

What's the difference
between an apple? ?

The Gateway

Nothing: they're both
the same.

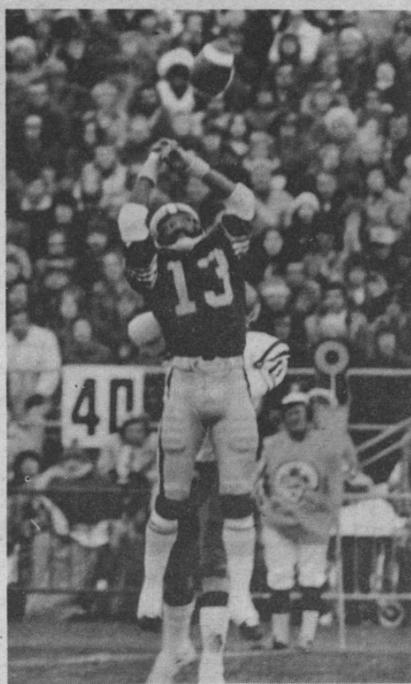
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EVERYONE was up for Sunday's game.



In the trees...



in the air...



in the stands.

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Advance registration's demise?

by Greg Neiman

A motion to abandon advance registration on this campus will likely be put forward by Dean M. Horowitz of the Faculty of Education at next Monday's meeting of GFC.

He said that, in his department, advance registration "was a shambles", and they would not like to go through the process again next year.

The greatest problems, he said, were administrative, and that there was simply not enough computer and staff facilities to handle the strains of changed programs and individual placement problems, nor was there adequate counselling services to prevent or alleviate these problems.

A. D. Cairns, University Registrar said that advance registration was not in practice an improvement over the previous system and that students who took more than a few hours to register themselves were "trying to beat the system."

He also mentioned that the system had been abandoned by many institutions in the U.S. and the U of A "was entering into a system that was already declared obsolete."

Because of the present administrative system, a decision

to uphold advance registration or to abandon it must be made soon or the university will be financially committed to retaining it for another year. He added that the Registrar's Office will not be making any major expenditures until a decision one way or the other had been made.

Student input into the decision will be made at the Monday meeting, said Celine Belanger, VP academic and

Executive GFC member.

She stated that to change the system on such little notice would create more problems than upholding the system would.

Because the motion is presented on short notice, it would take a two-thirds vote of GFC to consider it. If that vote is not achieved, the motion will be considered at the December 16th meeting of GFC.

Chester Ronning in Canada

Chester Ronning, one of Canada's most famous diplomats, and author of the book *A Memoir of China in Revolution* was guest lecturer of the Canada-China Friendship Society last Friday in the Tory Lecture Hall.

The programme opened with two Peoples Republic of China news films illustration some of the progress of that country since the 1949 revolution. Film clips of oilrigs, (complete with Chinese tool push), medical advances (of necessity, a girl's right foot was successfully grafted to the left leg after an accidental

amputation) and furtherment of experiments in the fields of agriculture and livestock.

Using his first language, Chinese, Ronning opened his lecture getting laughs from the non-Anglo's in twenty seconds. Reverting to English he illustrated in a brief, one hour lecture the motivations of the Peoples Republic of China in what could be compared with the Industrial Revolution of Europe.

The basis of the observation of China's situation has to be looked at in relation to the situation of China before the revolution and not with the standard of life Canadians are familiar with. Ronning's main emphasis included that the benefits of this Cultural Revolution were for all Chinese peoples therefore progress, slow by our standards would allow for all citizens to advance simultaneously.

In 1964 Ronning retired from the diplomatic service to Camrose, Alberta. In 1966, Ottawa again required his services as a Special Representative to Hanoi and Saigon.

Born in China of missionary parents Ronning returned to Canada to homestead in the Peace River area of Alberta. Returning to China first as a

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President Gunning pleased with budget increase

by Greg Neiman

The Department of Advanced Education has announced that the U of A's operating grant for the '75/76 fiscal year will be \$82,441,000 and Dr. Harry Gunning, University President, is pleased with it even though it isn't as much as the University asked for.

"For the first time in four years, the government has shown itself to be sensitive to the legitimate needs of the University," he said.

Next year's grant represents an increase of 24.2% over this year's, a definite improvement, but still short of the 35% increase requested.

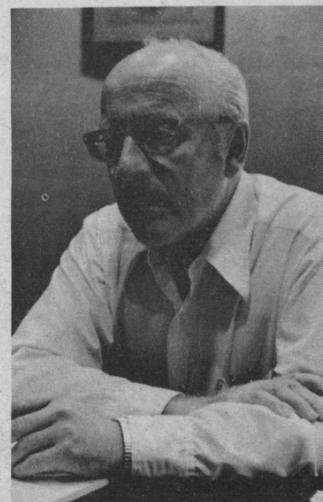
Salaries, both academic and non-academic take up roughly 85% of the operating budget and inflation has been severely hindering the University's power to attract new members in past years.

"We now can say to some of the departments here that we will be able to create some new positions," Dr. Gunning said, thus increasing the instructor-student ratio.

Salaries is an important area in the university's list of priorities, especially since new developments like the opening of the tar sands project create a great demand for trained personnel which could otherwise be lured into teaching.

In a memo to Deans, Directors, and Department Chairman, the President mentioned that "inflationary pressures are continuing, with the result that our priorities are being distorted."

The main priority of the University, says Dr. Gunning, is



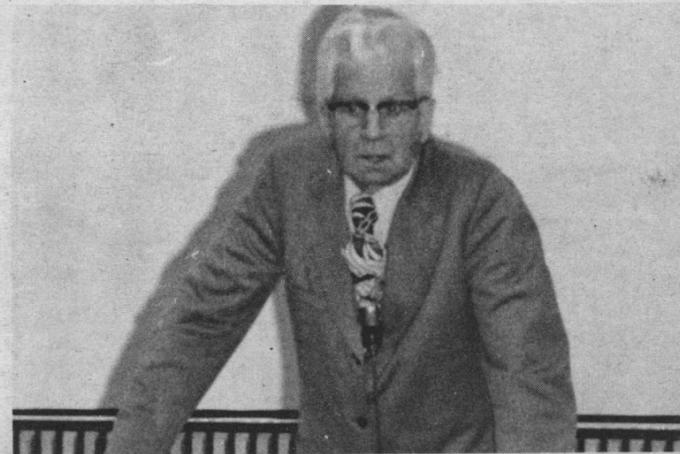
to provide the best university possible, with regards to staff, facilities, and services but under past "punitive budget restrictions" certain areas, like the paying of staff have taken precedence in the budget at the expense of others.

Our libraries, under the new budget, will finally be getting more assistance. Many cutbacks have been made in the past while subscription rates for some periodicals have risen as much as 300%.

Chemicals have gone up 35%, and general wholesale goods 27%.

Hopefully the increased grant will allow the university to expand its purchase in these areas to accommodate the increase in student enrolment, he said.

A meeting has been called for Wednesday, November 20th where Deans, Directors, and Council Chairmen will be able to discuss the implications of next year's budget allotment.



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