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8% increase announced

The provincial government announced Tuesday that the province's post-secondary institutions will receive an eight per cent increase in their base operating grants.

The effect of this announcement does not end the confusion surrounding the formulation of next year's operating budget. The university administration, which had expected an increase of 8.25%, must now pare off another \$200,000 to \$300,000, according to university VP Finance Lorne Leitch.

The effect of the .25%

difference of the estimated \$136,800,000 budget will not be known until the budget is discussed at today's meeting of the Board of Governors. Leitch has not dismissed the possibility of a deficit budget.

The difficulties concerning the budget have been exacerbated by the lateness of Tuesday's announcement. Delays caused by a provincial election have forced the university to play a guessing game with the government. The university would have liked a budget of somewhere over \$140 million, but it appears the actual figure will be about \$136.5 million.

In addition to the eight per cent increase to base operating grants, conditional grants being recommended to the legislature include \$2.2 million to the province's universities and \$1.8 million to the colleges for the new programs which have received development approval. As well, the public institutions will receive \$3 million from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund for the acquisition of library materials. Details of this special program, totalling over \$9 million, were announced last fall.

Theatre rent increased

The new students' council got off to a slow start Tuesday night by approving increases in the SUB Theatre rental rates and raising various S.U. Boards filled due to lack of interest.

Rates for use of the theater were increased by 20% for off-campus groups. Student groups will receive a 50% discount for events for which admission is charged, and a 60% discount if admission is not charged.

Recommendations from Housing and Transport Commissioner, Bruce Webster, were tabled until he could be present to explain them to councillors. The recommendations concern the proposed LRT line to the university.

VP Internal Sharon Bell explained the redistribution of the Cabaret Director's and Special Events Director's jobs into a Forum Directorship and an Entertainment Directorship council.

The meeting was concluded by Bell's motion to wish Speaker Michael Amerongen a happy birthday. The motion carried.

Student Union staff signs 3 year contract

There are three years of labor peace ahead for the Students' Union according to its General Manager.

Bert Best announced Wednesday that the SU and its employees have ratified a memorandum of agreement for a three-year contract. The contract is expected to be signed next week.

"It's the first time we've negotiated such a long-term contract. And it was done amicably — in only one day!" commented Best.

The 43 full-time SU staff members of CUPE Local 1368, will receive wage increases of 8.5%, 8%, and 7.5% over the next three years. A cost-of-living increment is included in the third year.

Part-time and casual employees will get an extra twenty-five cents per hour for each of the three years.

President of CUPE 1368, Marge Shewchuk, says there were some bad reactions to the all-in-one contract from the part-time and casual staff at the beginning. However a general agreement was quickly reached and the memorandum agreement was ratified by CUPE members March 29.

"I think everybody is happy now," she said. "We've never accomplished so much, so smoothly before."

Best and Shewchuk praised the contract because it will make planning easier for both the SU and its employees, during the next three years.



SU President Dean Olmstead, who's only in it for the beer, surveys his new domain while bracing himself with a couple of quick ones. That's what happens when you elect engineers.

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Canada must control its resources

by Alison Thomson

Students should think of the long range consequences of continuing to run Canada with a "branch plant" economy, NDP leader Ed Broadbent told students Tuesday.

Broadbent said a decision to sell our resources which we had in abundance and not develop our own secondary industries is responsible for our economic problems today.

This policy, set by the Liberals after the war and kept by the Tories, is a major reason for the unemployment rate in Canada. The rate of inflation would also have been more under control if we had taken a different path, said Broadbent.

We are discovering the third world has resources too, he said,

and they are undercutting us. This is resulting in layoffs in resource industries. Broadbent contended that allowing U.S. firms to establish branch plants in Canada resulted in all research and skilled work being done in the States.

"We have to turn around the process of exporting resources and buying back manufactured goods. It's time that Canadian resources were owned, controlled, and developed into manufactured goods by Canadians," he said.

"You can opt for Joe Trudeau or Pierre Clark. The prime minister has created an economic mess in the last ten years and Clark would do no better."

"Trudeau and his Liberals have perpetuated regional tensions, unemployment and inflation. How can you turn to them for leadership?"

Broadbent advocated establishing our own petrochemical industry in Alber-

ta rather than selling an apparent surplus. He cited the heavy oil project in Lloydminster, where Gulf Oil, Petrocan, and a Saskatchewan crown corporation are developing secondary industry.

He was questioned about his plans if either Trudeau or Clark was to form a minority government with the NDP holding the balance of power, and replied he was out to form a government. The question could be turned around and asked of Trudeau or Clark, he commented.

Another question referred to whether the provinces or the federal government should have control over resources. Broadbent said he believes the provinces should be allowed to levy indirect taxes but the federal government should have emergency powers. He pointed out that this is Trudeau's position, and that even Trudeau is occasionally right.

He was also questioned

about the Canadian Labour Congress' support for the NDP and replied he was extremely pleased. He added the trade union movement and the NDP have traditionally fought for the same things—civil liberties and social justice.

Broadbent unveils program for women

by Alison Thomson

The NDP recognizes men and women as breadwinners of equal importance and each should have the right to gain employment on equal terms, said NDP leader Ed Broadbent at a press conference Tuesday.

He outlined an 8-point program to work towards this goal. Two of the points concern affirmative action programs, both in the public service and in the private sector. Private firms would be encouraged to adopt affirmative action programs by awarding grants and government contracts preferentially to firms with these programs.

An NDP government would reinstate job training and career counselling for women, programs cut back by the Liberals. Women's centres and rape crisis centres would be funded at 15 million dollars per year, on a 75:25 basis with the provinces, Broadbent said.

Vocational training centres and community colleges would be encouraged to include more women in their programs so women would have opportunities in a wider variety of jobs.

The provinces would be encouraged to develop daycare

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All students welcome at conference

FAS meets in Red Deer

The Federation of Alberta Students as they meet in Red Deer this weekend for their annual spring conference.

The conference, being held at Red Deer College, deals mainly with FAS's goals for next year, its cutback campaigns, and internal development.

The meeting, however, will also feature workshops on student aid, differential fees, visa students, daycare, NUS, and the Grantham report, among other issues. FAS will elect an executive committee consisting of a treasurer, a representative to the NUS executive, and six members-at-large.

According to FAS researcher John Devlin, "We're going into another year of cutbacks and restraints, and unless students take this pattern of funding seriously, it will continue. That's one of the reasons this conference is so important; I think cutbacks will be the main focus of the conference."

Devlin also said FAS is encouraging all interested students to attend the workshops and plenaries. "Although non-members cannot vote in the final plenary, they may voice their opinions; they can also vote in the workshops. We'd like as many students as possible to attend."