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RETRACTION

In the 13 February issue of the Gateway, an opinion piece by Ross Prusakowski entitled "Just say No to SAKCoke" made a number of incorrect statements regarding the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) and its relationship with Students Against Killer Coke (SAKCoke). As a result, all conclusions drawn about APIRG in the article must be unequivocally retracted.

The statement: "As an organization funded by APIRG, SAKCoke has used student funds to print and distribute stickers and posters outside the period of pre-campaigning," is incorrect. SAKCoke is not a working group of APIRG, nor has it received any student funds administered by APIRG.

Consequently, the following paragraph, which read: "The actions of

APIRG—a group that had an eye to participating in the election and that had, according to the written decision, been informed of the rules—are reprehensible and an egregious misuse of hard-earned student revenue. This also opens the door to questioning the principles and aims of APIRG itself," is also incorrect. As a result of an editing error, the phrase "this group" was replaced with

"APIRG," when in fact it was meant to refer to those involved in the distribution of anti-Coke materials. APIRG has never expressed any intent to participate in the plebiscite campaign.

Because of this, the article and its author had no grounds whatsoever to question APIRG's use of student fees, nor its principles and aims.

The Gateway regrets these errors.

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, 13 March.

LOTS AND LOTS OF BAR GRAPHS

Students' Council opened with a presentation from Students' Union General Manager Bill Smith on the SU's financial history. While the presentation was a broad overview, stretching back to 1984/85, the most interesting parts dealt with more recent losses the SU has experienced. These losses included Computer and Network Services moving their operations out of SUB, as well as the Gateway gaining autonomy from the SU, which took approximately \$250 000 from yearly SU revenue. Smith's presentation also looked at

the history of entertainment revenues from SU venues and how they have waned significantly in recent years, with dropping attendance at the SU's entertainment events.

Following a brief public Q & A period with Smith, Council went in camera to continue the discussion.

INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL

Engineering Councillor Prem Eruvbetine presented on the current state of international differential tuition. Eruvbetine pointed out that differential tuition, which is paid as a fee on top of regular tuition, has steadily increased for international students. As approximately 12.4 per cent of all U of A students are classified as international students, including eight per cent of undergraduates, Eruvbetine advocated that the SU pursue a more equitable solution and better access to scholarships for this group.

QUESTION PERIOD

SU President Sam Power was asked about the student attendance for the

National Day of Action on 7 February. While only a few hundred students did come out for the event, Power pointed out that many students were either in class or working over the noon hour.

Vice-President (Operations and Finance) Chris Cunningham was asked about the process for students opting out of APIRG. Cunningham stated that the only way for students to currently opt out was to actually go to APIRG's office and sign a sheet—an act, he said, many students may have misgivings about. He pointed out that the SU has been looking into different ways, including an online form, for students to opt out.

Both Cunningham and Power were queried about whether or not SU fee increases were tied to CPI and when the last time fees were increased outside of CPI. Power stated that SU fees were directly tied to both CPI and enrollment numbers, while Cunningham stated that they hadn't increased outside of CPI in recent memory.

Lastly, the Executive was questioned about any future projects that would take advantage of a fund set aside for

special projects. But, before an actual answer could be given, several members of Council pointed out that the matter was discussed earlier in camera and question period came to a close.

COUNCILLORS GOTSTA GET PAID

Lastly, Council discussed Bill 21, which deals with the remuneration of councillors and Board of Governor representatives. Those supporting remuneration argued that councillors who are paid would have more incentive to do a good job and that it affords them the ability to devote more time to Council and schoolwork rather than work part-time jobs. Furthermore, they said, it's not meant to be an award for councillors, but rather a tool that helps provide a level of accountability to the SU.

Those against remuneration pointed out that the SU is already facing a budget crunch and will need to do something drastic. They argued that the role of Council is to serve students, and paying councillors does nothing to further this—it only serves those that sit on Council.

STREETERS

Students' Union elections are coming up again, and voting will take place 7–8 March.

Will you vote in the election?



Adam Kedmy
Science I



Richard Beauarant
Comp Sci I



Ania Werbeniuk
Science IV



Jolea McMillan
Education III

Yes, because then I'll have some control over what happens. Even if it's not power, it's still some power. It's better than no power. Even if you can't change the ideas that they present, it's better than not even being able to change that.

Yeah. I live in Lister, and I know Michael Janz, so I'll be voting for him. I want to help him out, because he's keeping me alive right now, by running Lister really good. He's running where I live.

No, I don't plan on voting. I have no idea who's running. This is my fourth year, and I've never voted. Never even had the urge.

No, I don't plan on voting. I've never voted. I usually don't see the elections, and by the time they come up I haven't paid enough attention.

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