 20. Of the ten GFC representatives, there would be three statutory members from the administration, six elected members from the faculty, and a senior academic officer as chairman.

The setting up of this joint body would give students direct access to the Board of Governors, Price said Tuesday. The way things are set up now, students' council has to work through the GFC with the

university president acting as a liaison.

The Council on Student Affairs would act as a supervisory policy-making body. The paternalistic attitude of the GFC in controlling student affairs is definitely not a good thing, said Price.

In a statement last week, university president, Dr. Walter H. Johns said most of the business of the Board of Governors and GFC is not directly relevant to the students.

In his brief, Price expressed concern with the exclusion of students from the GFC. He said surely "academic affairs" of a university involve students who are on the receiving end of education and, therefore, are vitally interested in the quality of education they are receiving.