

Intelligence is the measurement of how poorly you can be taught...

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...and how well you understand.

## And now the Athletics Board wants your money

The University Athletics Board (UAB) is at present attempting to raise students fees by 15% without any input from students.

Currently the UAB is operating under a constitution which allows them to charge each student \$27 per year. Their constitution also allows them to raise students fees unilaterally one dollar per year.

However certain changes were proposed to the UAB constitution last spring which will allow them to raise students fees unilaterally each year by 15%.

This means that students will be paying \$27 plus \$4.05, a total of \$31.05 to support university athletics.

"Inflation has been cited as the reason for the increase which is fine except that the UAB is not directly accountable to the students," says SU vp academic Liz Lunney.

In truth the UAB is not directly responsible to the students at large. The UAB does have one representative from the SU executive. But this position is not an arbitrary one; the executive take it in turn to attend the UAB meetings. In addition the SU executive did not campaign with any regard to their position towards the UAB.

In addition to allowing the UAB to increase students' fees by 15%, the other changes will allow the UAB to bypass the Students' Council in making their budget.

In theory the constitution that the UAB is working under at this moment does require that the UAB submit their annual budgets to the Students' Council. This practise has been allowed to lapse so in effect the changes will just be making their constitution confirm to practise.

Under the old constitution the UAB is directly responsible to the Students' Council, so at present the UAB does have the responsibility to solicit student input.

"I asked if we (Students' Council) could expect to see a copy

of the UAB 81-82 operating budget and was told — No," says Lunney.

So even though the changes that would remove the responsibility of submitting the UAB's budget to the Students' Council have not been approved the UAB is acting as though they were.

"They're charging me and every other student \$27 and I think students are entitled to know how this money will be spent," says Lunney.

Last year the student levy imposed by the UAB made up 73% of their operating budget. This money is spent on all the athletics that take place here at the U of A, including inter-collegiate sports and intra-murals.

However, last year the UAB spent 54% of their total net expenditures on Men's Inter-collegiate sports and 26% on Women's Inter-Collegiate sports.

Intra-murals are supported with 20% of Net Expenditures, 14% going to Mens' and 6% going to support Womens' Intra-murals.

No surveys or studies have been done to find out how many students attend inter-collegiate games or even care. Neither have any studies been completed to discover how many students use the intra-mural program, or to find out how it could be improved.

"I just don't think they're being accountable to the students who pay the fees," says Lunney.

## 15 percent more

by Michael Skeet

A one dollar a year increase in student fees simply isn't enough to cover the costs of running a university inter-collegiate athletics program. Dean Hengel, business manager for the University Athletics Board (UAB), maintains inflation is the primary reason for the Board's attempt to hike student fees.

The Board is not trying to reduce its accountability to students, says Hengel. The feeling at the Board, he says, is that "It's not politically wise to be having a referendum every year." Defeat of a referendum would leave the Board even further strapped for funds.

The 15 percent figure being talked about is not a firm figure, either. Although the Board members consider a 15 percent increase to be reasonable, says Hengel, 15 percent is the maximum limit. The increase would not necessarily be as great as that every year.

As it stands, says Hengel, the one dollar per year which the Board is currently entitled to add to student fees can't hope to keep up with inflation. Travel costs for

intercollegiate teams, for example, are rising rapidly, he points out, and the Board can't afford to continue to lose ground, as it has been. "The dollar figure becomes antiquated so fast," as he puts it.

At present, there is no way for students who do not wish to use athletic facilities to avoid paying their yearly fee — just as students are required to pay yearly Students' Union fees (like the UAB, the SU is restricted to a one dollar yearly increase in fees).

Hengel points out, though, that many part-time students, who are not required to pay the athletics fee, choose to do so.

When the discrepancy between student funding and intramural expenditures was pointed out (student levies account for 73 percent of the UAB operating budget, but only 20 percent of that budget is spent on the intramural programs), Hengel offered, "I guess it's a valid point." He added, though, that it simply costs much less to run a good intramural program than it does to keep an inter-collegiate program going. Hengel says he thinks the U of A has one of the best intramural programs in North America.

