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university financing . . .

This editorial is an attempt to clarify some of the points surrounding the current financial crises the university finds itself in.

Basically, university financing is broken down into two budgets—capital and operating.

The capital budget determines capital works spending including money spent on buildings under construction, money which is committed to specific projects, and planning expenditures. The operating budget covers the day-to-day running of the university including such things as the maintenance and staff.

Cause for alarm arose in October when the Boards of Governors of the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary submitted briefs to the Universities Commission asking for a total of \$390 million from the government for capital spending in the next five years. The government had allocated \$175 million.

(The Universities Commission is in charge of allocating provincial government funds to the universities.)

It has since been announced that \$43 million is to be allotted this year, and vice-president in charge of finance and administration Dr. D. G. Tyndall estimates our university will receive \$25 million of this.

This reduction in the budget will most likely have drastic effects on the campus expansion program unless private donations make up the difference between what we need and what we are getting.

The final announcement of allotment between the two universities will be made within a week or two.

Either someone gives the money or the building program is cut; the capital budget is in no way influenced by the level of tuition fees, students' union fees, residence fees, or caretakers' wages.

. . . instant migraine

While a delay in expansion will affect students, of more immediate concern is the shortage which the operating budget faces, for it is in this area that the students may be hit for the money which the government seems so reluctant to spend.

It is expected that the government will inform the Universities Commission within a week how much money is available for running this place next term.

And, according to all sources, it won't be enough.

The commission has already cut its request by \$1.7 million. The Board of Governors anticipates that if the government accepts this request, approximately \$1.2 million of the difference will have to be made up by increased revenue from tuition fees.

If the government grants even less than the already-cut request,

the Board of Governors will be faced with two alternatives: 1. a moderate fee hike and enforcement of enrolment quotas or 2. a large fee hike to cover the entire difference.

Neither of the alternatives have gone over well with the students' union executive, a reaction which the Board of Governors obviously expected.

The gist of the Monday meeting between the two groups seemed to be that the board was giving students a warning that they may have to fight a fee hike, if things don't work out.

That they bothered to warn us suggests that there are really very few "ifs" left.

The students' union must prepare a well-thought-out brief stating exactly why fees must not go up.

And it's going to have to be damn good.



never mind—next year you'll be a freshman, and you should see what's on those english courses

bob jacobsen

'snot what you think

It's interesting to note that the Chinese have declared this to be the year of the monkey. Perhaps to some, it's even more interesting to note that a much more depreciating year is again having extreme success among the masses, that perennial troublemaker, the year of the cold.

But nobody seems to care really. This is especially evident at this university. Students, male and female alike annually flock by the thousands through a procedure at the infirmary that lacks comparison.

Years ago big red pills and little white ones were the favorites of our medical staff. Then lozenges and steamers came into style. I thought it was fairly odd at the time for a member of an august group such as the Canadian Medical Association to tell me to go home and get soaked. But then one will do anything to feel 'relief'.

After the steamers came those tickly, sometimes gagging, throat swabs and all those negative results. While the procedure itself tended to boost one's hypochondriac ego somewhat, they did tend to effect a somewhat hesitant and casual relief by lying in bed for four days doped to the eyeballs with self-purchased painkillers and nosedrops, damning any exams or classes in the interim, and all the while blowing up big red bubbles on one's raw red beak, hoping that the 'word' will prove something more damaging than a simple little cold, but at the same time, something ultimately more curable.

And now? Well anyone who has been near the infirmary lately, hoping for some great scientific break-

through, will soon discover that this year's nosedrops, this year's tiny little time pills, and this year's sound medical advice will not prevent, nor effect any cure against, a big juicy healthy robust cold virus from producing, producing whatever it is that it so diligently discards, causing us unhealthy weak fumigating civilians to rebel and foment up great piles of mucous matter.

But one can hardly blame our shortcomings on that sometimes unknowledgeable body, the medical profession. What they need now, and soon, is more knowledge, knowledge about little unpleasant unsightly things such as the virus.

Anyone who takes an even casual perusal of those ever-present advertisements on his television screen will soon deduce that the drug companies are not going to provide too much information in the near future. They are having too great a time selling their present products.

What is needed now is private money, money to provide specific research into the specific causes and cures for the common cold. Anyone who has ridden on a city bus lately will notice that there are just such campaigns flourishing for other diseases, perhaps diseases that are more fatal, but none that are so universal as the common cold. Why not a campaign to raise funds for private research into the nature of viruses? The upper respiratory system is long overdue for an overhaul.

Of course the only appropriate theme for such a campaign would be SNOT. What other name would provide a Sinus, Nose, Or Throat with instant relief and a cure.