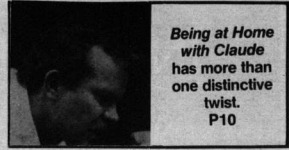


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3 percent tuition hike

by Roberta Franchuk

The provincial government announced Tuesday that tuition fee increases for post-secondary students will be "capped" at three percent for 1988-89.

Student leaders are "really happy" with the announcement, said Students' Union President Tim Boston. The University Administration, however, is less than pleased. "I'm shocked," said University VP Administration Alan Warack. "This clearly can do nothing but erode the quality of university education."

"We had been led to expect an increase of nine percent. That is still not as much as it takes to deliver quality education at this institution."

Boston attributed the size of the increase to the lobbying techniques used by students. "I think it shows that jumping around and waving flags is not always the most effective

lobbying effort. We had a large number of meetings with the minister and with his aides and the deputy minister this year through CAUS, the Council of Alberta University Students, and things worked out well. We had a very good communication flow, and I think that it was listened to a greater extent."

The tuition increase works out to about \$30 for programs whose current tuition level is \$966 dollars per year.

Alberta still has the second lowest tuition fees in Canada behind Quebec.

Boston noted that another important issue regarding tuition is the court case against the University over the library and computing service fee. If the fee is declared to be part of tuition, it will be subject to the three percent ceiling.

The case is scheduled to appear before the courts on April 6.



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"NO" poster Stamped out

by Jenny Brundin

Former Students' Union VP Internal (1984-85) Gordon Stamp says he is running the "NO" referendum campaign to protest the SU rejecting his request to fund a campaign by his neighbourhood association.

The referendum question, sponsored by the World University Services of Canada (WUSC), will ask for a fifty cent increase in fees to cover the costs of sponsoring a refugee for one year to attend the U of A.

Stamp, who is not enrolled as a student at the University, claims responsibility for the production of the controversial blue and white NO poster seen on campus.

The posters make negative references to S.U. presidential candidate Paul LaGrange.

Stamp says that the posters were approved by the Chief Returning Officer, Craig Cooper. But they were not approved by other mem-

bers of the NO campaign. "It was my wording," Stamp stated.

Stamp said that the poster is against the idea of people forcing things on other people.

Stamp, who was formerly president of the West Jasper Place Neighborhood Association, had applied for \$5000 from the External Affairs Board which was chaired by Paul LaGrange in September of 1987. Stamp was rejected on the grounds that his bid had no relevance to the university.

"They claimed my organization wasn't directly helping students and they said I should be thankful for any moral support they gave me."

Stamp says LaGrange's name was on the poster because he had not only been on the Board recommending the rejection of Stamp's application, but had seconded the motion to have the referendum on the refugee issue.

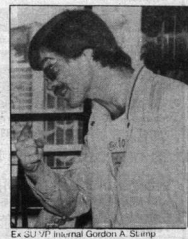
"I have no role in organizing the YES campaign," said LaGrange. "I

can't understand why my name is on the poster. I was shocked by it"

LaGrange feels that the referendum is an issue that is "up to the students to decide."

The wording of the second poster was decided "at a bar, because we... had money to spend... when you get a thousand dollars to spend on a campaign, and we

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Ex SU VP Internal Gordon A. Stamp



Plastic money may be your VISA to shorter line ups

VISA comes to U of A

by Monika Kornhauzer

So next fall, you'll be back at school and faced with the dismal prospect of yet another endless line at the bookstore. But before

you decide to transfer to a smaller university, put away your cheque-book and reach for your favourite piece of plastic instead.

Visa, Mastercard and American Express will finally be making belated but welcomed appearance at the University Bookstore.

Jim Malone, Manager of the University Bookstore, says that the credit card system won't be fully operational until the proper software to do direct credit checks on your cards is installed. The starting target date is for Sept. 1988.

Initially the Bookstore will only accept Visa, but they hope to add Mastercard and American Express soon after.

Tim Boston, SU President, says that he hopes that this will greatly speed up the check out process and reduce the time spent in lines. Instead of lengthening cash or cheque lines-ups, some checkouts will be open for the use of credit cards only.

If you're worried about rising bookstore prices, Malone says that the introduction of credit cards should not affect their prices since the greater volume of sales should offset the cost of the system.

To get things started, the Health Sciences Centre Bookstore will be able to accept your favourite card — Visa, Mastercard or American Express — in a few weeks.

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Election posters disappear

by Roberta Franchuk

Students' Union election candidates are facing trouble with their election posters.

Several incidents have been reported of people pulling down posters, either for souvenirs or because they do not agree with the content.

The United Action Slate had several small posters removed from the Business/Tory breezeway Tuesday by the building superintendent U. Zabel, who claimed the posters were displayed illegally — either on surfaces where they had been prohibited, or without approval.

United Action Board of Governors candidate Patrick Church said he put the posters "right next to other posters (belonging to other slates)."

Only the United Action posters

were removed, said Lyndon Kinley, a student who witnessed Zabel removing them. "There were ten other posters there, from four or five different slates... he went out of his way to take that one. Then he went straight to another wall and took another one," said Kinley.

The poster in question is headed "Gays and Lesbians Demand:" and lists several points relating to recognition of homosexual rights. The slate name appears on the bottom of the poster.

When questioned, Zabel said he had been given orders not to remove "anything concerning an election or voting," but that the UA posters did not conform to this and were therefore not legal.

Craig Cooper, Chief Returning Officer, said that none of the approved United Action campaign

material mentions voting.

According to Building Services Manager Werner Larson, Zabel may have been wrong in removing the posters.

Larson explained that building policy normally prohibits the posting of materials on surfaces other than bulletin boards, but these regulations are usually relaxed during events such as the SU elections and Engineering Week. Some areas are still off-limits, but usually "it's a matter of common sense."

"If you had to play the ball game

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"How you play the game" is for college boys. When you're playing for money, winning is the only thing that counts."

— Leo Durocher