

# Council rejects idea of student representation on B of G

Students' council has rejected the idea of applying for membership in the Board of Governors by an almost unanimous vote.

At their Monday meeting they passed a resolution stating, "The students' council wishes to take the position that it does not want to have representation on the Board of Governors, at this time."

Students' union president Al Anderson said a board position "requires a considerable amount of expertise. To be useful a student would have to be on the board for a long time."

"The powers of the Board of Governors have been reduced somewhat (by the 1966 Universities Act)," said Anderson.

Students' union treasurer Phil Ponting said, "A lot of the decisions of the board are made in closed committee and cannot be reported to us." Ponting suggested students' council be better informed about B of G through the minutes and agendas of the board instead of direct representation. He said students are "represented on specific issues" such as when they were in-

vited to the B of G during the discussion of the parking structure.

Arts rep David Leadbeater who opposed the motion, proposed that a student rector represent students on B of G. This, he said, would solve the problems of excessive time demands and of yearly changeover. He cited the Bladen Commission report, which recommended student representation on B of G in the form of a student rector.

Leadbeater said "There are enough issues of direct student concern (to warrant B of G represent-

ation). There are times when issues are not in closed council."

The position of student rector would be a half-time or full-time job, said Leadbeater.

Some councillors felt the employing of such a person was unfeasible for the students' union.

Co-ordinator of student activities Glenn Sinclair said, "We don't make any special effort to invite the board to our meetings." He said the board listens to our problems now and "they haven't even told us to shut up or drop dead."

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**NO MADAM, I'M NOT ONE OF THE SALESMEN**—Lt.-Gov. of Alberta, Grant MacEwan (left) ponders pensively prior to the opening of Treasure Van. He did the official honors Monday afternoon. The Van then went on to a record breaking day of sales.

## Publicity board revived to aid student groups

The U of A publicity board has been re-incarnated after lying dead for two months.

It exists to help the students' union and its committees with their public relations, performing such functions as informing newspapers and radio stations of coming events, and arranging poster advertising.

Any university group or student seeking help with public relations may go to the board to receive advice on which channels to follow, and how to approach people so as to get favorable publicity.

The publicity board was started

last year, and operated through the summer. At the beginning of the fall session, however, too many people involved resigned, and it stopped functioning.

Harv Haakonson, arts 3, has revived the board and is now running it.

"Haakonson is working very hard," said co-ordinator of student activities Glenn Sinclair, "and has a good committee."

"There have been complaints in the past two months, but now that they're running it, things should work out okay."

The office is open from 3-4:45 p.m. in SUB 250.

# Referendum to decide proposed new fee plan

## Students' council passes motion calling for vote after accepting list of committee recommendations

A referendum on a proposed new fee structure of the students' union will be held Dec. 15.

Students' council Monday passed a motion to call the referendum after accepting a list of recommendations from the reorganization committee and the finance committee of the union.

The recommendations of the reorganization committee were presented to council Nov. 20 by committee chairman Marilyn Pilkington because of "inequalities and inconsistencies in the fee structure of the students' union."

### REPORT

The committee report, supported by a petition this fall from medicine and dentistry students and the February fee commission report by John Maher and Bob Roddick, recommends:

- that full-time students in all faculties and schools be required to pay full students' union fees up to completion of their fourth credited year of study, (or equivalent, in the case of special students);

- that students in their fifth or more year of study at the university and students attending affiliated schools or colleges be allowed to pay a reduced students' union fee and still maintain the privileges of full students' union membership.

Currently students in all faculties and schools other than graduate studies and nursing pay \$27.50; associate members pay reduced fees according to the following schedule; graduate studies, \$5; nursing students, \$4.50; special students, \$3.50; and part-time students, \$9. Full-time students also pay an \$8 University Athletic Board fee, which won't be affected by the proposed changes.

### NEW FEE

The finance committee, mandated at the Nov. 20 meeting to investigate what the amount of the

new fee should be, recommended the fee for full-time students remain at \$27.50 and the reduced fee be \$15.

Of the former amount, \$11 will continue to go toward debt retirement on the students' union building, and \$16.50 to the general students' union fund. The reduced fee will be split with \$5 going to the building fund and the rest to general programs.

Students' union treasurer Phil Ponting said various people in the university administration who

handle collection of all fees, have told him they can foresee problems in implementing the new fee structure—specifically in categorizing students as third, fourth, or fifth year students.

However, he said, the administration has assured him they can handle the minor changes in registration which will have to be made to accommodate the new structure.

Council decided all students' union members, including present associate members will be allowed to vote in the referendum.

## Student nurse, administration relationship to be discussed

The relationship between student nurses and their administration will be the main issue at the January meeting of the Alberta Association of Students.

The primary purpose of the AAS is to act as a provincial lobby for the benefit of students in post-secondary institutions.

It has presented the provincial government with a resolution asking that all university students be eligible for grants from the Provincial Students Assistance Act.

The AAS is also turning to the entertainment field.

Vice-president Phil Ponting, treasurer of the U of A students' union, envisions a major entertainment circuit—name groups would be brought in to tour AAS in-

stitutions. Minor entertainment groups from various campuses would be booked for places like the Room at the Top.

Another resolution is the standardization of ID cards (showing membership in the AAS) for province-wide student discounts.

The AAS holds two conferences annually, one in the spring and the other in the fall.

"The first conferences were unsuccessful but changes in the structure of the conferences are planned," said Ponting. There will be one delegate for each post-secondary institution in Alberta.

The AAS executive which usually meets once a month has met with Minister of Education Raymond Reiersen, Minister of Youth Robert Clark and also post-secondary education chairman G. L. Mowat.

Mr. Mowat is responsible for the recommendations to the provincial government.

U of A students' union pays 12 cents per student for membership in the AAS. But all institutions have equal representation.

### Three to come

There will only be three more issues of *The Gateway* in 1967. The last one, a 16 page issue with four pages of color, will appear Dec. 15. The other two issues will come out Dec. 8 and 13.