



Edits by John Watson

Tuesday night your duly elected student representatives represented you. You may not like the results.

Dave Oginski, SU president, wanted room to manoeuvre in negotiations with the university administration over tuition fee increases.

Until Tuesday night, SU policy dictated that he oppose any increase, now he is expected to fight for a "small" one.

What the hell is that?

It is whatever Oginski decides it is. In council Oginski quoted numbers in the range of one to five percent.

You can expect to see six or more.

This council, and this executive in particular, have lost track of what they can and cannot do.

The SU may be "in negotiations" with the Board of Governors, but the Board has little incentive to negotiate with the SU.

These are not contract negotiations, the SU has nothing to withhold. Workers can go on strike to support their demands, but will students? Not on this campus.

Students' Council may as well have asked for a "big" tuition fee increase, it would not make a bit of difference to the university's final decision.

The executive should have learned from the remission program debacle that they have no clout.

Vice-president External Michael Hunter developed and endorsed a remission schedule (40 percent flat rate, \$1,000 deductible per year) that would save the government about \$15 million per year.

Hunter asked that the \$15 million be kept in the system and redistributed to a couple of specific groups.

As near as we can tell, that is not going to happen.

The government accepted the remission schedule, but all indications are the \$15 million will not go back into the system.

Same situation: your SU says "Sure, we students will pay a bit more, as long as you do this."

The government hears "Sure, we students will pay a bit more."

This Student Council, and this executive, have lost what they are fighting for.

They're throwing up to \$28,000 at ACT which was specifically set up to fight funding cuts and tuition fee increases. And then they cut the feet out from under the Team by asking for those increases.

Bears head to CSSR

by K. Graham Bowers

The U of A Golden Bears hockey team is going to the World University Games in Czechoslovakia with the last minute financial assistance from the Students' Union. Student Council granted the money last Tuesday.

Dr. Robert Steadward, Chairman of the Athletics Department, had cancelled plans for the Bears to go because of a lack of funds, but Tuesday's grant will make the trip possible.

"If, tonight, we decide that it is a good idea to spend 80 cents per student... he (Steadward) assures me that he can reverse the decisions that have been made," said Arts councillor Rob Splane.

Splane and VP Finance Tim Boston made the motion to grant up to \$20,000 toward the trip and council passed it 25-1 after almost no debate.

Steadward's immediate reaction was one of shock and elation.

"I'm flabbergasted and don't know how to react right now," said Steadward.

Boston said that he and Splane approached Steadward with the idea on Monday.

"It seemed a waste that a team of world class calibre would miss such an opportunity because of (a lack of) funding," said Boston.

Splane agreed, adding that "It's about time students on this campus showed their support to the university teams. What better way to begin than to fund them directly for a very worthy cause, like going to the World University Championships."

The hockey team was surprised to hear about the grant.

"It's excellent to get that last minute support. We didn't even think of the Students' Union," said Bears' captain Dennis Cranston.

Other team members agreed. "I'm really excited. It was such an

up and down thing for the last ten days. When we heard the news, there was a lot of dancing. It's a once in a lifetime thing," said Jeff Helland.

Dave Otto expressed surprise and looked forward to the upcoming trip to Czechoslovakia.

