

Indexing means program cuts

# Grads to suffer most

by Wes Oginski  
 If the provincial government accepts the indexing policy for tuition fees, graduate students will be harder hit than undergraduate students, says newly elected Graduate Students' Association president and Board of Governors member, Niall Shanks.  
 "I will try to negotiate the best conditions possible within a situation that could have potentially dangerous results," he says. "I can only do this at the Board level."  
 Shanks came to office the

same week the Board made their decision to recommend indexed tuition fees to the provincial government.  
 The arguments had already been made by the time he took office, he says.  
 "The time for debate is over and all we can hope for are less stringent increases."  
 Graduate tuition fees are 25 per cent higher," Shanks says, explaining how graduate students can be harder pressed than undergraduates with indexed fees.  
 He also points out that

indications of connections do exist between tuition fees and accessibility to post-secondary institutions.  
 "Experience we have had in the United Kingdom has shown the demand in graduate programs drop with increases in tuition, which has led to closures of graduate programs in some departments," he explains.  
 People are mistaken if they think a raise of tuition will not affect accessibility Shanks says.  
 "It is important you don't raise fees."

# Funds slashed in B.C.

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Apparent efforts to exert control over spending priorities at British Columbia Universities have alarmed local student politicians.  
 In a recent letter to the Universities Council of B. C., the buffer between universities and the provincial government, Deputy Minister of Universities Robert Stewart said plans must begin to eliminate certain programs because funding will not keep pace with inflation.  
 "It may, for example, be necessary to eliminate certain programs altogether from one or two universities in order that they can be concentrated to the point of viability," wrote Stewart.  
 He added university entrance requirements may have to be changed.  
 This "could conceivably reduce the total number of university students in the province."  
 But Stewart said in his letter that expansion "must" continue in the faculties of Medicine and Engineering, and probably in Business Administration.  
 Dean Goard, B. C. Universities Director, said Monday that Stewart's letter is a warning to universities not to plan on growth and increased funding for at least five years. "In the next few years, funding will be tight," he said.  
 Goard said the letter implied reductions in the Humanities and Liberal Education programs

would compensate for expansion in the professional programs.  
 At the University of British Columbia, Student Board of Governors member Chris Niwinski said Monday that the letter sets "a very dangerous precedent."  
 "It infringes on the freedom of universities," he said.  
 "What worries me is I wouldn't want to see it get to the point where the government tells universities what to spend their money on," Niwinski said.  
 University of Victoria students were also concerned about the implications of Stewart's letter.  
 "People don't like the tone of

the letter and are not prepared to let it stand as it is," said Tim Windlemans, U Vic Alma Mater Society president.  
 "The letter was written in a complete vacuum from reality," he said. "The government is being very short-sighted in its prioritizations. Universities should be a place for realizing potential. An educated society is a more productive society, no matter what field you're in."  
 The letter, received by the Universities Council August 20, was distributed to the presidents of the three B. C. Universities, but only U Vic president Howard Petch released the letter to the public.



photo Dave Chan

## Turkey trot?

That's the CFRN chicken and one funky student whooping it up for commerce week.

# World food / Polish Feminists / EPF

## Food Day

October 16, 1981 has been designated as the *World Food Day* by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).  
 The main aim of *World Food Day* activities is to promote an understanding of world food problems and prospects throughout the world. Member countries, such as Canada, have been requested to undertake educational activities to create an

awareness of world food and agriculture issues and problems.  
 At the University of Alberta, the *World Food Day* will be held in conjunction with the opening ceremonies of the Agriculture and Forestry Centre on October 16, 1981.  
 These activities will take place in various parts of the Agriculture and Forestry Centre and will be open to the public.

## Feminists

In November of 1980 a group of about 100 women met at Warsaw University and formed the first feminist group in Poland. News of this group has recently begun to filter out of Poland.

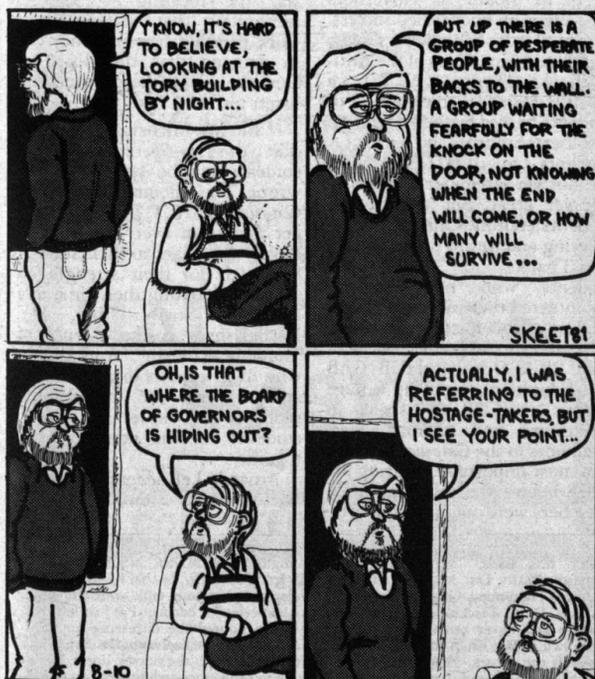
## EPF Forum

The call of the group to the women's movement in the West has been answered by women's and solidarity organizations in Edmonton recently.  
 These include the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, Common Woman Books and the East European Solidarity Committee, who have begun a campaign, "Bucks for Books" in solidarity with the Polish feminists. They plan to raise money in Alberta to purchase and send feminist literature to the Warsaw group.  
 This Friday night they are holding a Potluck Benefit to kick off the fund-raising drive.  
 The benefit, which starts at 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 9, is at 9620 - 109 Ave. A discount will be provided for those who bring some food for the feast.

There is growing concern that efforts to control the federal debt and stimulate economic development through reductions in social development expenditures will adversely affect the level of health, education, and welfare services in Canada.  
 Recognizing the timeliness of the issue, the Edmonton Social Planning Council is sponsoring a Conference on Financing Confederation: "Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Implications for Social Development", to be held Wednesday, October 14, 1981 at the Edmonton Inn.  
 Federal/provincial fiscal arrangements are traditionally reviewed every five years.

## Baz

by Skeet



# dear floyd

an advice column to the lost



Dear Floyd:  
 At my university, the governing body has decided to support a tuition indexing policy. This could mean an annual increase according to the inflation rate of the university. What can I do?  
 P. Orstudent

Dear P.Or...  
 As some of my readers may remember, a dejected revolutionary P. McAlshin wrote asking about the total apathy of the people he worked with. I think I can solve two problems here. Your situation looks like the kind of cause McAlshin has been searching for. I'm sorry Pete, it is time to join the revolution. *United we stand, divided we fall, We are women, we are strong, and All That Jazz.*

Dear Floyd:  
 The people I study with are all coffee fanatics. Before I met them the strongest thing I ever drank was milk, and even then it was under protest. Now I am addicted. I can not go a day without a cup of cocoa or milkshake. My budget has been thrown

out the window with the last case of soda pop I purchased. I need help, is there an organization I can join that can combat my addiction to caffeine?  
 Joe Straightjacket

Dear Basketcase:  
 Join the Pepsi Generation.

Dear Floyd  
 How do you do it? People write to you and you always have an answer, and twice a week yet, ah...no that should read twice a month. Even then it must take a lot of time and knowledge to try and deal with other people's problems, especially the sticky ones (like sex and violence). Let me salute you.  
 a Fan

Dear Windmill  
 I do not know how I do it, but I modestly accept your praise of my genius. You must be a bright person yourself to have spotted my talent so easily.