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Second term cancelled

by R. Woodstein
Funding cutbacks have forced the University of Alberta to cancel all second term classes for first and second year students, university president Meyer Horowich announced yesterday.

"We really have no choice," said Horowich. "The provincial government has cut back funding by 23 percent... in reality, that works out to 86.5 percent, when you take institutional costs, inflation, and incidental furniture expenses into account."

"We feel that first and second year students don't really need to

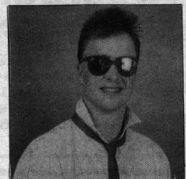
come to the university. They can stay in technical school and colleges until they're ready for the discipline of university."

The move will affect over 12,000 first and second year students. Accommodations for some of these have already been made at some Alberta institutes. Camrose Lutheran College has openings for 23 students, 14 can be accommodated at Inuvik Technical Institute, and six places are available at the University of Calgary. Horowich expects more offers as the news of the class cancellation spreads.

Advanced Education Minister Dave Rustle could not be reached for comment. Assistant Deputy Associate Minister Jane Flunkey issued a statement which noted that "cutbacks are an unfortunate part of the economic times... universities, as all institutions, must bear their part of the burden, and, in effect, suck it up."

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The cancellations were greeted with stunned astonishment by students.

"What?" said Students' Union President Tom Boston.

"So what are we supposed to do with all those SU fees we've collected?" asked VP Finance Steve Twibble. "We can't give refunds — all the money's tied up in the bond fund."

"This is going to wreak havoc with our plans for a Beer Beach Boogie Gardens over Reading Week," said VP Internal Rock Bedman. "Without those firsties to buy

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U of A tech at mall

by C.I. Anger
The world's largest atomic "atom smasher" will be coming to the U of Eh and Vast Edmonton Mall. "A few more tax credits from the city and I know I can make a mint."

The SCSC is a circular device which when completed will be about 65 kilometers in diameter. Germination plans to have "the main colliding beams, where all the nuclear reactions take place" located where the ice rink currently exists.

Part of the 200 km circular magnetic rings will run through the U of Eh campus allowing easy access

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The housing crunch catches Santa by surprise.

photo C.B. de Millie

Stripper fees fund contras

by C.I. Anger
Funds from a stripper party held by outgoing Students' Union executives were diverted to the Nicaraguan Contras.

"Actions undertaken without my knowledge, but for which I am none the less responsible, were undertaken," said SU President Tom Boston.

The elaborate diversion scheme involved Bambi the Stripper, the SU Executive, The Canadian Confederation of Students (CCF) and a shadowy "Moderate second Channel" Dawn Millor who acted as a go between the SU and CCF, according to DIE Board Chair Mango Hardwood Brown.

"I was acting as a friend of the President during my investigation," said Hardwood Brown, who outlined the following pathway for the money:

*** Funds collected for Bambi

the Stripper were used to purchase "Position papers" and "information pamphlets" from Students' Union inventory.

*** These pamphlets were then sold to the CCF at a substantial markup from the official SU price.

*** The SU inventory was then reimbursed for the official list price of the goods sold to the CCF.

*** The "residuals" were then diverted to the Contras.

"The objective was not to supply intelligent thought or a pretext of sanity to the CCF, but rather to open a second, more moderate channel, with which to seek a strategic opening to CCF," said Boston. "At no time did I know of the diversion."

The elaborate scheme was masterminded by Lt. Col. Rob Des, an obscure Executive Staffer working

out of the basement of the SU Building.

"We sought a strategic opening, that was the President's policy," said Des.

Des denied ever telling the President about the diversion. "We are a Students' Union at risk in a dangerous fiscal environment... it is necessary to have covert operations, and a plausible deniability is vital to the success of them."

Adolpho Carruso, the leader of the Nicaraguan Democratic Opposition denied receiving the money. "They gave us the access number to an automated teller machine, but no money ever arrived. We've learned now that they gave us the wrong Automated Banking Machine code."

SU Arts Councillor Suede Riceman and Martin Levitate demanded a full inquiry. "What did the President know, and when did he know it?"

Jet puts SU in hot water

by Umberto Galberini
Tim Right, SU Business Manager, has severely criticized SU President Tom Boston for what Right calls "another one of Tom's regular spending irregularities."

According to Right, Boston authorized an expenditure of \$137,000, well over the \$254 limit placed on Boston by the current S.U. executive.

"I got to my office on Monday, and there's this bill from 'Harry's Hangar' in Burnaby. On the top of the page is the word 'Incidentals and other things', in Tom Boston's handwriting. Then, at the bottom of the page, a balance due of \$137,000 and his signature. So I called Harry of 'Harry's Hangar', and I found out that Tom chartered a Learjet to Barbados while he was in Vancouver. What a moron!"

Boston recently escaped controversy by paying back over 200 of the \$50 dollars he reimbursed himself for car expenses to Vancouver.

When asked if Council planned

to reimpose Boston over the incident, VP Finance Twibble confirmed that it would.

"I've spoken with the executive, and we've agreed to invoke a little-known clause in the SU Constitution that allows for the execution of a Council member if he or she violates a Council directive."

Twibble noted that for humanitarian reasons they would allow Boston to decide how he wished to die.

"We're not animals, you know," Twibble said.

While Twibble felt strongly that Boston should be reimposed, he was more concerned with how the SU, which isn't allowed to run a deficit, was going to raise an additional \$137,000.

"I'm not sure where we are going to get the money, but I've got an idea. At our next Council meeting I'm going to propose an on-campus drinking campaign. Maybe set up mini-pubs in all the major walkways. Extra beer revenue here might make

up for the shortfall."

For his part, Tom Boston feels that the response of Right and the SU Executive is overkill.

"Look, I oversee a budget of 5.5 million dollars. What's \$137,000? It's nothing. If it had been Mulronney, he would have brought a film crew along too, which I didn't. I thought about it, but I decided that having camera guys along would have been excessive. The way I see it, I saved the SU money. They should be thanking me."

Boston also chides fellow S.U. Executive members for planning to execute him.

"They're so concerned about expenses, and yet they don't think twice about staging an expensive execution. I call that hypocritical. And furthermore, if they kill me, I'll sue."

Why was it objectionable? The beaver wasn't smiling.

Rick Stedman