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COUNCIL FORUM

Compiled by Ryan Heise

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 February.

BIGGER PAWS FOR BEAR TRACKS

Students' Council opened this week with a presentation on Bear Tracks from Sheila Holmes of the Administrative Information Systems, which outlined proposed upgrades to the online registration system. The new system, slated for a major upgrade to begin in November 2007, will include access to student financial aid, awards and more account information. Other scheduled upgrades will allow for the checking of prerequisites and academic advising.

The issue of an A-Pass—a single online application for 21 postsecondary institutions in Alberta—was all also discussed. The A-Pass will allow students to easily transfer general application information such as their address and transcripts between institutions, simplifying the process. A deadline of October 2007 is in place for the system, but it's uncertain if it's achievable.

QUESTION PERIOD

A technical problem with a projector delayed the next presentation, so Council opted to move on to question period.

Students' Union Vice-President (Student Life) Omer Yusuf answered a series of questions regarding Anti-Freeze and concluded that the SU should endeavour to keep the event running. Yusuf explained that the vast majority of the funding for the event comes from sponsorships and costs the SU very little of its actual budget

VP (Academic) Amanda Henry then answered a question regarding the spotty wireless Internet access in SUB. Henry said that the SU is currently investigating its options for expanding access points in the building as well as if there is a hardware problem causing the mediocre access.

BUT IT SEEMS THAT ALL OF THE REALLY COOL KIDS ARE DOING IT

With the projector working, Jackie Crooks from the Tobacco Reduction Action Team (TRAT) made a presentation on getting campus to butt out. Crooks told Council that this was National Non-Smoking Week and made two recommendations to the SU: to pass a resolution urging the Board of Governors to prohibit donations from the tobacco industry as well as to implement policies endorsed by the student electorate following the February 2006 plebiscite, culminating in a tobacco-free campus by 1 July, 2007.

Members of the SU questioned Crooks about the cost of implementing such a ban as well as the safety of students if they need to leave campus to smoke. Crooks responded that the TRAT didn't have any solid answers at the time, but both of the questions have been considered.

TUITION: STILL BAD

SU President Samantha Power made a presentation regarding next year's increase in tuition. The SU had successfully lobbied for an increase based on Alberta's CPI—a total of 3.6 per cent. However, their goal of also having tuition rolled back to \$3000 failed. Power made the point that the increase in tuition hasn't improved the quality of instruction for students, as they now have to work more hours at jobs, neglecting their studies as well as student life.

The SU will be speaking with the Board of Governors on Friday regarding this issue. Power concluded that they agree with the vision for the University's future, but don't think that the money to achieve it should be coming from

OBEY YOUR THIRST

VP (Operations & Finance) Chris Cunningham brought forward a motion for Council to rewrite the plebiscite question regarding the Coke contract. The suggestion to add the ability to make any subsequent contracts viewable by members of the Students' Union passed and was added to the plebiscite question.

However, this topic brought up lengthy discussion and debate regarding whether or not such a question regarding the Coke contract should even be posed to students. Things got heated when Coke's ethical track record was brought up.

After a lengthy debate, the plebiscite question was again reworded to be more neutral as well as easier for students to

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Compiled by Mike Otto

DOORCRASHER SPECIAL

At 4pm on 16 January, a male tried to walk into a home near 110 Street and 87 Avenue. He was scared off when the homeowner, after hearing suspicious noises, checked the front door and found the intruder; the suspect bolted from the home and was last seen heading towards 109 Street. He is described as skinny, dark skinned and with black hair in a ponytail.

THE HUB MOTEL

On 17 January, Campus Security was called to HUB Mall when an unwelcome guest was found sleeping in a tenant's bedroom. The man was intoxicated and found to be a student; he said he knew it wasn't his house, but he just needed to lie down. Campus Security sent him to his home in Michener Park so he could get some rest in the comfort of his own bed.

COURTEOUS CAMPER

Also on 17 January, 5-0 went to International House after it was reported that an unwelcome male was sleeping in the building. The snoozer was located in the first floor lounge, and was found to have several outstanding warrants related to violence and property offences. He was cooperative when removed by constables, and volunteered to await the arrival of Edmonton Police in the Campus Security office.

STREETERS

With I-Week's theme this year set as "Beyond Terror," and the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists setting the Doomsday Clock ahead two minutes, atomic war is on the mind.

What are you doing to prepare for the inevitable nuclear apocalypse?



Greg Cook Arts II



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I would stock up on food. I've already started that, I have a lot of dried foods and canned foods. No can opener, though—that's the one issue I still have to deal with

Duck and cover, and buy a lot of ice cream because it's going to melt so you have to eat it guick. Or I could bathe in the puddles of melted ice cream

I'd stock up on Wheaties, because you've got to have something to eat, and they're high in fibre and very good for you.

I'd take my truck and drive it to the mountains. Then I'd find a cave, stock up on food and water and become friends with bears. Pretty much the Osama bin Laden strategy.

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