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## THIES PREDICTS

# Fees Not Likely To Rise Next Year

AMS vice-president John Thies thinks students have already won the fight over fees.

"I have every reason to believe fees will not go up next year," he said at an open speakeasy Friday.

Thies went on to say that he doubts if the board will charge the \$10 late fine when the students pay on the 27th.

"They don't want our blood money," he explained.

But AMS president Paul Williamson told students that the council had set January 27th as fee-paying day and asked students to withhold their \$56 until then.

He gave the reasons for this date as:

- it relates the action to the legislature rather than to the

board.

- it eliminates the fear of cancellation of registration because the time lapse between the 17th and the 27th is too short for the administration to go through the procedures of expelling 1,500 students,

- it removes student pressure during the legislature debate,

- publicity is at its height now and a confrontation with the board of governors would lose some of this positive value,

- payment on the 17th would only accomplish the movement of the fee deadline and "this is not the issue".

The board of governors waived the deadline of the first fee payment Wednesday night, thereby

eliminating the \$5 fine, but remained firm on the January 17th deadline.

Council has said that should it become necessary to raise the money required to pay \$10 late fee fines for 1,500 students, that they have support from other Canadian universities to raise this sum.

Williamson told students that the board of governors had met all the requests presented to them in a brief December 20 except that one asking an extension on the deadline for payment of fees.

He said students could then pay their fees on January 27th, the opening day of the legislative assembly, thereby shifting the focus of attention from the board to the provincial government.

## profs 'against', 'with' council

By MIKE PHELPS

Sharp criticism was levied against the students' council Wednesday "for attempting to transform a dedicated board of governors into a body of political hacks."

History professor Alfred Loft said students are "simply forcing the board into a corner by withholding \$56 of their fees."

Loft said he felt more pressure should be exerted upon the provincial government rather than the board of governors.

He expressed strong disapproval over the manner in which students are campaigning for a tuition reduction.

But English professor Miss Joan Conway looked at it another way.

"It is the only thing they can do under the circumstances," said Miss Conway.

Going one step further, she suggested the complete elimination of tuition fees and the establishment of an allowance system similar to that used in her native Britain.

This would furnish students with a sum to cover the complete cost of tuition and board.

However, such grants should be withdrawn, she feels, if a student is unable to maintain an adequate academic standard.

Prof. Loft was more critical of any government system for providing free higher education, however.

"Such subsidization would automatically cause the university admission standards to be drastically raised," he said.

## Council Revised 'Pledged' Requests

The following requests were listed on pledge cards when students signed in December to withhold \$56 of second-term fees.

Students who signed the cards at that time agreed to the requests and pledged to withhold part of their fees until results were forthcoming:

a) that a student representative be included on the board of governors' delegation for submission of estimates to the provincial government.

b) that the board of governors' submission of estimates on tuition revenue be calculated on the basis of the 1964-65 level,

c) that a public statement be made by the board, indicating that they are submitting their estimates on the basis of the 1964-65 fee level,

d) and that the announcement of next year's fee level be made on or before March 11, 1966."

The card went on to say that "... at the first meeting of the students' council following the announcement of 1966-67 fee level, the students' council shall decide whether or not:

1) its negotiation surrounding the above points has been successful, and 2) the 1966-67 fee level is acceptable, and 3) that the students' council shall advise students at that time whether or

not they should pay the remaining \$56.

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These requests were listed in a brief presented to the board of governors by the students' council on December 20. They are not the same ones listed on pledge cards.

1) that the board recommend to the provincial government that they consider increasing their operating grant to a level which would allow for consideration of a reduction in tuition fees.

2) that the board receive a delegation from the students' council in September, 1966, in order that students may make recommendations regarding the preparation of the budget before it is submitted to the government.

3) that the board extend the deadline for the late payment of second term tuition fees until mid-March, it being understood that this extension would only apply to the \$56 portion of the fees.

4) that the board inform the students' council that they have received the information as to the amount of the operating grant from the provincial government immediately upon receipt of this information, and that the tuition fee level be announced as soon as possible.

