

# STREETERS

At his speech for National Day of Action, Avi Lewis said he believes tuition should be eliminated.

If you didn't have to pay tuition, what would you do with the money?



**Louise Korbeil**  
Agriculture and Forestry II

[I'd] probably [use it] to pay for my rent and my groceries, and have more fun.



**Becky Porcina**  
Science III

I'm gonna sound like a girl if I say that honestly I'd probably go shopping.



**Adam Flanders**  
Business III

I'd go boozing.



**Fraser Olsen**  
Science III

I'd go on a couple small trips. I'd probably go skiing and I'd probably go see some music festivals in the States.

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FILE PHOTOS: JOSH NAULT (LEFT) AND HANNA NASH

SEEING DOUBLE SU VPs, Yusuf and Henry, represent students at Council, yo.

## COUNCIL FORUM

Written by Scott Lilwall

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, 13 February.

### PRESENTATIONS

Council was to hear a presentation on the financial history of the Students' Union by General Manager Bill Smith. However, the presentation was postponed until next week to give time for councillors to look over the materials beforehand.

Another presentation, this one by Duncan Wojtaszek from the Council of Alberta University Students, gave a brief overview of the organization and its goals. He explained that CAUS, of which the SU is a member, focuses on advocacy efforts and petitioning the government on the behalf of students. A few questions were asked about the resignation of the University of Athabasca from CAUS in November 2005, specifically on if it would increase the fees paid by the remaining members. Wojtaszek said that there was a planned increase of around five per cent, mostly to keep up with inflation.

### QUESTION PERIOD

The first question of the night asked about the state of bilingualism at the University. Vice-President (Academic) Amanda Henry said that the French language was strong at the U of A, with news positions being created la Faculté Saint-Jean and considerable cooperation with the francophone campus.

VP (Student Life) Omer Yusuf answered a question about the possibility of the return of the Physical Activity Complex referendum question for the next election. He explained that there's still a desire for a new complex, but it wouldn't get off the ground without some sort of student fee. However, Yusuf said that he felt students gave a clear message last year that they were opposed to this idea when the initiative to introduce a student fee towards its construction was defeated in the spring 2006 referendum.

Finally, a question was asked about discrepancies between different faculties in regards to the student-professor ratio, and whether the SU had any plans of addressing it. Henry noted that the decisions of hiring were up to the individual faculties, and that it was important to keep in mind that different programs didn't have the same needs or finances available.

### COKE OR NO COKE

The Coca-Cola plebiscite question, proposing the renewal of the Single Source Beverage Agreement, came up for a second reading, the last chance for revisions prior to getting approval to be on the ballot for this year. A number of wording amendments were proposed, but all of them were defeated. The question was passed unchanged, and will be put before students during the election from 7-8 March.

### DFUS

A change to the way that student organizations collect funds from students was next on the agenda. The new process required student groups funded by Dedicated Fee Units to give evidence to Council to prove that they were fulfilling their mandates. The hope was that the changes would make the auditing process faster, as the Audit Committee wouldn't need to track down these materials. Others felt that it would be inefficient and unnecessary. Eventually, the motion was passed and Council moved on to other matters.

### GRANT COMMITTEE

The next motion would give Grant Allocation Committee the ability to award up to \$3500 from the Eugene L Brody Fund. Originally, the Committee was only able to give out \$500 or less from the fund, which is funded by a dedicate fee and is given out to campus charities. The motion was passed with little debate.

### SMOKING

Finally, a motion that had been on the agenda for the past couple meetings came up for a vote. The proposition called for the repealing of the SU's political policy regarding the ban on the sale of tobacco products on campus. The supporters of the motion argued that the policy didn't accurately reflect the feelings of students, and that it was up to expire at the end of April anyway. Others were uncomfortable with removing the policy after the plebiscite last year showed that students were in favour of a ban. However, some pointed out that the lack of a "no" campaign might have made the results of the votes suspect, as well as the small number of people who voted in the election—causing one of the Arts councillors to ask if "the fact that four Arts students voted us in" made their spot on Council less than legitimate.

But in the end, the motion was defeated, and political policy remained. The meeting was adjourned, and Council was done for the evening.

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# PROFESSOR OF THE WEEK

**DR. ROBERT SUMMERS**  
**EAS 192**

“Dr Summers shows us how to look at issues objectively and to view them with an open mind. His classes are interesting, and he uses materials such as comedy skits, Calvin and Hobbes, and clips from movies or the news to reinforce what he is teaching us in class. He uses a variety of teaching methods (open discussions, lecture notes, additional readings) to convey the material, allowing for all types of learning styles to be accommodated. I hope that his efforts will be acknowledged for he well deserves it.”

## MAKE TEACHING MATTER!

Excellent teaching is the foundation of an outstanding undergraduate education, and the university community needs to begin to value everyday achievements in undergraduate teaching.

The Students' Union is looking to recognize professors who demonstrate sincere enthusiasm for teaching undergraduates, innovative methods of engaging students in the learning process and a willingness to go beyond what is normally expected of a professor.

Nominations can be picked up/submitted at any Faculty Association office or InfoLink desk, or at the SU Executive Office front desk. Nominations can also be emailed to the Associate VP-Academic Tasneem Karbani at [avpa@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpa@su.ualberta.ca).