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Awards 1, lotteries 0

by Jens Andersen

If your attempt to finance your education by playing the lotteries has been somewhat less than successful, perhaps you should try your luck at the university Student Awards Office. The office will dish out \$2.8 million this year, and while brains, hard work, and need are the prime requisites, a little luck doesn't hurt either.

Take the case of Allan Gibson. He was the only U of A student last year taking a marine biology course at Bamfield Station and thus automatically won the \$500 Bamfield Marine Station Scholarship. A few others are not even applied for; for example, only 20 out of 22 "application" awards in the Agriculture faculty were applied for this year.

Awards are divided into matriculation, undergraduate and graduate categories. The latter two are further divided into nomination awards (where faculty recommends students to the Awards Office), and application awards (where the student puts himself in the running for most awards he is eligible for).

There are 424 undergraduate

nomination awards for a total of \$373,000 and 111 graduate application awards for a total of \$716,500.

Application deadlines are: matriculation - July 15 (transcripts July 31); undergraduate - June 1 (no transcript

required); graduate - February 1. The Awards Office has more details, at room 252, Athabasca Hall.

Oh yes: 26 new awards have been instituted since the last awards calendar went to press, so step right up...

Christie

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"We're tired of being colonialists," said a third.

Others in the audience, taking their lives into their hands, declared their Canadian identity. "I'm a Canadian first, several people commented.

The audience seemed, on the whole, uneducated and was easily drawn in by Christie's florid rhetoric. Christie plays to a crowd brilliantly. He hasn't yet learned how to handle the media, though. Reporters are not apt to be friendly if they are ignored, insulted or told they are stupid.

Regardless of his crowd appeal, though, Christie's arguments appear weak to most Albertans. His statement that the standard of living in the West would rise 30 to 50 percent after separation is founded only on speculation.

He also cannot point to cultural difference, as can Quebec. The only difference he was able to claim between Manitoba and Ontario was that "Ontario is Upper Canada and it's a state of mind."

What must be taken seriously, however, is the way westerners irked by historical grievances and the common perception of an unresponsive federal government will react to Christie's pitch: often, with pure hysteria.

One of Christie's (and indeed it seems the Premier's) assumptions is that Trudeau is Ottawa, and Ottawa is Canada. If federalist politicians can state convincingly that this is not the case, and that there are alternatives to the federal Liberals and Pierre Trudeau, separatist feeling in the West will probably die quietly.

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