Calgary lets staff go

CALGARY (CUP)— Faced with a \$5.1 million deficit next year, the University of Calgary administration may give 78 faculty and 90 staff members the pink slip.

"This is not something that can go away by reducing the number of pencils we order next year," said P.J. Krueger, the university's vice-president academic.

Alberta's education minister Dick Johnston has said the provinces universities cannot increase tuition fees to cope with any deficits and the government has told the universities to expect a freeze in funding next year

"I suppose there is a perception that there are political advantages to say to students and the people of Alberta that tuition fees are being kept at zero," Krueger said.

But freezing tuition fees and university funding "will have an impact on the quality of the program we can offer students,' he said.

"You can't absorb a cut of \$5 million and pretend it will have no impact.

The university's board of governors approved a report outlining the cuts in positions at a Dec. 20 meeting but Krueger said the numbers should not be emphasized. He said the numbers were used to "give people an indication of the seriousness of the situation.'

University deans are now examining the potential effects of the cuts on their programs. Krueger said the university may also have cut back on the number of courses offered. The administration must still negotiate faculty and support staff salaries for next year.

"It could be worse," Krueger said.

Universities in B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba are in similar situations. The provincial governments there have indicated they will also freeze or decrease university funding next year.

The Universities of B.C., Victoria, Simon Fraser University and the University of

1000 students stay away

VANCOUVER(CUP)-Nearly 1,000 students who were accepted into B.C.'s universities did not register for classes because they did not have the money to attend school, a survey conducted by the institution says.

The University of B.C., Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria mailed out more than 5,500 questionnaires to find out why the number of "no-shows" this year was greater than that of past years. The survey had a 50 per cent response

Out of the 2,951 replies, about working instead of studying. They said they could not scrape up enough money to pay for

a university education. UBC's fees jumped 33 per cent in 1984 to \$1,200 for first year arts while UVic's fees increased 26 percent to \$1,170.

Fifteen to 20 per cent of the respondents said they are attending a B.C. college or institute instead of one of the three universities because they could not afford university tuition fees; 20 per cent left the province to study elsewhere and 30 to 35 per cent are attending another B.C. university.

First year enrolment dropped dramatically in B.C. this school year, with UBC noting an 18 per cent decrease and UVic a 19 per cent decrease. SFU's first year enrolment tumbled six per cent.