### Notice

This week only the *Martlet* will appear twice in order to inform students of developments in the fee fight. Due to printing costs only four pages will appear on Tuesday with the regular eight page issue and the Magazine on Friday.



## MAKES CENTS

# Harris 'Smashing' Hit

The Activities Council made a profit on this week's Rolf Harris shows at the McPherson Playhouse.

It was the first time that a council special event has made money in several years. Both Monday and Tuesday shows were sold out for a week before the Australian comedy and singing star appeared.

It was the first time that the University of Victoria has produced an off-campus show.

Over 1680 people packed the theatre to join in songs such as "Waltzing Matilda", "My Boomerang Won't Come Back", and

Harris' theme song, "Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport".

In the opening minutes, Harris asked the audience "Now shall we continue with the gentle stuff or get on with the filthy material?" He got his answer and away he went with jokes ranging from the fee raise controversy, to the Queen's visit to Australia, and Eve back to some old Edwardian humour.

Harris, who left for his home in England on Wednesday will be returning to this area next November with more of his humour and presence.

To use his own words, it was a "bloody riot" listening to him.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN

# secretary resigns

Students' council secretary Nan Elliott resigned from her position Sunday night.

In a letter to Paul Williamson he explained it thus:

"It is with regret that I must for personal reasons, resign as secretary of the AMS.

"I would like to say that I have enjoyed working with the council, and I would like to wish you

every success in your remaining months of office."

Miss Elliott's resignation was received by council with much regret and a hearty round of table-thumping indicated their thanks for "a job very well done".

Nominations for election of a new secretary opened Monday and will remain open until Friday. The election will take place Friday the 21st of January.

# Mitchell Ruff Jazz Trio

FRIDAY 12:30 GYM 50c

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**Editorial**

**Why Bother - It's Over**

The students' council at this brave university has chosen January 27 as the date on which all students will pay the \$56 they have been withholding.

Why bother?

Students might just as well pay their \$56 on January 17 as the board has ruled.

They might as well because they have nothing left for which to fight.

Let's face it. The students' council has failed in its mighty fee fight. We, as students, have failed by taking council's decision with meek obedience.

The whole campaign is ending in a farce — just like National Student Day — because the council has backed out. It has declared January 27th fee-paying day. And by so doing, it has sold the students to the public as a bunch of irresponsible snitty children.

The fee fight has deteriorated into one big giggle.

So let's admit it. Pay on January 17 as usual.

What the hell, you might as well.

By declaring that students will continue to withhold fees a whole ten days longer than calendar regulations, council has created what appears to the public only as a petty refusal to acknowledge the board's regulations.

We will achieve nothing by withholding fees until the 27th except to give the board of governors one big headache and to stir up a great deal of adverse publicity.

And after council counted its precious publicity so vital to the success of the campaign!

How often have we heard the argument that public opinion only will convince the provincial government to increase its operating grants to the university, thereby allowing for a decrease in fees?

Take a look around, council. Public sympathy rests with the board, not with the students. The students have violated university regulations. They have put the board in a difficult position, whether they wanted to or not.

Alright. Maybe that was unavoidable; but it has happened and the public knows it.

But the public also knows that the whole intention of withholding fees in the beginning was to do so until we received some official guarantee that fees would go down next year.

And that is what the council has conveniently pushed into the background, hoping that we might forget.

When students signed pledge cards in December, they did so accepting the requests printed on their cards as valid.

They did so with the understanding that they would withhold their \$56 until they had a guarantee from the provincial government for a substantial fee reduction.

Number "d" of pledge card requests is proof enough of this intention.

But the brief that council presented to the board of governors at a closed meeting on December 20 did not include this request.

Very smart. Apparently council had second thoughts regarding this clause. They realized it might be impossible to see "d" realized. And they knew that sooner or later they would have to compromise with the board.

Now they have made that compromise — January 27th.

Now they can make a public announcement saying that the board has met all council's "requests" except that asking that the fee deadline be extended.

