

U tuition proposal similar to policy

by Allison Annesley

Friday morning's Board of Governors meeting unveiled a provincial tuition fee policy similar to the University's own policy proposal from last fall.

The new policy stipulates:

- Future tuition fee revenues will constitute between 8 and 12 per cent of Alberta universities' net budgeted operating expenditures.

- Equivalent program's fees in Alberta universities will not differ greater than 20 per cent.

- Alberta universities will consult annually to propose the following year's fee schedules.

- Students who are not Canadian citizens or who are landed immigrants will pay 50 per cent more than their applicable tuition fees.

- Tuition will not increase by more than 1.5 times the Price Adjustment Factor in government grants of the previous year.

A tuition policy announcement was expected this time last year, but Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower, James Horsman, chose instead to review post-secondary finances for one year.

Horsman announced the three major points included in his policy to the Legislature Friday. These were:

- 1) There would be an accessibility study under the province's own ministry. The study would examine the comparative post-secondary accessibility of education of males to females, various economic levels and

groups of different geographic accessibility.

- 2) The province would be committed to higher education for all academically qualified Albertans.

- 3) And there would be a review of the Students' Finance Board.

These points were met with student skepticism.

Former SU President Phil Soper fears a review of the Student's Finance Board would result in nothing better than a ceiling raise in loan amounts, rather than the needed policy changes in student loan qualification requirements.

Anne McGrath, Executive Officer of the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), said, "The accessibility study sounds suspiciously like the Grantham task force".

The Grantham report from 1978 was from a task force created by the provincial government to examine student tuition fees. A list of different scenarios with corresponding tuition fee schemes arose from it. This study was similar to one commissioned in Ontario the same year.

McGrath says the study may only reiterate "a rationale for why tuition should increase," and not examine the problem of accessibility versus financial ability.

The significant difference between Horsman's accessibility study and the independent study requested by the University, is that the province will



photo by Matthew Morris

James Horsman, Alberta's minister of Advanced Education and Manpower, has finally released his long awaited long term tuition policy. Unfortunately it is almost time to pay the hiked rates.

be conducting Horsman's study, rather than an independent professional analysis agency.

SU president Robert Greenhill said, "I don't know what an accessibility

study will say or what changes will be made in student aid."

"Their admission referring to Horsman's announcement, is very important," he adds.

Trudeau a "lightning rod" of separatism

Stephen Phillips

Western separatism is much more than an anti-Trudeau backlash, according to Professor Garth Stevenson, co-editor of *Western Separatism: The Myths, Realities, and Dangers*.

Addressing a meeting of U of A New Democrats, Stevenson stressed that Trudeau was merely a "lightning rod" for western discontent that would exist in any event.

He noted that to a certain extent the WCC (Western Canada Concept) resembles other Prairie protest movements, such as the Progressive and Social Credit parties. Like its precursors, the WCC voices traditional western complaints such as freight rates and tariffs.

Yet its suspicion of central

Canada is intensely paranoid, he observed.

Many WCC supporters regarded the defeat of the Clark government in 1979 as part of a broader central Canadian conspiracy," Stevenson said.

Numerous factors explain the recent rise of separatist sentiment, he said. One of the growing dislikes of "Big Government," particularly in the rural areas, which has created a ready audience for a right-wing populist movement. Even the Lougheed government is blamed by many WCCers for being too left-wing.

"Gordon Kessler claims that he was a Tory until the provincial government bought PWA," he said.

Stevenson suggested the election of Ronald Reagan may

have given impetus to the movement. Reagan's nostalgic appeal to the solutions of the past strikes a responsive chord with the separatists. The WCC yearns for a simpler past, he said, when there was no bilingualism, metrification or other "French plots."

Stevenson also blamed the Premier and the media for their unremitting attacks on the federal government, which he said have bred misunderstanding and

hostility in Alberta. He cited the separatists' hue and cry about the absence of any explicit guarantee of property rights in the new constitution as an example of this misunderstanding.

Such rights were omitted "for very good reasons," Stevenson said. Canadian Pacific Railway might be able to strike down the Crowstest Pass Freight Rate on the grounds that the statutory rate denies profitable return.

Asked to speculate on the WCC's prospects in the Saskatchewan election, Stevenson predicted the party would likely hurt the Conservatives more than the NDP. He added that since Saskatchewan voters "have traditionally been more rational in choosing provincial governments," the separatist vote in that province would probably be substantially lower than in Alberta.

