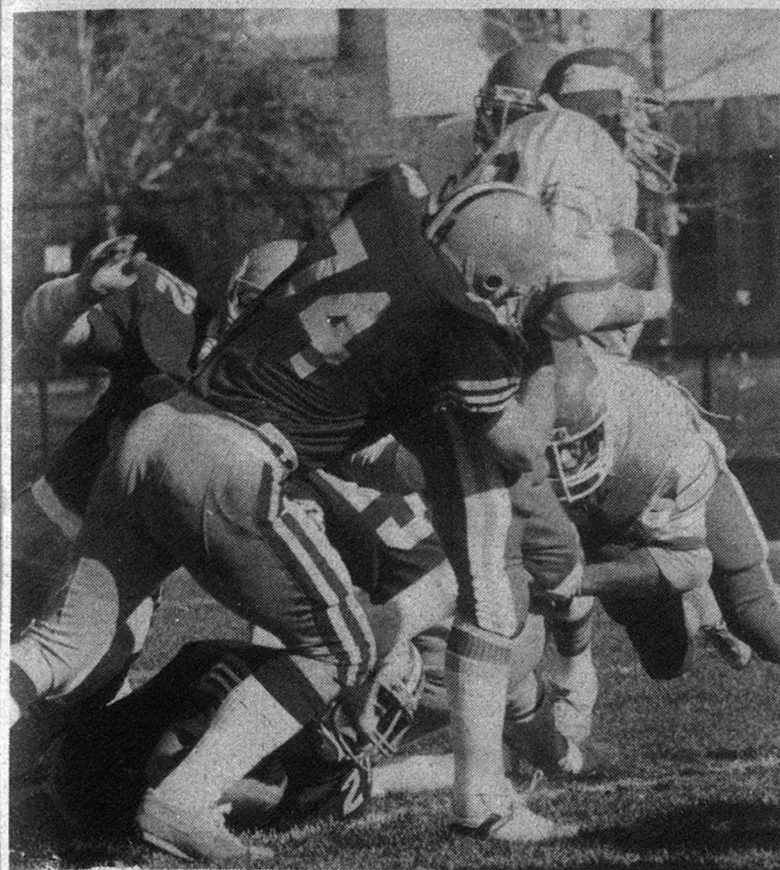


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What's the difference between herpes and love?

Herpes lasts forever.



Bears won their first football game of the season. See story page 13.

## Israel blameless?

by Richard Watts

The controversial motion that would see the Students' Union publicly condemning Israel and the Christian Phalangists has been defeated.

After hearing complaints over the wording of the original motion Oscar Ammar, one of the motion's original sponsors, submitted a revised motion.

Following approximately fifteen minutes of debate the motion was defeated 12 votes to 11.

SU president Robert Greenhill said later, "I have mixed feelings about the outcome of the vote, I'm not sure whether or not council should deal with these types of motions although I did vote in favor of the motion on its own merits."

At which point Ray Conway, SU vp internal, piped, "I sat on the fence."

The new motion would have placed the blame for the

massacres at the Chatilla and Sabra refugee camps on the Israeli government rather than the entire State of Israel.

In addition the new motion "further recognizes that the Israeli armed forces can no longer serve a useful purpose in Lebanon and should cease their unlawful occupation."

Ammar felt the motion should not condemn the state of Israel as a whole but instead felt that blame should be focused more on specific groups of individuals responsible.

Ammar stated once again

that this was a motion on humanitarian grounds and should not be passed on the basis of political biases.

Although the motion was changed to make the proposed condemnation more specific there were still objections from some council members.

One council member said he felt to support this motion would be a political statement since other massacres that have taken place have not been condemned. Condemning these massacres would mean the SU was being

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## Students at U of O say Zionism is racism

OTTAWA (CUP)—A campaign by the executive of the Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa against the allegedly racist Jewish Students' Union (JSU) has backfired badly.

The five-member executive, the Central Coordinating Committee (CCC), passed a resolution in July stating that Zionism is racism, and it is the federation's duty to oppose groups promoting Zionism.

In September, CCC member, Jim Bardach, ignored written requests from the Zionist JSU for the use of tables in the University Centre to promote their club.

The CCC never clarified whether they intended to deny club status to the JSU. Some members, particularly two from the Communist Party of Canada Marxist-Leninist dominated Student Action Committee, apparently favoured this. They later said they did not want to refuse the JSU's recognition—they just refused to help it.

The CCC delayed making a decision. They were surprised Oct. 1 when the administration said they had failed to meet a Sept. 30 deadline for renewing the status of campus clubs. The administration said the deadline was required in the Students' Federation's contract with the university.

Roger Guindon, university rector, said the university would recognize all the clubs on last year's list—including the JSU.

