

U of M Prez sitting pretty in house that tax built

WINNIPEG(CUP) Is spending money to renovate the president's house a good way to use private donations to a university?

That's a question being asked at the University of Manitoba, where the \$100,000 being spent to renovate the new president's house is meeting opposition from some faculty members and students.

The September 21 Faculty Association newsletter said the

\$500,000 plus spent on presidential housing during the past decade could have been applied to reducing the U of M's accumulated \$1.3 million deficit.

Dr. D.O. Wells, vice-president administration, says the amount spent is "certainly not nearly as high" as \$500,000 plus though he was unable to say what the actual amount was.

Funding for the presidential accomodation comes from the privately-financed University

Endowment Fund. It also finances scholarships, Outreach Awards and visiting lecturers.

The Board of Governors decided in closed session to make about \$100,000 in renovations to the newly-purchased president's house. Wells said these were needed because the house is "not appropriate for a family."

But some students objected to the Board going in-camera to make the decision and charged

the university had "misplaced priorities."

"I understand why the public thinks the university is fair game for budget cuts when these kind of expenditures become public," said Students' Union president Tim Rigby.

"There must be an adequate reason in their minds for these renovations, but when the public only learns about them through leaks and the press, and not up-front budget state-

ments, the public assumes the worst," said Rigby. "I see no reason for the shroud of secrecy that surrounds any of these expenditures."

Asked why the university community was not informed of the decision to renovate, Wells said, "I don't think it's the type of thing they would be informed of."

"It's not a question of hiding anything or being confidential," he added. "It's a general practice."



Yes, it's that silly Gazette staff, or most of it, all trying to let everyone exercise their basic right to a place in the picture. In the front row from left to right: Gisele-Marie Baxter, Heather Roseveare, Peter 'flash' Cheney and Sara check-up Gordon. Second row, if there is a second row: Mary Lou M.L. (Mary Lou) Hendry who is not a cult member, Cathy McDonald, Bruce excuse me Galloway, Glenn "did the Dalorama get in?" Walton, cool Philip Frank, Shawn Houlihan, the second Llewelyn Butterfield, Mark "my picture didn't get in!" Childerhose. The elite staff in the third row are: that non-sexist Rusty James, Ken "these people are nuts" Burke, two Kings students who make a point of being anonymous but are affectionately known as Carl and Groucho Marks. Missing are Miss Maura Green, the trivial Greg Dennis, Pat Martin, his highness Paul Withers, Doug Simpson who may also wish to remain anonymous, Lawrence Brissendon, Michael Redmond, Tom Ozere, Arnold Mosher. Chris (I'm taking the picture so you can't see me) Hartt, Gretchen 'consistency' Pohlkamp, Horrid Sandy Smith, Elaine Frampton, Rick (ask me, I'm the production manager) Bertrand, Walter Spiers, Richard Neftin, Susan Cunningham, Karen Forsyth, Stephen Gilmour, Wendy MacGregor, Brian Rose, Lynn Briand.

Simon Fraser hikes tuition 22.7 per cent

VANCOUVER(CUP) Despite student and teaching staff pleas, tuition fees rose 22.7 per cent at Simon Fraser University November 24.

Thirty students watched as university board of governors members listened silently to presentations and, after a ten minute discussion, voted unanimously to raise tuition, along with the university's financial aid budget, 22.7 per cent.

Both student board representatives voted for the increase.

Louise Miller, student society public relations officer-elect, urged the board to defer fee increases until it was informed about how the increase would affect all potential students' access to the university.

Miller blasted the board for its "meek acceptance" of provincial funding cuts and asked the board to work with other British Columbia universities against the B.C. government's "axe-headed intentions" to shift the costs of education to students.

Teaching support staff representative Ann Burger read a statement from her union to board members opposing the tuition fee hike. The statement condemned "the attempt to pass the university deficit to students."

Faculty board representative Klaus Rieckhoff said while he agreed with the "general philosophy" of wide access to university, he supported the fee increase because the university needed the money. It would not become impossible for even the poorest student to attend SFU, he said.

"Those willing and able to go to university, and those willing to make the sacrifices will be able to do it," he said.

Student board member Ted McNabb said he was forced to vote for the fee hike.

"I'm really torn by this motion," he said. "It's a compromise motion, and like all compromises, some parts you like the taste of and some you don't."



And here are three members of the Gazette team who arranged this dramatic pose. They are from left to right, his highness Paul Withers, brutish Tom Ozere and the picturesque Chris Hartt.

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