Olivia Butti's Diary

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Dear Diary:

Oh, Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh. I'm so angry I'm speechless. I.....I just can't control myself. This is the most horrible, horrible thing that ever happened to me.

I just found out that the student newspaper at the U of A has been humiliating me twice a week. That Gayway or whatever has been running a scurrilous imitation of my diary. My diary, diary! Do you know what that means? My most secret, private thoughts ridiculed for the amusement of pimply faced chemistry students and dope smoking leftists.

Oh my God. It's happening now. It must be: if this were really me I could never be so articulate.

Diary, diary, oh diary. What has been happening to me? What will happen to me next? Who is this cruel svengali who plays with my soul as if it were a puppet? Actually diary, I wish I could be this well spoken in council meetings. I do tend to grope for words. Is it a man or a woman? How can I fight against an opponent who controls my own mind? Why am I asking so many silly questions?

There, see, see? He's doing it again. He's making a fool of me. God only knows what other inane, brainless, feeble-witted, idiotic, adlepatated, lunkheaded, blockish, clodish, vapid, vacuous, vacant things I've said. I mean that other person has made me say. Oh, help me, someone help me please.

I'm Henery the eighth I am, Henery the eighth, I am I am / I got married to the widow next door / she's been married seven times before. Did I say all that or did I sing it? What do all those slashes mean? And anyway, it isn't Henery it's Henry. Maybe this guy isn't so shit hot after all.

Shit hot? I would never say something so

vulgar. He tricked me! Is there no end to this madness?

Why doesn't the Greatway just stop him? What sort of sleazeball editor would allow such filth in his newspaper. Remember, I'm an important person and shouldn't be subjected to such harassment. I'm an alderwife. I'm a civic leader. I'm a wife, mother and homemaker. I'm a toastmistress. I'm a campaigner against the decline of public morals. I'm a little teapot, short and stout / here is my handle here is my spout.

Why doesn't he show himself? Let me fight him fair. I'll shove burnt hot dogs down his throat. I'll crack his skull with dope smoking paraphernalia. I'll bury him under city hall, wherever they build it. I'll...no, not this time. If I try saying one more thing I know it will be something stupid.

Was that what he wanted me to say? It must be if I said it. Whoever writes this is a skunk and a snake and a heel and a ratty no good crumb-bum. Why did he let me say that? Let me try again: you rotten son of a

Besides which, diary, when I'm mayoratrix of Edmonton I'll make all the hookers work for free in the veterans' home every Sunday. No, no, no! That's not what I wanted to say. I was trying to call whoever he is a no good son of a

Now, I'm not saying June Cavanaugh is cheating on Terry but I don't understand why she has had to have her sink fixed every day this week. Oh what's the use? This is almost as bad as Olive Elliot's column. Everything I say is twisted into foolishness. I never wanted to go into politics anyway. I wanted to be... a lumberjack! Oh I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay I sleep all night and I work all day...

Student is national v.p.

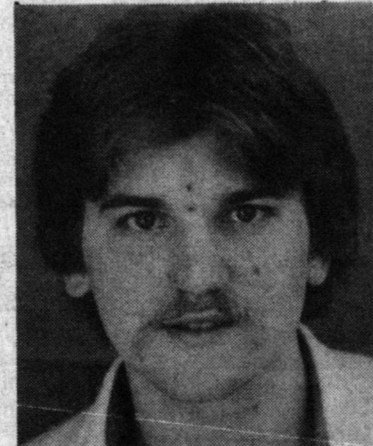
While Marc Dzenick was representing the U of A branch of AIESEC (the Association of Students of Economics and Commerce) in England, he was appointed to the Canadian national executive.

AIESEC is an independent student run organization. It offers business students an opportunity to become involved in the business world while still a student, Dzenick says.

Dzenick will hold the v.p. exchange position at the national level. He will administer the AIESEC international job exchange for local committees, and represent Canada in international exchange policies.

"We offer quality students," he says. "We try to place these quality students in quality positions."

While in Coventry, England, Dzenick attended an AIESEC international conference. One of the major purposes of the conference is to match foreign students to jobs around the world through a computer matching



Mark Dzenick is named to AIESEC national executive.

Dzenick brought 25 positions to be matched in this region.

"It was the largest block of traineeships in Canada," he says. "25 jobs was the goal to the end of this year."

Dzenick will graduate from the Faculty of Business and Commerce this year. He has been active in the local AIESEC committee for the past three years.