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COUNCIL FORUM

Compiled by Victor Vargas and 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, 24 July.

While the Gateway was on hiatus between spring and summer semester, Council continued to meet. The following stories come from these meetings as well as from 10 July.

ADVOCATING FOR ADVOCACY

SU advocacy director Don Iveson, who will be resigning this year, presented to council about the relevance of his department and argued that it is worth the \$200 000 that the SU spends on it annually. Iveson claimed that over the last four years the department had made major strides and provided continuity to the Students' Union, which changes yearly.

"For instance, a project like the U-Pass, which really took five years to execute, might have been more difficult to execute, if not for some manner of continuity on the file from one year to the next. And actually, a lot of things the Students' Union does are actually longer term projects than one year," Iveson explained.

“ I move that Council move *in camera*.

However, Councillor Aden Murphy questioned the wisdom of spending money in that department when the money could be used for other SU initiatives. He noted that the money spent could fund as many as four ECOS departments or four Safewalks.

Iveson responded by stating that comparing the Advocacy Department to an SU service is like comparing apples and oranges, but admitted that Council has the final say on how to spend their money.

Coming to Iveson's defense, SU President Michael Janz weighed in, noting how he understands how councillors may be unable to see the value of the department, but assured everyone of its worth.

"I come into office, and I see what has been going on with the department: how they support us, what the staff are doing, the sheer amount of research knowledge that the SU has compiled on topics ranging from textbooks in the States and Canada to how the student loan system has affected different countries in Australia, Canada, and North America, and how this has affected us in Alberta. I have really seen the effectiveness of the department now," Janz stated.

BATTLE OF THE BEARS

A hot topic as of late has been the future of BearScat as the University moves closer to upgrading BearTracks via PeopleSoft 9.

Councillor Dave Cournoyer proposed a policy that would have the SU advocate to the University to make BearTracks contain the same functionality as BearScat.

"Students have been aware for a long time that BearTracks doesn't necessarily fit their needs," Cournoyer explained. "There are features that are provided in BearScat that could compensate for this. But the problem is that this is an example of the Students' Union picking up the slack of the University, and it's time we seriously advocate to the University that BearTracks needs to provide these types of services that BearScat provides in order to meet the needs of students and it is really important that this happens."

The policy passed but did face some opposition.

"I think it would be foolish and short-sighted to believe that the University will in fact bring any system in that will replace the functionality that will be lost if we lose BearScat," Business Councillor Scott Nicol explained.

Nicol also noted that BearScat's fate was essentially sealed by passing this

policy, as it locks the SU out from funding the system in any way.

BearScat creator Steve Kirkham has previously set an 31 August deadline for the SU to decide whether or not to support BearScat. Without any formal support, he has stated that BearScat will probably become non-functional come the influx of registration in September.

MAKING THE BIG BUCKS

Prior to Council taking place this past Tuesday, the Council Advisory Committee (CAC) met to discuss councillor remuneration.

The motion to repeal councillor pay was narrowly defeated with four members for, four against, and one abstaining.

Later in Council, Engineering Councillor and CAC Chair Prem Eruvbetine stated that he felt discussions regarding remuneration would probably continue.

POWERPLANT CONFIDENTIAL

Most of last Tuesday's meeting was spent *in camera*, as SU Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Eamonn Gamble and President Michael Janz made a closed presentation on the Powerplant.

The Plant has been closed all summer, and as its future still remains unknown.

STREETERS

Live Earth took place on Saturday, featuring eight concerts to promote awareness of global warming.

What are you personally doing to help the environment?