In a prepared statement, Guindon said the CCC's refusal to recognize the JSU is "a form of religious, racial and political discrimination...we guarantee the right of freedom of speech to all student groups on campus and the

use of all university facilities for its exercise."

CCC member, Francine Morel, accused the administration of deliberately keeping the CCC in the dark about the deadline.

"If we missed it, it's because we didn't know about it," said Morel. "It's an easy way out. It's totally irrelevant, a way to avoid the real issue—Zionist propaganda on campus."

But two other CCC members later dissociated themselves from Morel's position. Bardach and President Chantal Payant told a press conference Oct. 6 they thought denying the JSU facilities was illegal.

"I think the CCC went over its mandate by taking such a position in the name of the federation," Payant said. "The resolution in my opinion is not in accord with the laws of the country."

Payant was earlier stripped of her position as CCC spokesperson after some members accused her of not taking a strong enough stand on the issue.

Meanwhile, after an unproductive three-hour meeting with the CCC, the JSU began circulating a petition Oct. 1 calling for the CCC's impeachment for "abuse of power" and "failure to carry out constitutional duties." They had gathered 600 of the required 750 signatures by Oct. 5.

The petition is supposed to be presented to the Student Court, a judicial body of last resort. Student Court members' terms last as long as they are students, and the body has not met for several years.

No one is sure if any Student Court members are still on campus.

## 3 year BA obsolete in 1984?

by Peter Block

Three year degrees at the University of Alberta will soon be a thing of the past as the Faculties of Arts and Science prepare to alter their General degrees to a four year duration.

If things go smoothly for the Faculty of Arts, the change can be expected to commence in September 1984 according to Dean T.H. White. When the change does occur, all students will have the option to conclude their program according to the calendar they started with, meaning continuing their three year degree.

Dean White claims the Faculty of Arts will "try to provide an educational balance between life skills and job skills" and believes the current proposal will achieve this objective.

The four year program will not be simply an extension of "the cafeteria styling program" now in existence in which students simply pick and choose their courses from year to year. While a wide variety of choice will remain, the program's first two years will concentrate on core subject areas; humanities, social sciences, and fine arts. Then, in the last two years, the student will specialize in the program of his or her choice.

As a result of the change, the Faculty of Arts will eliminate the program of a B.A. Special (exempting special programs such as criminology and Canadian studies) leaving just the B.A. Honours. Dean White explained that the co-existence of a four year General and Special program would be rather redundant on the faculty's part as the programs would generally duplicate each other.

The U of A is the last of the Alberta universities and one of the last in Canada to switch to a four year General degree. Believing

that "academically it makes sense to go to a four year degree," Dean White does not foresee extensive opposition to the planned change from the university community, the local community, or the government.

The new program is designed for the '80's. This means, according to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Arts Faculty, producing graduates "with the now much

## New Vice Pres is in

by Allison Annesley

Students' Council voted Wes Sawatzky as the new vp academic in a secret ballot Tuesday night. His two opponents were Dave Cox and Ninette Gironella.

Councillors John Koch and Greg Madison successfully moved that the screening debate and vote be open to the public, though SU President Robert Greenhill argued that certain questions may be "too personal."

Koch later responded "If you want to say something about someone and you don't have the guts to say it in public, then don't say it."

Koch also favored a roll call vote but withdrew the motion after doubts were expressed over its legality.

All three candidates were asked a similar line of questions including: How many courses would you take while working in the position, what is your opinion on private sector funding for the U of A, and how would you get along with the present executive?

Candidates all promised they would take no more than two courses, supported private sector funding that did not interfere with the university's autonomy, and foresaw no problems in working with the executive.

Cox and Sawatzky agreed the

rarer skills of literacy, self-understanding, and understanding of others that is not merely knowledge of manipulative human engineering."

The three year General degree is failing to fully benefit either the student or society according to Associate Dean S.M.M. Quershi, hence, the need to adapt was posed and the faculty responded.

most important upcoming issue for vp academic would be library student representation and the problems of overcrowding and carrel shortages.

Gironella chose to speak on one issue only — the quality of education. She wanted to approach the university to undertake standard in-class reports for professors. "Large classes students can handle, but they can't handle profs who don't care and can't teach." Gironella also believes certain professors should be eligible for tenure by doing research only if they lack satisfactory teaching skills.

In a preferential voting platform Cox tied Sawatzky on the first ballot with ten votes. Gironella had nine. The second choice decided the outcome. Sawatzky received four votes and Cox two.

Sawatzky is a third year business student with experience on GFC. He also sits on the Admissions and Transport Committee.

Fellow executive members Robert Greenhill and Ray Conway took the new vp academic up to RATT after council to celebrate his victory. Sawatzky dropped two of his four courses yesterday and examined his new duties with Greenhill's help.

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