Now they think they are safe.

But just to prove that they will withhold, they have stated they will not pay their fees for ten days more.

Why? There's a reason.

You see, dear student, January 27 is symbolic.

It is the opening day of the legislature, and symbolically, the commencement of talks over the university budget for next year.

But what does it accomplish?

Nothing — except a lot of publicity — most of it bad.

If the council can not go through with its fee fight and withhold until the guarantee is forthcoming, then council should admit it.

Blanketting its failure with a lot of "our requests have all been met" is just too obvious. If students aren't willing to withhold their money to the end, then why bother at all?

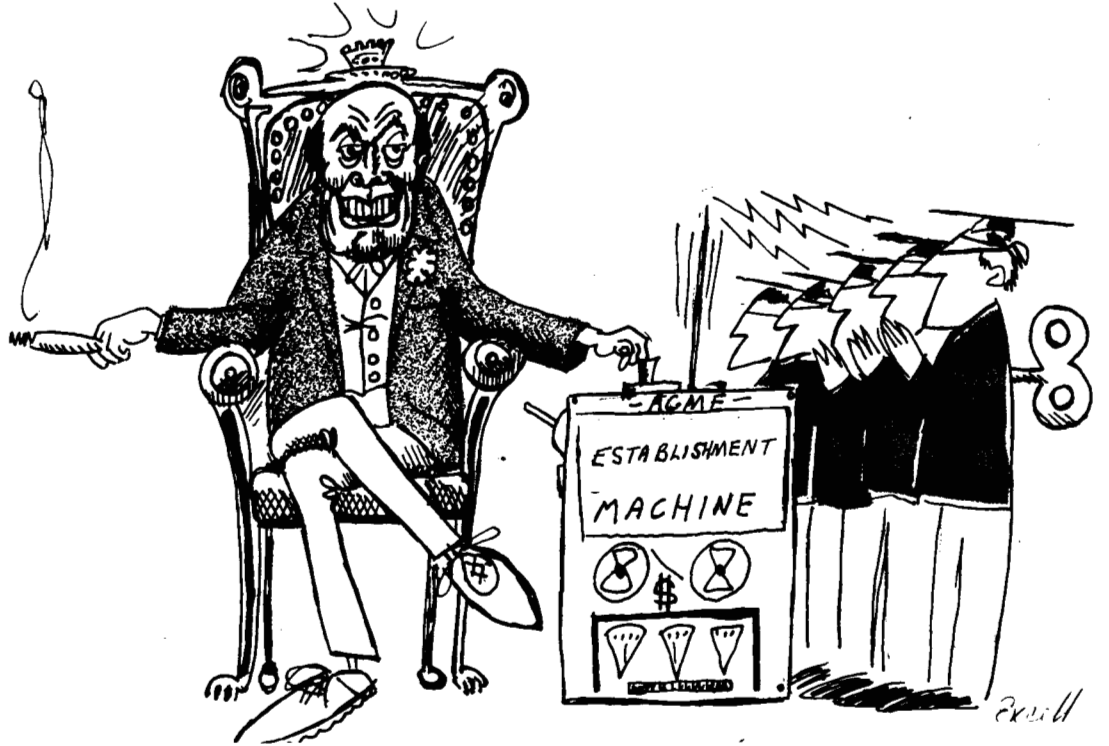
It takes guts to withhold 'til March and our students' council hasn't got it.

So chalk up the University of Victoria's almighty fee fight to one more feeble fling and dismal failure.

And pay your paltry \$56 on January 17th as usual.

As we said, what the hell, you might as well.

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"And on January 27th you will all pay your fees . . ."

**Notice**

All letters to the Editor will be printed provided that these are kept short, and the subject of the letter is not libellous or slanderous. All letters must be in The Martlet office by noon on Monday if they are to appear in that week's issue.

**A STUDENT ANSWERS**

Dear Madam:

In reply to comments in The Students Speak (Jan. 6):

To: "I'm no crusader." A little intestinal fortitude might help.

