

Fees concern student group

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) held its semi-annual conference over the weekend at the University of Calgary.

A highlight of the conference was an address by Dr. Steve Hunka, a U of A professor and a former member of the Grantham task force report on student contributions to post-secondary education.

"If you take into account lost earnings while a student is at school, then you'll see that they contribute \$3.50 to every one dollar the government contributes (to their education)," says Hunka.

He said minority groups are the ones most affected by tuition

fee increases. He also discussed tuition fees and quotas in European countries.

"Post-secondary education is the only insurance against the unknown future," he concluded.

The conference considered FAS policy on tuition fees, and decided FAS opposes any tuition fee increases at least until there is an adequate student aid plan.

The federation endorsed the efforts of National Union of Students, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and the Canadian Association of University Teachers to correct the factual misinformation presented by W-5 in their program about inter-

national students.

They also agreed to prepare information for the press and the community on international students.

A series of policy decisions on student aid were made, including a request that the government base the summer savings requirement on a realistic assessment of individual ability to save, taking into account regional economic disparity.

They also decided to oppose any increase to the loan ceiling in the Canada Student Loans plan, and call for more money to be made available in the form of grants and bursaries from the federal government.

FAS revamped its constitution in preparation for becoming a society under the Societies Act. It also considered proposals from the University of Alberta delegation to make the FAS executive consist of one representative from each member institution. However, this was not approved.

SU president Dean Olmstead said FAS must consider making the executive more responsible to member institutions since there are indications that several institutions are unhappy with how the organization is functioning.

The proposal was later approved in principle for the executive to study, along with

several other proposals.

FAS executive officer Lake Sagaris presented a report on her fact-finding trip to Chile. She told delegates about a student organization which is "pluralistic and democratic", and delegates passed a motion supporting this organization.

Delegates also passed a motion calling for the release of student political prisoners in Chile.

FAS took a position supporting the NDP appeal of Judge Dechene's decision that students not be enumerated in their university residences.

Finally, four new members were elected to the FAS executive.

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Board may ask for tuition fee increase

by Alison Thomson

A tuition fee increase may be necessary if the Board of Governors (B of G) request for a 10% increase in the university's operating grant is not allocated by the provincial government.

The university has not requested an increase in tuition fees, says B of G chairman John Schlosser. However, "we suggested to the government that if we didn't get it (the grant increase) we'd have to look elsewhere for funding," he said.

The government and students are the only two sources of funding, says Schlosser.

"I think the budget should balance," said Schlosser. "If we get the 10 per cent operating grant increase, we're certainly not advocating a tuition fee

increase."

Students' Union president Dean Olmstead said at this point the decision rests solely with the government. "I sincerely hope the government recognizes the fact that a 10 per cent increase is the minimum to maintain the status quo. It won't improve the situation."

He said although there are probably a lot of students on campus who don't mind an increase and can afford one, there are a lot of students who can't.

"There are a lot of students for whom fees and increases in fees mean they can't return to school in the fall," he said.

Olmstead also noted that those who are at university now are not the whole story. "There is

a large segment in society at large who are not in university because of the cost factor. By increasing fees, we're increasing that segment."

Olmstead explained that surveys have proven there is a differential in the socioeconomic breakdown of students at university. He said there are two reasons for this—the socialization process of people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, and the fact that there are a number of people who cannot afford to attend university.

"We have been and are continuing to impress upon the government the effects of such increases. We haven't yet decided what we'll do if there is an increase," said Olmstead.

Dental grads may lose out

The U of A's Faculty of Dentistry may be refused accreditation in 1981 if improvements to the program are not made.

Dentistry graduates may be required to pay \$2000 to take national and provincial dentistry exams before they are allowed to practice if accreditation is refused.

Graduates are now allowed to practice upon payment of a \$250 licencing fee.

The faculty was given three-year provisional accreditation last year because of "serious shortages" in the program.

Inadequate staffing and program deficiencies led to the provisional accreditation, says dean of dentistry Gordon Thompson.

However, he says the provisional status is just a warning and students currently enrolled in the program will not be affected.

"The accreditation team is

concerned with the components of the program and not with the kinds of graduates a school produces. The graduates here are as good as those from any other school," he says.

