



The new exec (front row from left): Petersen, Bhattacharya, Frank, Bell and Olmstead — Hey this IS fun!

Some concerned about Grantham report

## Farewells, budget highlight changeover council meeting

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It was an "interesting and productive" year, according to Cheryl Hume, as she passed on the presidency of the Students' Union to Dean Olmstead at the council's changeover meeting Tuesday.

In her outgoing speech, Hume listed what she said she thought were the highlights of her year in office. The campaign against differential fees, two cuts on cutbacks submitted to provincial government and

the brief, prepared in cooperation with FAS, submitted to the Student Finance Board were mentioned. She said the discussion of joining the National Union of Students was particularly important although the referendum was defeated.

Internal accomplishments by the outgoing council, according to Hume, included the stabilization of the budget and the opening of the Association of Student Councils travel office.

The recommendations of

the Grantham report on the cost of post-secondary education and the composition of the Board of Governors were two problems Hume said would be important for next year's council. She said the Board was unrepresentative of the public at large.

Olmstead spoke briefly, reminding councillors that "council is the ultimate voice in student government." He urged incoming councillors to get involved in committees and activities outside of council and

to keep close ties with their faculties.

Olmstead and the new councillors officially start their term of office April first.

The SU preliminary budget was ratified after minor amendments by council. Two changes suggested but not agreed to were increasing the salary of the SUB entertainment director to \$850 per month and increasing the money allotted to send delegates to FAS conferences. VP Finance Dave Fisher chided councillors who had not taken the time to read the budget he prepared.

### COUNCIL NOTES

Council defeated a motion

to disassociate itself from further Varsity Guest Weekends. It also defeated a motion to prepare a pamphlet to campaign against the proposed UAB fee increase.

The outgoing council cleared up a few loose ends in a business meeting before changeover. A motion expressing council's dismay over the University's hiring of Dr A.E. Hohol, former minister of advanced education, narrowly passed. Hohol will be teaching Educational Psychology during summer session. The motion, proposed by Steve Cumming, science, and Duncan MacGregor, education, passed 11 to 10 with 2 abstentions:

## Female law grads face prejudice

TORONTO (CUP) — Women law graduates are the victims of job discrimination, according to a study conducted at a University of Toronto law school.

According to Bram Costin, many law firms are reluctant to hire women articling jobs out of fear that women get pregnant and quit their job.

In 1973, according to Costin, 78% of both male and

female law students were able to find work immediately upon graduation. However by 1976 only 43% of women law graduates found immediate work compared with 84% of male graduates.

Women comprise 30-40% of the U of T law students, Costin said, and the law profession is still discriminating against this percentage.

Although U of T dean of law

Martin Friedman would not comment on the study, his secretary said discrimination in the hiring practices of law firms is still rampant.

Costin blames some of the difference in the figures on the fact that women tend to article in smaller firms which are more likely to suffer in a poor economic climate. Costin's survey shows that most men and A-students article for bigger and more prestigious firms while women and students with lower grades start with smaller firms.

Women lawyers often have lower starting salaries as to start up their own firms alone or with other partners after not finding work with an established firm.

Law firms for the most part do not actively fight discrimination against women within their operations, Costin said.

"Law firms won't give you a straight answer. They have to say women and men make the same salaries," Costin said.

## Study in Europe

Italy, Germany, Switzerland . . . sound like a fabulous but exciting way to spend a summer?

Edmontonians have a chance to embark upon a holiday that's both enjoyable and educational. The U of A's department of art and design is offering a summer course in design awareness for university

students and non-students, starting in May. The course involves visits to design schools and centres in Edmonton, Milan, Zurich, and West Germany.

Total cost for the trip, including accommodation and travel, is \$1425, and deadline for applications is April 1. Further information is available from Mrs. French, 432-4295, in the Faculty of Arts.

## More VGW controversy from page one

The extensive display, mounted in the Humanities Building, was very poorly attended.

Several of the VGW events played to less than capacity crowds. Although the response to Mel Watkins was "very good", according to Fraser, the Candidates' Forum planned for Friday afternoon was a disaster.

The forum was cancelled when no one attended. Fraser blames the problem on promotional mistakes.

Merchants in HUB were also ambiguous in their reports on VGW. About two-thirds of the food outlets said they were busier than usual, but the increase in business was from "very busy" to "very busy all day".

