

Problems in advance

The long-awaited first run of advanced registration on this campus has met with such great enthusiasm on the part of students that a great number of problems have been created in the Office of the Registrar.

Assistant registrar, Sandy Darling, says that the registrar's office anticipated somewhere between 12 and 13 thousand applications for advance registration, but actually have received about 19 thousand.

This is the cause of some of the delays that students experience in the processing of their applications. The office has been working overtime trying to have these problems resolved before in-person registration, which begins today.

In all, there are about 3,000 students which will have to use in-person registration this year.

To prepare the timetables, student choices for course sections were honored in the order that the forms were received. As some sections inevitably prove more popular than others, these were soon filled up and students were allotted into different sections such as fit into their personal timetables.

Some reasons why not all requests could be honored initially were:

1) Students selected two or more courses offered at the same time.

2) Some departments had to cancel some course sections or change the times when they were offered.

3) Students tried to register in courses that were offered to specific groups of students.

4) Course sections had already been filled.

5) Problems that arise when a new system is implemented.

Darling has a file on hand, documenting some of the faults which he noticed in the system and will accept written suggestions and complaints in order to renovate it.

If any student has not yet received his notice of advance registration, he will have to simply apply in person.

Also, the in-person registration period is the time when course changes should be made or other problems cleared up.

It is hoped that in-person registration will not be the same type of street-walking hassle that has almost become campus tradition here, due to the fact that the vast majority of students have already been registered.

Just the same, it would probably be advisable to students who do have to resort

to in-person registration to wear good, sturdy shoes, and put on a good, sturdy, long-wearing type smile when they face the seemingly miles of campus sidewalks this year.

Cheer up fellow students! At least the line-ups won't be quite so long this year, maybe next year none at all.

No support for women

by Greg Neiman

The allotment of funds from the Students' Union coffers was the main order of business as Council considered recommendations made by the Administration Board August 19.

Among the cutbacks that Council made at that meeting was the acceptance of Admin Board's recommendation that the Women's Program Centre be denied their request of \$1200.00.

Despite vigorous debate by a representation of the Centre and by some Council members, the recommendation was upheld 8-6.

Jack Redekop, vp finance and administration, also chairman of Admin Board, explained that the Board felt the Centre supplied many services which overlapped others which could be supplied by Student Help, Student Legal Services, The Dean of Women's Office, or Forums.

He also stated that the Admin Board felt "that the Centre should stick to more of a resource type of service instead of becoming involved in providing educational services."

It was decided by Admin Board, that since members of the Centre felt that it would be impossible to operate with less than the full amount, and that strenuous opposition was raised by the Centre to a cutting-back of services provided by the Centre that no grant at all should be given it.

Theta Chi Fraternity was also denied funds when it appealed to Admin Board for a sum of \$275.00 to offset losses suffered at a social conducted by the Fraternity this July. The recommendation to withhold was upheld 12-2.

In a roll-call vote, the recommendation that the Telephone Directory Budget be increased to the sum of \$11,200.00 to accommodate

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A bottle of beer, a bottle of beer/ Oh freezing foam-flecked flagon/ brawn-brown brown barley/ mirthful thirst firster/ I think I'm in love. Such would inspire this poet to know that the Students' Union has purchased 4,300 dozen beer for the FIW continuous beer garden, from today til the 7th. Rest your lids on bubbly boxes my droogies, and drink in good thirst. Prosit!

Gateway- an impassioned plea

Volume LXV of *Gateway* has begun and is thriving moderately in rm. 282 SUB, and in the minds and dreams of this year's editorial staff.

Having weathered the storms of many a year of tribulative tempestuations we return to give the students on this campus and the university community the best possible student news service.

This year we plan to be bigger and better than ever, but a student's newspaper simply

cannot be printed without student help. We cannot uphold or embellish our tradition of excellence without your assistance.

This year we want to consistently supply our readers with at least a twelve-page issue every printing. We also want to consistently provide good journalism in this increased volume.

This cannot be done without your help. If you:

- write
- take pictures
- draw cartoons or illustrations
- cut and paste
- write
- editorialize
- write
- spell properly
- write
- type
- drink immoderately
- are good looking

come up and see us. No previous experience is necessary; we supply all the encouragement and materials needed to start you. Or just come to see us over coffee; we'll talk you into something. Who knows? This may be the opportunity of a lifetime for you.

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Something for everyone at FIW

Freshman Introduction Week, from September 3 through 7 has something to appeal to everyone's tastes from the ultimate joys of record-breaking action in the piano-smashing championships to kobasa, coke, pancake, chocolate pie, goldfish, raw egg and beer consuming contests to such fine entertainment as provided by Chilliwack, Great Slave, Subway Elvis, BlueByrd, Andromeda, Powerglide, Louie and the Rockets, Freeway, and

the one-and-only Heartaches Razz band.

Advance tickets for Chilliwack, which is to be featured at the Jubilee Sept. 4 with another great group, Jayson Hoover, are on sale at Mike's or at the SUB ticket office, ground floor. Discount prices on these are available to all freshmen, so hurry and get them before supply runs out.

FIW Director, Paul Pomieblanz, can be reached at 432-5266 if you would like

further details on bands, beer gardens, contests, etc.

Come on out, join in the fun; you're sure to enjoy yourself.

Tuesday (September 3)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Beer Gardens on Quad
12:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Kobasa Eating Contest (Trophy to Winner)
12:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Band - Great Slave

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NASA unapproached by plant workers

by Greg Neiman

The Board of Governors has not yet been served any notice to strike by the power plant workers at the U of A, either through the Civil Service Association of Alberta (CSA of A) or the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA).

The Board of Governors is the only body that can be served with a notice to strike in these matters. Also, NASA is the only recognized bargaining agent for university workers.

In 1969, the non-academic workers employed by the university decided to withdraw from the CSA of A because they were unsatisfied with the type of

representation that they were getting in worker-management affairs. They formed NASA, which has become the sole bargaining agent for the non-academic workers here.

On April 1, 1974, the technicians and engineers employed at the power plant which services campus made an agreement with the Department of Public Works, their former employer, to be employed by the university. This means that NASA would become their bargaining agent; the same as everybody else.

As is usual for any university, the U of A suffers

from shortage of funds, necessitating lower wages for university employees.

Geoff Williams, president of NASA, says, "The funding of the university is inadequate at this time," and that one way to upgrade working conditions of one group would be by cutting back those of another, an unsavory prospect at best.

"There is no way you can get blood out of a stone."

Williams adds that the workers knew this when the April 1 agreement was made.

"Each one of them was made aware of this; each one of them was made aware of the salary and of the conditions

under which they would be working."

But if complaints were to be made, NASA would be the ideal place to make them.

As yet, there has been no attempt on the part of the workers to contact NASA, asking for representation to the Board in any matter.

"I don't know what they want, I don't know what's behind this... We are working quite hard to upgrade the working conditions of all non-academic workers on campus."

The CSA of A, according to Williams and Lorne Leitch, university vice-president finance

and administration, apparently has not the right or power to either call or deliver a strike notice, as has been reported by some news media.

In a release to *Gateway*, Williams states, "With respect to the employees involved in this matter, I believe they have been misled. The threatened situation is not going to answer any concerns that they have, and the action to date cannot be in their best interests."

NASA maintains that strike action, by workers at the university would not solve any problems.

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