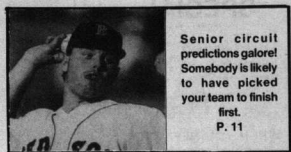


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## Academics settle

by Ken Bosman

The Academic staff of the U of A will receive an average 6.4 percent pay increase this year under a yet to be ratified agreement with the University.

B.J. Busch, the president of the Academic Staff Association, says her executive will "recommend to approve" the agreement even though it "puts us about 7 percent behind Ontario."

The agreement calls for:

- A three percent across the board increase in the salary scale on July 1st, 1988
- An increase of \$580 per year for all academic staff on December 31st, 1988
- In addition, under the terms of the agreement, 1.1 merit increments per academic staff member are available, each increment being worth 2.4 percent

When the agreement is fully implemented, the average annual salary for U of A Academic staff will be about \$58,000 per year.

- Full professors will earn a minimum of \$52,730 with no upper limit
- Associate professors will earn between \$41,390 and \$59,534 per year
- Assistant professors will earn between \$33,144 and \$47,280 per year
- Sessional lecturers will earn between \$27,144 and \$39,144 per year

"The agreement will put us towards the bottom half of the top ten," according to Ron Burkolff, a mathematics professor who helped the Academic Staff Association with its numerical analysis of the agreement.

"That's out of about 20 institutions which offer full graduate and professional schools."

Because the U of A has fallen

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behind Toronto, Queen's, and Ottawa, the University may have trouble finding and retaining qualified staff, according to Busch.

"We have concerns we will lose people, the pool of applicants is shrinking in some faculties," said Busch.

Brian MacDonald, Associate VP Academic, agrees that the U of A will drop to "fourth or fifth" but also adds that "money does not buy as much in Toronto — taxes are lower in Alberta, rents are crazy in Toronto."

The new staff agreement means that the university will have academic staff costs increase by just under \$8 million a year, relative to last year, based upon U of A financial statements.

The additional costs will tax the U of A budget even further, according to Busch, and will likely lead to staff reductions.

"It's difficult to know how many people the University will lose," said Busch.

Possible layoffs are attributed by Busch to the recent limit of tuition to a three percent increase. "The University must feel like Alice in Wonderland — the situation gets curiously and curiously (Advanced Education) has totally undercut the ability of the Administration to respond."

"Students used to get a real bargain — there is a danger of the University becoming bargain basement."

## Students should give

by Gateway staff

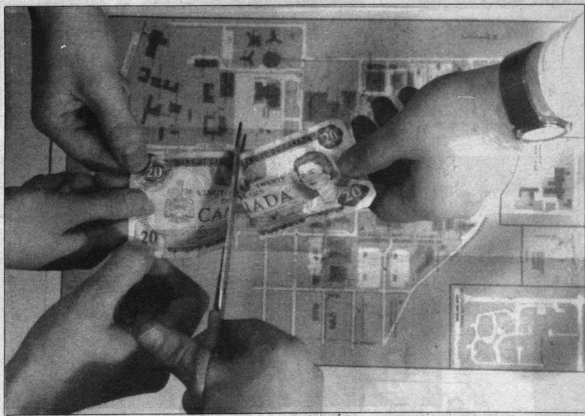
The University of Alberta has created a program to encourage students to donate money to the university.

The Students' Gift Program, set up in the spring of 1987, is aimed at creating awareness among students of the need for private donations to the University, and to encourage participation by students in the fund-raising process, said Peter Chu, co-chairman of the fund.

"Since tuition fees cover less than 15 percent of the operating costs of the university, private donations are essential to help the institution 'meet the basic costs of education,'" said Chu.

Donations to the university are eligible for matching by the provincial government. The level of matching funding depends on the form the donations take. Donations directed to endowment accounts, where the principle remains intact while the interest is used, are eligible for two-for-one matching through Alberta Advanced Education Endowment. Contributors for current use are eligible for one-for-one matching.

The areas designated for specific attention were selected by an advisory committee of student representatives from "almost every faculty," said Chu. One of the three main areas selected is Student Services. Special needs within each faculty have also been identified



The U of A is in serious financial straits and has suffered severe cutbacks, says U of A President Myer Horowitz.

## Horowitz decries cutbacks

by Red Campbell

Details of reduced government funding for the University were released Monday by President Myer Horowitz.

Speaking in front of the General Faculties Council, Horowitz said that the 1.5 percent operating budget increase recently announced

by the provincial government actually amounted to lost revenue for the University.

"We see an increase of \$3.18 million on the operating side [of] our funding, and a decrease of \$3.23 million with regard to our capital funding," said Horowitz. "Capital funding pays for maintenance, renovations and replacing equipment."

Horowitz also noted that the cost of inflation had not been covered for two years running.

In 1987-88 the University received a 30 percent cutback to its capital budget.

"I had reason to believe," said Horowitz, "that we would move in a more positive direction. For this

year, we received \$13.09 million. For next year, we will be receiving \$9.86 million."

"That amounts to a 46 percent decrease since 1985-86, said Horowitz.

Last year the government cut U of A funding by three percent.

Paul LaGrange, Students' Union president elect for 1988-89, said "either the government is lying that education is a priority or they don't understand budgets."

Referring to the cutback in funding for research equipment from \$7.04 million to \$4.91 million, LaGrange said that "lower quality facilities means lower quality instruction, which cheapens the quality of your degree."

"Good profs don't want to come and work on shoddy equipment."

LaGrange feels students will have to put pressure on the government every chance they can in order to reverse the current trend of university funding.

Horowitz said he hopes to meet with premier Getty soon to discuss added financing: "We can try and convince him that this University deserves a different kind of treatment from the one that we are experiencing at this time."

Horowitz also announced that funding has been allocated to complete the new Clinical Research Building on 87 Ave, and to finish renovating the old Arts Building.

However, there is no money available for restoring the Cameron Library and Animal Services. An engineering complex for providing support facilities for agriculture has also been put on hold.

I love rain... to me, a day without rain is like a day without sunshine.

Carol Burnett

"through liaison with the deans."

Recent graduates are encouraged to contribute to the university, said Chu, adding, "regardless of the size, each contribution will make a difference in the quality of education at the University."

## Arts' CRO validated

by Ken Bosman

The Arts Students' Association Chief Returning Officer has taken himself to the SU's judicial board and emerged victorious.

Martin Levenson, the Arts CRO, had been the subject of a petition calling for his removal because he acted as campaign manager for

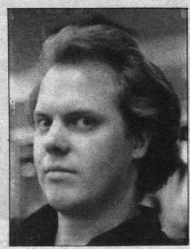
Wade Deisman during the SU General Elections. Deisman is also a candidate in the Arts general elections.

To clear up the controversy, Levenson requested the SU Discipline Enforcement and Interpretation Board to rule if his joint CRO/campaign manager status presented a conflict of interest.

"I won on the most important issue," said Levenson. "They (the DIE Board) felt that because of the limited number of people involved it was not unusual for one person to be involved in a number of capacities."

Levenson adds that "I don't think it would be fair for me to be CRO and automatically have everybody I know not be allowed to run. I know 15 of the 22 people running."

The official DIE board ruling has not been released. It will be published in *The Gateway* this Thursday.



Arts' CRO Martin Levenson