

B of G delays rates study

Increase recommendation prompted by \$ 12,000 losses

Study of a recommended residence rates increase was deferred for several weeks by the Board of Governors Friday.

Derek Bone, director of housing and food services recommended rates be increased to \$90 a month for all students in an attempt to reduce the large deficit under which his department is operating.

"There has been a need for an increase in rates since I came here," said Mr. Bone.

"We are currently losing in excess of \$10 per student per month."

Mr. Bone is trying to hold down costs by increasing efficiency.

Subsidized housing considered

The inter-residence council is considering asking the provincial government to subsidize student housing.

Marilyn Pilkington, chairman of the inter-residence council, said this action is being taken after the \$8 residence rent increase was proposed Friday.

"We are concerned that such an increase will have an effect on other residences and off-campus housing," she said.

"The government should realize that the majority of students in residence are from out of town. Students living in the city are subsidized by their parents. There is an inequality between out-of-town and intown students."

Miss Pilkington expressed concern that higher rates may discourage out-of-town students from coming to university.

Government subsidized student housing is not unprecedented, she said. It is already being done in Saskatchewan, where the rates are lower than at U of A.

She believes the provincial government should treat the residences the same as it treats other segments of the university, such as tuition. The rest of the university is directly subsidized by the government.

"Some are willing to accept a fee increase on the grounds that if there were no fee increases, the residences would have to be subsidized at the expense of academic programs," said Miss Pilkington.

Derek Bone, director of housing and food services, also suggested campus housing should be government subsidized.

"If the Jubilee Auditorium can get something like 50 cents for every person who enters that building, I don't see why student housing shouldn't get something."

"I have released 30 of my staff since I took this position. One executive position in my office is now unoccupied. From one maid on every floor in Lister Hall, we have gone down to eight maids for eleven floors. But now I cannot see anymore cuts," he said.

ALTERNATIVES

A \$90 a month rate per person for single and double rooms is one of two alternatives in Mr. Bone's recommendation to the B of G. The other is raising all rates by five dollars a month.

Mr. Bone said if rates for single and double rooms were the same students engaged in student government would be rewarded since only senior students engaged in student government are entitled to single rooms. They would have the privilege of a single room without paying extra for it.

Mr. Bone's biggest fear is that a controversy over rates will jeopardize chances of getting the third tower in the Lister Hall complex completed by the summer of 1968.

"It's going to cost us \$20 a square foot to put up the third tower. This is an increase of \$7.50 a square foot over the cost of the first two towers," said Mr. Bone. "God only

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LETHBRIDGE DELEGATION AT SFA FOUNDING CONGRESS

... but who will join the infant union?

—Perry Afaganis photo

Varying enthusiasm

SFA constitution adopted

CALGARY (Staff)—The Student Federation of Alberta is now official.

But it remains to be seen how many of the delegates to the founding congress held at the weekend at the University of Calgary will re-

turn to their institutions urging membership in it.

As the final vote on the constitution was being taken, and U of C students' union vice-president Keith Brenner was jubilantly crying, "Yeh! After two years, we

won!", NAIT students' union president Pat Clarke said quietly, "I don't think NAIT will join. We would eventually be back-doored into CUS."

"Besides, I smell a great deal of university influence in this conference. Not many people are standing up and saying what they think." Delegates were representing most of the post-secondary institutions in Alberta.

CUS chairman Owen Anderson and former CUS chairman Bruce Olsen represented U of A. To charges that U of A and U of C were "lobbying", Anderson answered they were doing all they could to keep from dominating the conference.

"The only other thing we could have done was stay home," he added.

Objectives of the union include a lobby to the federal and provincial governments in areas of direct student concern, sponsoring cultural programs such as inter-campus debates, providing student services such as financial aid and being an information resource for member institutions on post-secondary education.

These received general approbation, although certain nursing

Official unveiling gets hung up

By BERNIE GOEDHART

Pompous, dignified and solemn it was not.

But the official unveiling Thursday of the new SUB's wall sculpture had its moments.

The "ceremony" had its share of dignitaries. The artist, Jordi Bonet, and his associate, Vidal-Ribas Xavier, were there. The architectural firm of Richards, Berretti and Jelinek was represented by Mr. Richards.

And there were more. Members of students' council executive. Dr. W. H. Johns, president of the university. Major R. C. W. Hooper, dean of men. Ed Monsma, chairman of the SUB Planning Commission. And of course the thronging crowd

of students (almost 20 of them) who had come to watch.

Obviously it wasn't a lack of dignified people that led to the ridiculousness of the situation.

Perhaps it was the location. Solemnity does not exactly run rampant when the ceremony takes place in the midst of rubble, bags of cement, dirt and hunks of lumber. The guest of honor (Monsieur Bonet) found himself right there in the middle of it all. No platform. No formal introduction. Nothing.

MISSING SOMETHING

And the unveiling itself, though very entertaining, left something to be desired as far as ceremony goes.

The sculpture had been covered with a huge sheet of black plastic attached with ropes to boards on

the roof of the building.

Those who were to be instrumental in the unveiling (Branny Schepanovich, Marilyn Pilkington, Al Anderson, Provost A. A. Ryan, Dr. Johns, Major Hooper and Monsma) had taken their positions on the roof.

Theoretically, after a few words from Dr. Johns and Schepanovich (which were unintelligible because the walkie-talkie didn't seem to be working too well), they were to pull the ropes, the plastic would fall down, and the sculpture would be revealed in all its splendor. Much applause from the thronging crowd and that would be the end of that.

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