To: "My parents are paying for it." You're lucky, but the majority are not so fortunate.

To: "Although 51 percent pledged to withhold . . ." and "I paid my fees in full because . . ."

Apathy is a vice to be avoided.

To: "Big business should aid universities other than by scholarships to individuals . . ."

The individuals who receive scholarships generally are deserving of such; in this manner the able student with financial problems can attend university.

To: "I think they'll have to pay anyway and I don't think they'll accomplish what they have to."

We realize we may, probably will, have to eventually pay. What other way is there of attempting to accomplish what we have to?

Gary McInnis  
Education 1.

**OBJECT TO FEE**

Dear Madam:

Since students of this University have been paying \$30,000 per year for the construction of their SUB, we object to being charged an entrance fee for the use of this building.

After seeing "View from the Bridge" recently, we had to wait in the SUB until 11 p.m. for the next bus into town. By all means, charge admission to the Sock Hop in the Dungeon, but why charge us 50c for 20 minutes use of two chairs in the Upper Lounge?

We ask that in future a distinction be made between those using the SUB as a dance hall, and those who need temporary protection from Victoria's "beautiful" weather.

Harold Munn, A3  
Doreen Stephen, A-3

**LEFT . . .  
... RIGHT**

By LYNN CURTIS



The other night, while taking a break from my usual study orgy, I turned on the old mantel radio by my desk.

I wanted to see if the CBC might be broadcasting a play or something else that might amuse me for half-an-hour. As my hand moved across the dial a voice caught my interest so I paused for a moment.

The voice had announced the call letters of a New Orleans radio station. I stopped partly because New Orleans has sentimental value for me (I spent a short time in jail there this summer), partly because I was interested to hear if the city had recovered from the September hurricane, but mostly out of pure amazement.

My ugly green radio usually has trouble bringing in Vancouver.

I stopped and listened.

Soon a commentator came along to explain the profit system to me. By constantly re-dialing the station I was able to hear his story.

He told me that "many misinformed Marxists throughout the world are attempting to undermine the American way of life by spreading false information about the profit system." I had only to wait until after the next commercial to hear the truth.

The commercial informed the young people everywhere that they could write to Dallas, Texas for information about setting up a "truly American youth club." Then the commentator was back.

"True profit is not the money left over after all business expenses are paid. This is a very common misconception. That is only the gross profit. From gross profit you must deduct an amount equal to the salaries all the people involved in the business venture could be making if they were not involved in that business venture.

This must be deducted to compensate for the loss of revenue

these men must accept in order to go into business. You must also deduct from the gross profits an amount equal to seven or eight percent of all the money invested in the business venture. This compensates for the loss incurred in not being able to invest this money on the open market. Only after these deductions have been made can true profit be obtained."

He informed me that very few companies could report any true profits at all. "This refutes the argument that American business makes huge profits. Even the big corporations like General Motors make less than one percent true profit a year" he said.

After another commercial he was back to tell me that profit is the only thing that has kept America strong. "If the profit system was removed, businessmen would have to find employment elsewhere. They would probably end up working for the government which had displaced them. The country would soon crumble because all the incentive to produce would be gone." he said.

He left me with this closing statement. "Patriotism works because people speak out for it."

I thanked him for his time and played with the radio dial some more. I was anxious to see what else this freak reception might bring me.

I was soon in New York. The speaker was relating "a normal day in the life of a New Yorker.

"From morning to night he reads and hears about nothing but sin and violence. He sees nothing but sin and violence. There are murders, accidents, rapes, robberies and car thefts. Prostitutes, drug addicts, filthy children, alcoholics and destitute people are everywhere. Divorce and suicide are commonplace" he said.

I turned the dial. In came Philadelphia. "Rebellion is rampant in our land. Children and adults alike have lost respect for society, government and themselves. Never has open hostility to life been so prevalent."

Again I turned the dial and this time it was Washington, D.C. "The crime rate in the United States is increasing at overwhelming rates . . . One in every eight children in school today will spend part of his or her life in a mental institution."

I turned off the radio.

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