Matt Mazurek
Arts Alumnus



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Todd Penney
Science Grad III



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Physiotherapy
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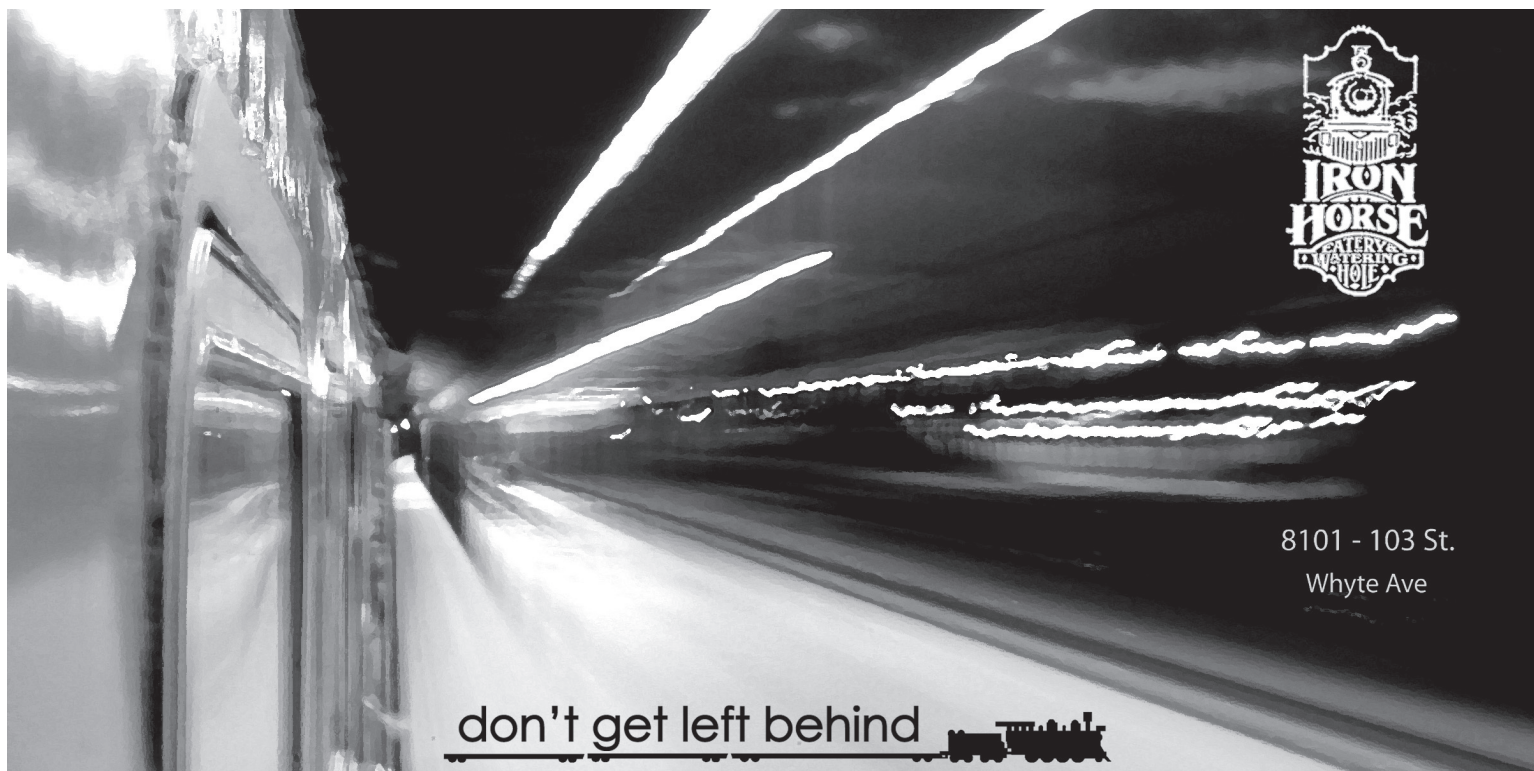
I cycle to work at least four days per week, which is supposed to reduce carbon emissions by I think twenty pounds each time you do it. It's a twenty-five minute commute, and I do it rain, snow, or shine.

I recycle my beer cans. My roommates [drink enough beer that this is a significant contribution]. I do the recycling because I have the truck.

I do a lot more walking to school, both to reduce my carbon footprint and to save money. I do own a car, but I choose not to use it.

I use public transportation all the time, and I recycle. Back home, I live in a condominium that has composting and other things that aren't typical for a condominium complex, to reduce the waste in high density areas.

Compiled and photographed by Steve Smith and Mike Otto



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