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As it happened U of A summer update

Wondering if you've missed anything?

Events on campus this summer ranged from rejection of increased tuition fees to the resignation of a students' council executive member. In summary, here they are:

May

— Approximately 3,800 students enrolled in the U of A's spring session.

— The Board of Governors (B of G) halted a plan to destroy Assiniboia Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus, and a former student residence.

— The B of G also agreed to request special funding from the government to hire 16 new commerce professors because of demonstrated public need for commerce graduates. Regardless of government support, five new professors joined the faculty this fall.

— Finally, the board approved a University Athletic Board (UAB) fee hike from \$8 to \$25. The increase had been approved in a March student referendum in which only 3,000 students participated.

— The U of A Golden Bear Junior volleyball team won the National Junior Volleyball Championships at the U of A, defeating the defending national champions Montreal Hochelaga.

— The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) decided to appeal a district court ruling in favour of differential fees for foreign students.

— Four thousand students graduated from the U of A spring convocation in May. This figure included approximately 880 from the faculty of Education, 575 from Arts, 554 from Science, 341 from Commerce, 225 from Engineering and 123 from Phys. Ed.

— A Lister Hall Students' proposal for an investigative committee into the administration of the residence complex was rejected by General Faculties Council (GFC). The proposal was a response to changes in the Lister complex's government which reduced the power of the Lister Hall Students' Association.

June

— The provincial government refused university requests for additional funding to meet an anticipated \$300,000 deficit and reiterated its opposition to further tuition fee increases, which had been proposed by B of G member John Barry.

— The Students' Union submitted its response to the government's Grantham report, a task force to review students' contributions to the costs of post-secondary education. The council disagreed with many of the report's recommendations (See Thursday's *Gateway* for details.)

— The SU also reaffirmed its endorsement of the Alberta Legalization of Cannabis Committee (ALCC). The ALCC supports "the total removal of all penalties for any act to do with marijuana."

— Quotas were set for Agriculture and Forestry at a B of G meeting. The quotas are 240 for first year students and 240 for second year students.

— A U of A student who blacked the eye of a residence dean in the famous "Henday incident" in April was convicted of common assault and placed on 15 months probation.

July

— Vice-president finance and administration Kyle Peterson resigned his position in the SU executive. (See story, page 1)

— Nigerian ambassador Oladele Akadiri confirmed that higher tuition fees charged to foreign students has reduced the number of Nigerian students attending Canadian universities.

— Always controversial Bert Hohol, former minister of advanced education and manpower, had his summer Educational Psychology course cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

— About 3,100 students began summer session courses at the U of A.

— A brief controversy raged as it was announced the U of A might compete for the 1981 World Student Games. Meetings between Ed Zemrau, director of athletic services, and city officials were halted when university officials stated they had no knowledge of the plan. Later discussions, which included university president Myer Horowitz, concluded that it was too late for the '81 Games, but the university expressed interest in the 1983 events.

— Advanced Education and Manpower minister James Horsman announced that there would be no changes in Alberta's Student Loan Plan this year. Horsman had previously stated that he wanted to implement changes in the program this fall.

— The Students' Union Asset Control Group revealed that the SU has \$660,000 of fixed assets. The four students were hired to conduct a budget analysis of all SU areas and the development of a viable asset control system.

— Bars on campus resorted to serving punch to combat the effects of a beer strike which devastated patrons of RATT, Friday's and the Power Plant.

August

— Lister Hall became temporary shelter for Indochinese refugees entering Edmonton. Over 70 of the refugees occupied the residence until the end of August.

— The B of G announced the restoration of the old Arts Building on campus.

— The board also decided to change Varsity Guest Weekend to the jurisdiction of the university's community relations department.