





University of Alberta up for sale

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"The University of Alberta is or sale," said President Myer Horowitz, after learning that the campus had become a victim of the nickel and sixpence philosophy of the federal and provincial tovernments.

"We'll have to cut back rastically—at least one Faculty," e responded in answer to uestions on potential new sources f funding

"It's absolutely ridiculous!
We are just entering a logarithmic growth phase, and our Malthusian ulers limit us to arithmetic inferents in funding. I say, sell the amn place; it's a solid investment apportunity for the right buyer," aid Horowitz.

The Journal's research department, headed up by local statisti-

cian and econometrician Grin N. Barrett, agrees with Horowitz's assessment of the University's value.

On the asset side of the balance sheet, it is clear that capital funding can be anticipated to increase steadily into the future, as more and more campus buildings are renovated, replaced, or removed. Cash flow is provided by government agencies and taxdodging corporations, and to date there is no indication that these sources are in danger of being compromised.

In an astute display of business acumen, University officials have managed to spend all the capital funds as quickly as they have been received. This creates the need for further funding, and guarantees the continuance of such funding

"It is clear that the management strategy if maintained at present levels, will guarantee future owners a reliable, and lucrative supply of capital funds," explained Business drop-out Barrett.

The land occupied by the present campus, developed as it is, remains a major asset, and provides new owners an opportunity to create at least five more condominium complexes on the river valley.

river valley.

In addition, there is an opportunity to expand the horizons currently available, and to create one's own skyline. Given the unlimited capital funding available, a developer could have a field day.

On the liability side of the balance sheet, there is the minor problem of underfunding the

academic salaries and pensions. This problem, however, is superficial, and resolved by refusing to pay any faculty member over fifty years of age, or any person who has not slept with a Conservative. The savings will amount to more than ten million dollars in deferred pensions alone, and will provide sufficient cash flow to fund any slight increases that may occur in the utilities portion of the budget.

The principal assets of the University, however, are the students who willingly pay vast sums of money for no good reason. Previous experience indicates that students are the only group that agree to pay more fees to make up for reduced enrolments (and thus cover the University's deficit in tuition fees). They also agree to pay higher fees for increased services required because of in-

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creased enrolments and higher demand.

To date, there is no evidence that the ability of students to pay out money under these conditions is limited. In fact, University students show an exceptional ability to find funds to pay for everything except sex; it's free on campus, as everyone knows. The endless potential for deriving profits and maximizing cash flow from students appears at present to mimic the conditions noted for the capital budget.

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