"I'm optimistic that changes will be made and we will be granted full accreditation."

Thompson says one of the main concerns of the accreditation team was inadequate staffing.

"They felt a full-time oral surgeon is required and that more emphasis should be placed on immunology, microbiology, preventive dentistry and clinical research."

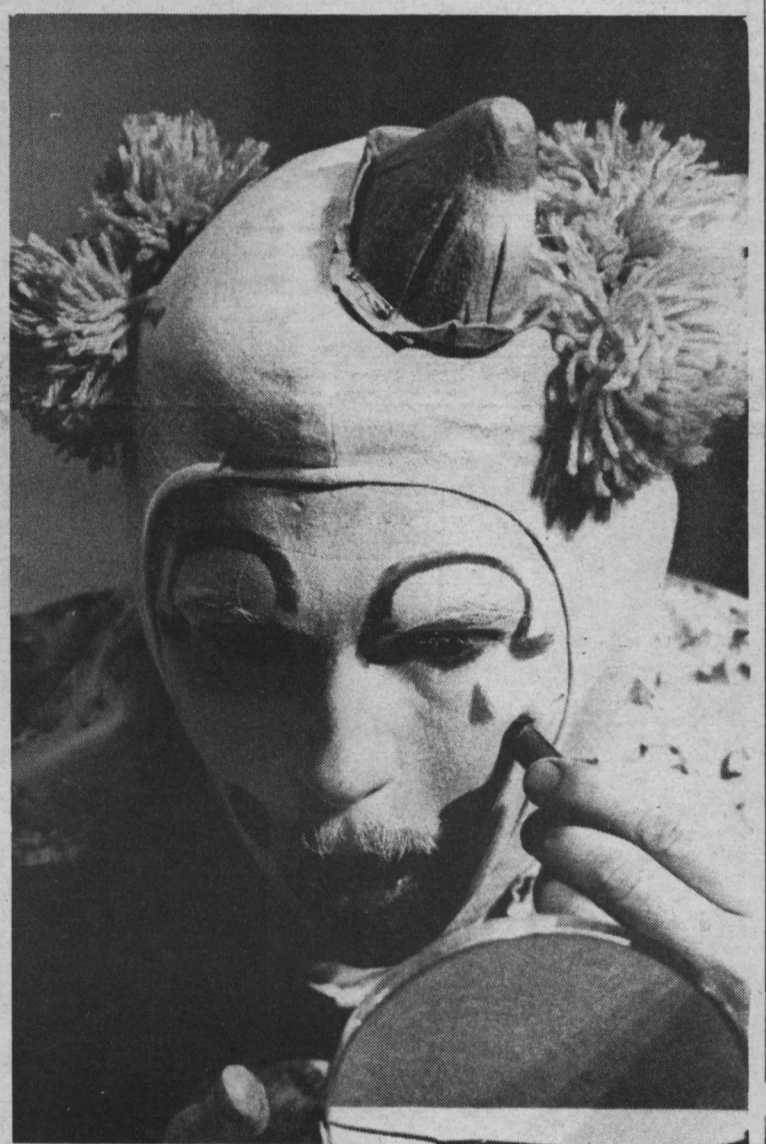
He says a part-time oral surgeon has been more cost-effective and says available staff has been concentrated in clinical areas.

The primary cause of these problems has been the limited budget, according to Thompson.

"Last year's \$3.5 million budget was cut by \$90,000."

"The amount provided for

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Just clowning around. Gordon and Brenda Jensen enlivened Sunday's Lutheran church service on campus by donning clown suits and leading the worship. The theme of the service? "Fools for Christ."

photo Russ Sampson



Lab work at the U of A's Faculty of Dentistry.

The battle continues Gateway vs sexism

The Gateway has once again affirmed its commitment to the advancement of women's rights.

Gateway editors have rejected a sexist ad from radio station CIRK, better known as K-97. The ad was a graphic illustration of a female torso wearing a K-97 T-shirt.

The editors felt that the ad was sexist, with the apparent aim of the ad being the selling of T-shirts on the basis of the headless body inside.

K-97 refused to change the nature and style of the ad, opting instead to withdraw it.

The ad was the second in as many issues that had been withdrawn because of blatant sexism.