With attendance figures still being disputed, the cost of VGW is now being tabulated. Of the \$3,500 budget this year, \$10,222 has already been accounted for. Bills for guest speaker Watkins, displays, promotions, and mileage have to be submitted.

The VGW tabloid made about \$3,500 in revenues, in effect paying for itself. However ads in the *Edmonton Sun*, *Journal*, *Gateway* and on the Edmonton Transit System were expensive, the *Journal* ads alone totalling \$10,070. The ads were necessary, though, according to Fraser.

Fraser as VGW director and Barb Jacobson as assistant director received approximately 30% of the total VGW budget in their salaries.

Last year, VGW was generally acknowledged to be a failure. Financially, the weekend lost \$6000 for the students' union, and attendance figures were dismal. In response to the financial loss, Fraser said the idea of a publicity luncheon at the Faculty Club—which cost \$1,605 last year—was dropped. To improve attendance, two people were hired to coordinate the open house, instead of placing the responsibility for VGW with the students' union's

vp academic.

It is debatable whether these moves have made the concept of VGW feasible in the 1970s, however. Compared with last year, VGW '79 appears to be a mild success. Considering the vastly increased budget, though, this improvement was probably predictable.

## Horner in SUB today

Well, Jack Horner is still coming.

SU Special Events director Art Gorham confirmed yesterday that the federal minister of trade and commerce will speak in Dinwoodie Lounge today at 2:30 pm. There had been fears that Horner would not appear because a federal election had been called.

## Students need protection

A Bill of Student Rights is needed to protect students from unfair action by academic staff, administrative staff, student government, and other students, said VP Finance and Administration Dave Fisher in a letter to the Dean of Students Dr. Burton Smith.

He was referring to charges by two residence students, Al Leeson and Carey Lapa, that they had been unfairly treated by the administration.

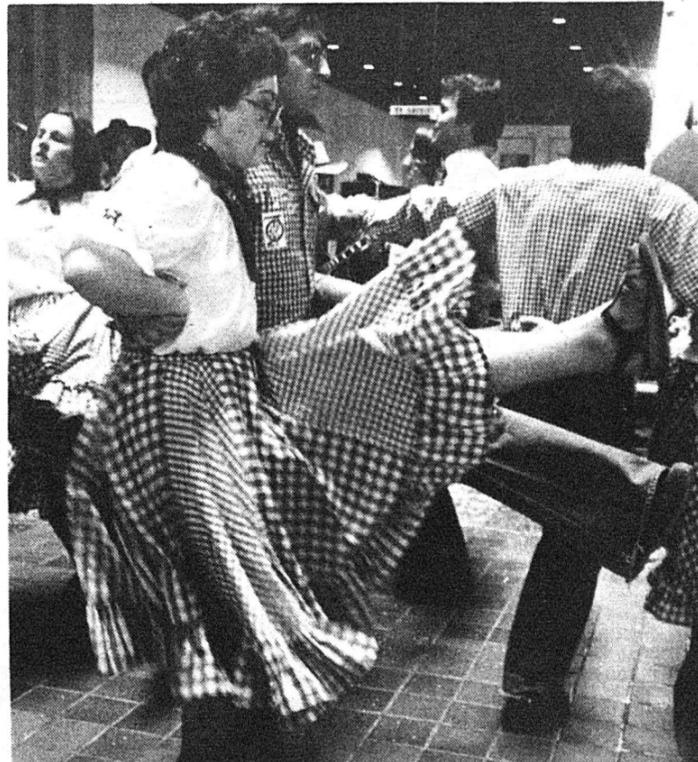
Fisher had written to the assistant dean for Henday Hall who was responsible for the disciplining of the two students to investigate these charges. Fisher says he received no reply

and when he phoned to enquire, Armstrong said he had not received the letter, although the other people to whom the letter was circulated had all received it.

Fisher stated in the letter to Smith that he believes Leeson was harassed by the administration. He concluded by stating he thinks there is a need for a Bill of Rights for students.

Fisher says he spoke to Smith, who has suggested the Students' Union prepare a draft and approach the Council on Student Services for support.

Vp academic-elect Chanchal Bhattacharya has said he considers work on the Bill of Rights a priority.



AH HECK We all get a kick out of Aggie Week. Ag students have been practicing for Bar None like this all over campus. No wonder they're so good.