Lack of interest kills forum



Improvisational drama as a learning experience. The blue-eyed shelk (center) plots new ways to limit university accessibility at a drama presentation yesterday in SUB cafeteria.

by Portia Priegert

What if they held a forum and no one came?

Well, not quite no one . . . the guest speakers showed up and so did the 23 members of the improvisional drama class who were to present a skit. The media managed to make it and even the organizers were there . . . but students? Forget

it. The event, part of Student Awareness Week, was planned to promote student interest in the quality of post-secondary education. And ironically, it came only days before a long-anticipated announcement by the Board of Governors that a 10 per cent tuition increase will be implemented this fall.

Speakers and members of the drama class were visibly disappointed. University presi-dent Dr. Myer Horowitz, post-secondary affairs expert Dr. Steve Hunka and former president of the International Students' Organization, all guest speakers, made their retreat after it became clear that the few students in attendance were all who were coming.

The drama class went ahead with their production in SUB cafeteria, where student reactions ranged from amusement to slight embarrassment.

One second-year science student said the performance was "great...Iloved it." A thirdyear education student said he thought the actors were "a bunch of fools," but the show "was kind

Why weren't they at the original performance? One woman said she'd heard about it only when a member of the drama group took over the radio station to make an announcement and by then she already had plans for lunch. "But it's really good they're doing things," she

But if the experience was "great fun" and a "useful lear-ning experience" for Kevin Burns' Drama 253 class, it was anything but for organizers.

Tempers were hot and accusations were levelled at organizers, particularly SU vp external Tema Frank, for mis-managing the whole affair.

"I'd like to see you do better," she fired at a challenger. And that's a question a lot of student leaders are asking

themselves now. Was the forum a victim of poor publicity and planning or

has student apathy hit an all-time Frank later said she was really surprised by the poor

turnout. "We tried something new, but it didn't work," she said. Continued on page 2

See the little moron, He doesn't give a damn . . .

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... I'm glad I'm not a moron. My god! Perhaps I

Tuition hike to be considered Friday

by Lucinda Chodan

A 10 per cent tuition increase at the U of A for the 1980-81 academic year will probably be approved by the Board of Governors (B of G) Friday.

The B of G Finance Committee will recommend the 10 per cent increase to the Board Friday morning. If the fee hike is approved, the recommendation will go to the Minister of Advanced Education for final ap-

The increase will raise fees for full-time students in most faculties from \$621.50 to about \$685.00. First-year medical students will have to pay about \$950 per year if the recommendation is implemented.

The revenue from the proposed increase has been incorporated into the university's preliminary budget for 1980-81. operating

Reaction from student leaders to the proposed like has been vehement.

Students president Hamish Kerfoot denounced the effect of the fee increase on accessibility to post-secondary education.

The increase . . . is only the

Federation of Alberta first link in a chain that could close our colleges and universities to low-income people forever," he said.

U of A Students' Union (SU) president Dean Olmstead also spoke out against the in-

crease.

"The board is in a tight spot. They have several sources of revenue, starting with the goverment. If the government is not giving them enough to meet their requirements, the next source is tuition fees.

'However, I'm still not in favor of an increase."

The B of G meets Friday at

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by Keith Krause

be paying up to \$7.50 more in long range planning, we need the Students' Union (SU) fees next money."

SUB Development Fund and items as enclosure of the SUB 50¢ for the Eugene L. Brody courtyard and improvements to Fund, a fund to be used for RATT and Friday's. charitable donations. Both of these motions passed first administered by a semireading at last night's council meeting.

The fee increase depends on the outcome of a campus-wide fee referendum to be held March

"It's a question of economics," said SU vp internal

Students at the U of A may Sharon Bell. "In order to do any

The development fund This levy includes \$7 for the would be used to finance such

The Brody Fund will be independent board which will hear presentations and distribute the money.

This board will free Students' Council from dealing individually with these groups, said Tema Frank, vp external.

More money will also be

required of clubs renting space in SUB for social events. The actual rental rates will not be raised substantially, but clubs holding non-profit social events where food and liquor are served will no longer be exempt from room

Students are also being hit in the pocketbook in other vital

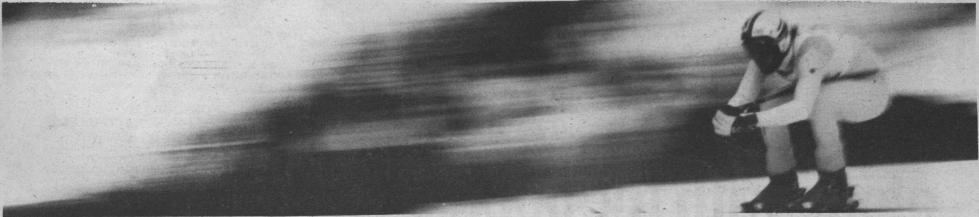
The price of beer in RATT and Friday's is rising 10¢ to cover the Alberta Liquor Control Board (ALCB) increase in the wholesale price of beer. Beer will now cost \$5 per case.

Council also approved in

principle the creation of an Academic Reviews Commissioner to work with students for upcoming departmental and program reviews.

In other business, Students' Council approved the creation of a permanent Information Service Desk to be located at the main entrance to SUB: This desk will be separate from the present retail sales outlet.

Students' Council also awarded former university president Harry Gunning an SU life membership and a T-shirt to honor his contribution to the university.



Mad dogs and Englishmen also race downhill. Britain's Konrad Bartelski wasn't the fastest racer at Molson's World Cup Tuesday, but he still reached speeds of 110 km/hr. Story on Page 13.