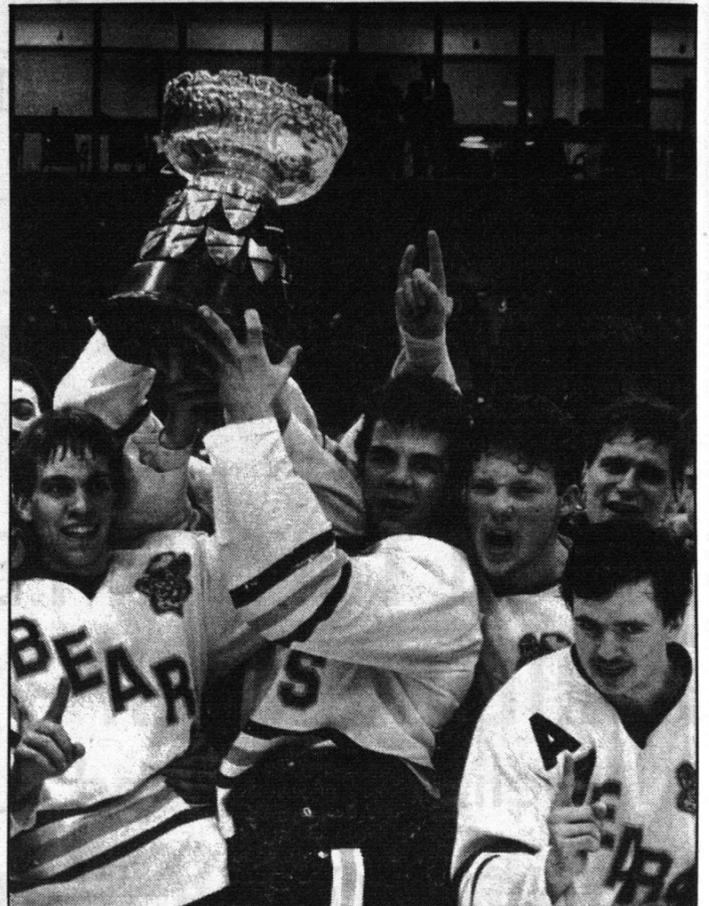
"We didn't realize the SU had so much money," said Otto, adding, "I'm sure the Russians and the Czechs will send good teams so

we'll have our hands full."

Coach Clare Drake expressed some concern over rescheduling the Bears' regular league games.

"I thought it was very supportive of them (to grant the money). I hope we can still salvage the trip." Steadward was confident that they could.

The trip is expected to last from February 18 to 26.



Last year's CIAU champs, the Bears are jubilant about representing Canada in international competition (file photo)

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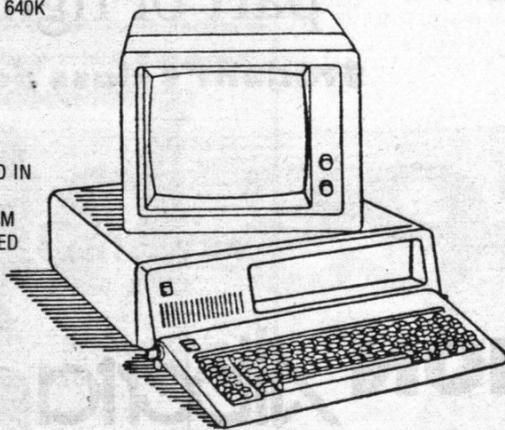
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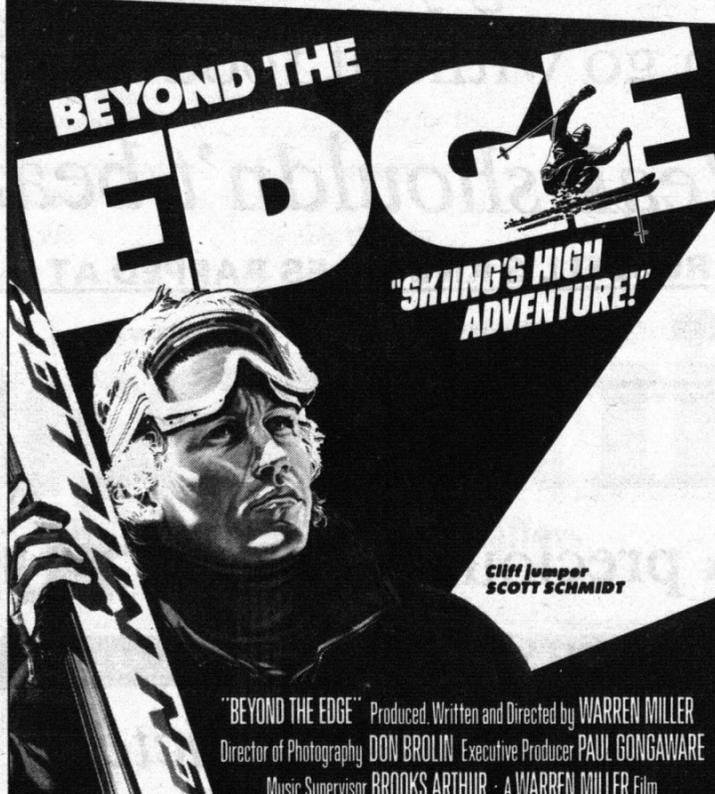
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