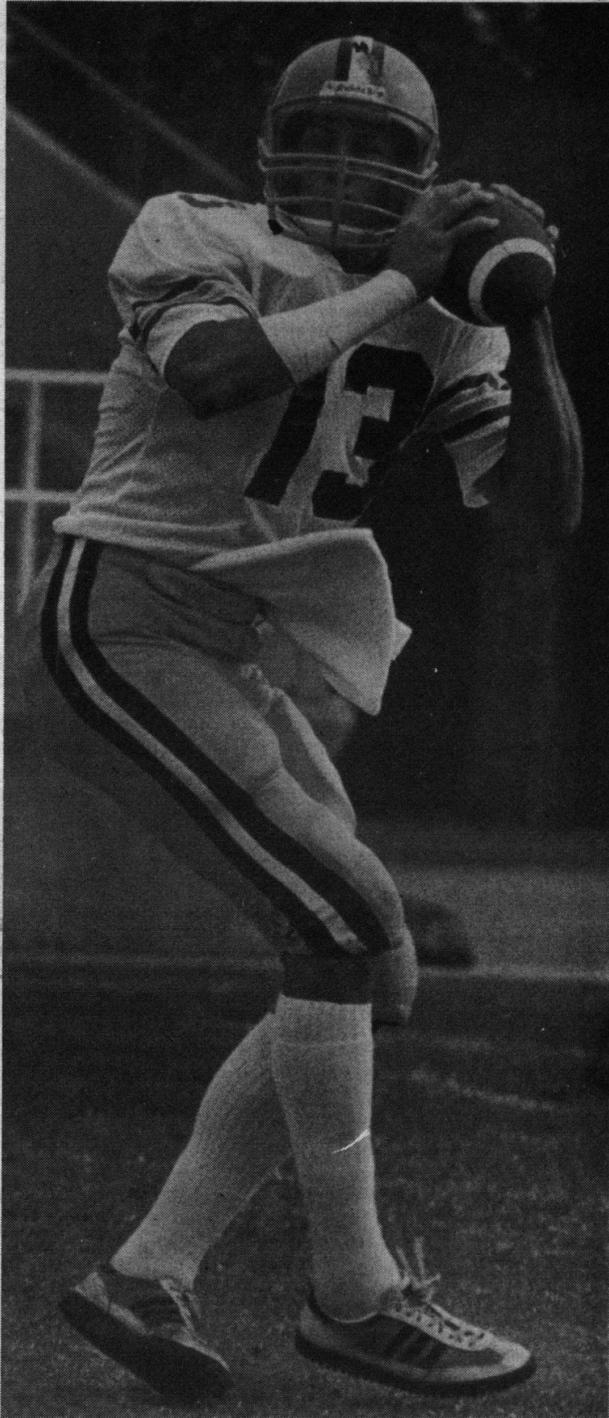


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The University Athletics Board wants to toss students a whopping fee increase.

## Your SU scratches thousands of records

by Greg Harris

The Students' Union operated Record Store in HUB Mall has been ordered to reduce its inventory.

"The quantity of inventory is no substitute for the quality of inventory," says SU Business manager George Ivanisko.

The store is not growing, and it needs to grow to become more responsive to the needs of students," he says.

Florence Roberts, Record Store manager says "it's going to be tough" to reduce the stock by an estimated \$100,000.

"They feel it (the Record Store) doesn't have a big enough bottom line — the profit picture isn't as good as they would like," says Roberts.

"It's really too bad...No other record store in town caters to what the people are trying to find," she says.

"Students should be very proud of that record store...it's known all across western Canada," she says.

"We've basically been known as a catalogue store with an esoteric type of music. We'll try to continue this, but it could be difficult," she says.

"We're the only store in Edmonton that brings in records from England and the States. We'll try to keep it an extra special record store — I would hate for it to lose that image," says Roberts.

Ivanisko hopes that the store will retain its unique characteristics by growing.

For the moment however, he says that something must be done to spark growth and create profits so that the store can continue to subsidize Edmontonians.

Much of the Record Store's stock does not turn over as fast as it should, he says.

"Based on industry standards we're over-stocked," he says.

SU president Phil Soper says that the process of reducing the inventory will demand a great deal of care.

"We've got to be extremely careful that we don't turn the store into another top-40 Kelly's type affair. We sell to a specialized market...we have to offer a wider selection than most record stores," he says.

Both Ivanisko and Soper emphasize that student input is essential in determining what type of service the record store will provide.

Ivanisko and Roberts speculate that the classical record section will undergo a thorough review — the slow moving stock will be weeded out.

However other sections of the store will also have to be trimmed to meet the targeted inventory.

Roberts feels that the recent SU cuts are "a bit harsh."

However, she adds that "nobody can move too fast to get rid of that over-draft."

She says that business manager Ivanisko "is our knight in shining armor if he gets us out of this."

"The Students' Union really did need a shake-up," she says.

"I'm sympathetic to anyone whose in debt a million bucks," says Roberts. She adds that every department is undergoing intense re-evaluation.

"I hope that some day, when the SU finally gets rid of the debt that things will open up again for the record store," she says.

The Record Store will see other minor changes. The Box Office which is currently operating in the Music Store will be moved into the Record Store within the month, according to Soper.

An electronic surveillance system will be installed as well, he says.

### One issue next week

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