THE UBYSSEY

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EDITORIAL

Thanks to some quick juggling by Students' Council at their meeting, students will now be faced with two alternatives when voting on the fee increase referendum today. Voters can approve a purely stop-gap motion by giving 25 cents to the Literary and Scientific Executive or they can solve the immediate financial problems of most campus organizations by approving the $2.00 referendum.

The 25 cent increase to LSE was put forward at the last AMS meeting with the intent to give needed money to that organization. LSE certainly needs the money, but so does practically every other organization.

Elsewhere on this page are the explanations of why the other groups require additional money. Giving only LSE 25 cents will accomplish little, it will solve LSE's problems for one year. The other groups will come to the next general AMS meetin gand the fight will be on again.

UBC is the third largest university in the country. It has one of the most extensive extra-curricular programs of any university on the continent. It also has the lowest AMS fee of any large Canadian university.

University of Toronto has a student fee of $46; McGill students pay $36; Queens' fee is $37; Western Ontario students pay $41. Meanwhile UBC students exist on $16 of which $5 goes to the War Memorial fund and $1 goes to the International Students' Service.

By approving the $2.00 referendum students can do the following things: give the LSE at least 25 cents; continue publication of the Ubyssey at three times a week; give an increase to each undergraduate society, to women's athletics and to men's minor sports, and have a proper Special Events program again.

Students have an opportunity today to end the annual bickering over AMS funds. $2.00 is a cheap price to pay for campus unity.

—A. F.

STUDENTS VOTE TODAY ON FEES

Two Issues Of Paper Next Year?

If students want three issues of the Ubyssey per week next session, they will have to vote for the proposed two-dollar increase.

The Ubyssey requires 25 cents per student to continue publishing on a tri-weekly basis, and the fee increase would grant this amount to Publications.

Pub Board's five-year contract with Standard Publishing has now expired. This agreement had cost Publications 67 dollars per issue of The Ubyssey, but printing costs have risen sharply since the contract's inception, and Standard Publishing now demands 80 dollars per issue. This amounts to a total increase of $1300.

A bargain will be given students if they approve the 25-cent levy. Each student now pays $1.30 for three issues. Without an increase, this $1.30 would produce only two issues—65 cents an issue. By voting fo rthe fee increase, student would receive an additional issue of The Ubyssey for only 25 cents.

The Ubyssey was at one time a daily newspaper, but a sharp drop in the enrolment of the '49-'50 session slashed the AMS budget. The Ubyssey has been appearing only three times a week since. Students will decide whether there will be only two editions next session.

Ballot To Determine Insurance Question

Polling stations will be open today to enable students to vote on a referendum asking for approval of an Accident and Insurance plan and two different types of fee increase.

Students will be asked to answer "yes" or "no" on the following questions:

(1) Are you in favour of an assessment of $4.12 for Accident and Surgical Insurance?

(2) Are you in favor of an assessment of $2.00 for the following purposes?

- (a) A minimum of 25 cents to the Literary and Scientific Executive;
- (b) To keep the Ubyssey at three editions per week.
- (c) Undergraduate Society activities;
- (d) Special Events;
- (e) Men's Athletics;
- (f) Women's Athletics.

(3) Are you in favor of an assessment of 25 cents for the Literary and Scientific Executive?

IT'S CONFUSING

If students approve question 2, it will be unnecessary to vote for question 3 as the Literary and Scientific Executive will receive at least 25 cents from the $2.00. However, voters can defeat question 2 and still vote for question 3.

Council would like to emphasize that the AMS fee of $16 will be increased by only $2.00, not $2.25, if both questions 2 and 3 are approved. The maximum fee increase will be $6.00 (to the even dollar), whether questions 1 and 2 are approved or 1, 2 and 3 are approved.

That means if the voter gives his approval to question 2 he does not need to bother to vote on question 3.

$5 TO GYM

Of the present Alma Mater Society fee of $16, $5 goes to pay off the debt on the student-financed War Memorial gym and $1 goes to the International Students' Service.

The actual AMS fee has never been raised since the university was founded.

The referendum requires a two-thirds majority to pass as it is an Alma Mater Society money by-law.

Polling stations will be at their usual places in the quad, the engineering building, in front of the library and Brock hall.

