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- VP External Affairs

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- President Men's Athletics
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- VP Men's Athletics
- VP Women's Athletics

Board of Governors
1 Student representative

Closing of Nominations:
1700 hr., Thursday, January 22, 1981
Election Day
Friday, February 6th, 1981

For further information, please contact the SU Returning Office (Room 271, SUB), or the Receptionist, SU Executive Offices (Room 259, SUB)

NASA asks 20 percent increase

The Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) at the U of A may have trouble getting a 20 percent wage increase this year if the Board of Governors (B of G) feels restricted by the recent provincial ten and a half percent wage increase guidelines, according to NASA Manager George Walker.

The 20 percent increase is based on what it would take to reach "reasonable comparability" with Government of Alberta and City of Edmonton employees, Walker says.

"It's going to take a very substantial settlement," Walker says, adding that it would be hypocritical for the province to expect the university to follow guidelines that the government itself didn't follow this year; provincial employees got a 14 percent increase.

Walker also said he expects the B of G to bargain in good faith, in spite of the fact they may be restricted by the operating grant handed down by the government.

"Our major concern is the role of the provincial government in this," he says.

NASA had trailed city and provincial salaries since 1975, and then just as they started catching up, wage and price guidelines were imposed, compounding the disparity, Walker says.

In 1978 and 1979 NASA settlements exceeded the others by one or two percent, Walker says, but last year NASA got only 8.6 percent.

This year NASA's 3,500 support staff members on campus told Walker all they wanted was the wage increase, and he'll take that mandate to the bargaining sessions due to begin in about two weeks.

The Association of Academic Staff at the U of A (AASUA) will announce its own bargaining guidelines this week.



Canadian University Press NOTES

'Obscene' student radio

OTTAWA (CUP) — Listeners of Carleton University's student radio station have nothing to fear.

Station manager Craig Mackie said CKCU-FM announcers will still be given the freedom to choose their own music despite recent complaints about "obscene lyrics" played over station's air waves.

The first complaint, just before Christmas, was over the Mary Ann Faithful song, "Why'd ya do it?". Mackie said the announcer, who also does the station's religious programming, got a request for the song at 2 am and played it, not knowing the lyrical content.

The listener was later sent an apology and has since stated he will not complain to the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) which is holding a license renewal hearing for the station in February.

The second incident happened early in the new year when a listener was startled to hear references to male sexual organs during the playing of a comedy album.

Mackie said an apology has been sent, although the woman did not contact the station. She did contact a local newspaper and the university administration.

"It's not our policy to broadcast offensive and obscene material," said Mackie. "It's just one of the risks you take with free form radio."

Indoor agriculture

(ZNS) — The days of the traditional food farm may be numbered. Two of America's biggest corporations have announced plans next year to open "vegetable factories".

The Control Data Corporation and the Whittaker Corporation are both planning to build huge, indoor facilities that will grow heads of lettuce in nutrient-laden water instead of soil.

Both companies expect to be raising about 3 million heads of lettuce per acre of land, compared to the 30,000 heads per acre for traditional farm.

The vegetable factories will rely on artificial lighting instead of the sun for growing, and the land and labor costs are said to be much lower than on traditional farms.

Business Week magazine says that if the concept works for lettuce, vegetable factories will soon be turning out other leafy greens as well.

Aborigines ousted

(ZNS) — The ALCOA company is expected to forcibly remove Aborigines from a site in Portland, Southwest Australia. The aborigines have been occupying the site, a sacred land, since mid-November, reports the World Information Service.

The ALCOA smelter is one of six facilities scheduled to be constructed in Australia before 1985, making aluminum a major Australian export to the United States and Japan.

The Gunditj-Mara, the Aboriginal people from the Portland area, recently took their case to court in an attempt to order a halt to the construction. They demanded land rights legislation, to be drawn up by the Victoria land council. However, an Australia court refuted their claim in November, and that ALCOA can go ahead and build the aluminum plant on the site, which the Aborigines claim is sacred.

Meanwhile, the *Los Angeles Times* reports that about 20 percent of the western world's uranium supplies are also in Australia, where mining is expected to begin at a rate of 3000 metric tons a year.

Aborigines opposed the uranium mining in 1978, but a royalties settlement was reached and government approval has been given for the go-ahead at uranium mines throughout Australia, the newspaper says.



FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE

University regulations provide that the last day for payment of the second instalment of fees and for payment of fees for Second Term only registrants is January 15, 1981. A penalty of \$15.00 will be charged on any payment received after that date.

The regulations further state that should payment not be made by February 2nd, registration will be subject to cancellation.

Fees are payable at the Office of the Comptroller, 3rd floor, Administration Building, or by mail addressed to the Fees Division, Office of the Comptroller, The University of Alberta.

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