LSE Groups Need $$$ For Club Quarters

Following are the reasons why the LSE feels that it should receive a larger grant:

MAD, WAD Need Money For Programs

Like practically every other group on the campus, men's and women's athletics need more money.

At present members of some UBC teams are forced to pay their own way on trips and use their own cars. Because of shortage of funds MAD cannot hire a coach for the Jayvee football team or the Braves basketball team.

Members of the ski team had to pay their own expenses to a ski meet at Banff this past season. Additional money would also be used to expand the intra-mural program. The intra-mural boxing and wrestling tournament and the varsity noon-hour games had to be cut out this year because of lack of funds. Over half the men on the campus take part in intramurals.

MORE MONEY

Women's athletics need more money for coaches and equipment. At present teams have to travel on trips in cars and can take no spares and no managers. Girls playing badminton for the school have to pay $7.

Many of the teams need new strip. Intra-murals, in which one-third of all UBC girls participate, could be expanded. WAD officials say they can exist on the present budget but they can't build a program.

1. The international groups would like a room where their members could meet for discussion sessions, both formal and informal. A project of this nature would do much to accomplish an exchange of ideas between foreign and Canadian students, which is one of the expressed aims of the international clubs on the campus. The room could function as permanent club headquarters and would be a place to which members might drop in at any time of the day.

POLITICAL CLUBS

2. The political clubs are interested in getting a place where their libraries could be put into circulation. These political libraries could all be set up in one room. In this way the literature of the various parties could be shared by all those interested in political activity. If this room were established it could also be used to hold discussions and informal debates between any of the members of the various parties.

PUBLISHING ROOM

3. Both the international and political clubs desire to have a publishing room at their disposal. Thus, any club wishing to print material would have a typewriter and mimeographing facilities for its use.

4. The humanities groups, such as the Historical Society, the Letters Club and the Economics Club, would also like a room which they could use as a permanent meeting place. This room could be used for seminar talks and so forth. In addition, refreshments could be served in a club room of this type.

5. Many o fthe fine arts groups such as Mussoc, Jazzsoc and the Player's Club have been generally hampered by restricted finances.

Increase Won't Be Over $6.

The AMS fee must be in even dollars since the Administration accounting office does not want to bother with dollars and odd cents.

For that reason, if both the insurance scheme and the $2.00 fee increase are approved, the total AMS fee increase will be only $6.00.

But if the accident insurance or LSE referendum are passed, then the AMS fee increase approved will amount to $4.12, to 25c, or to $4.37 if both pass. In that event the administration might raise their fees to bring the total Student fee to the next even dollar.

"Student Council is planning," stated Treasurer Allan Goldsmith, "to prevent any additional fee increase from going to the administration."

Insurance Explained By Student Council

To All Students:

For some time now your Alma Mater Society has been giving consideration to installing, in the university, a surgical plan to assist students in the payment of surgeon's fees in connection with fractures, operations and other surgical procedures.

Such a plan is already in effect in two of our eastern universities; the University of Alberta, and is available to students at the University of Washington.

In order to present you with the cost of a surgical plan, we received quotations, based on information we provided, from leading insurance companies in Vancouver. On the basis of these quotations it was decided that the New York Life Insurance Company can provide the most comprehensive and economical plan.

Based on the present enrollment data the eight-month cost per student for this coverage would be $4.12, a monthly cost of 51½ cents. Each student would be covered for the university fall and spring terms which is approximately eight months. Students would be covered up to a maximum of $250.00 for each surgical procedure according to the scale of fees for each operation with no limit on the number of such operations needed during the eight month period. We feel that this should go a long way in alleviating heavy surgical expenses that can occur to a student either on or off the campus and where no workmen's compensation is paid.

In order to obtain the advantages of group buying, all students must participate at the time of enrollment with exceptions being made for D.V.A. students, those covered under family plans and others objecting on religious or other legitimate grounds.

This surgical plan, in conjunction with the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service and the university health service, would give each student at the University of British Columbia a very complete coverage.

We ask your support for this program because we feel that the 51½ cents a month cost is going to keep no one from attending our University, but an expensive operation might.

Students' Council,
Alma Mater Society.

It's Your Money - Get Out And Vote