

Tory government withholds matching grants to U of A

by Ken Lenz

The provincial government has not yet carried through with its obligation to provide matching grants for the private sector funding raised by the University as part of its 75th anniversary celebration.

"We've raised approximately 25 million which hasn't been matched by the provincial government," says Al Hollender, Director of Fund Development for the University.

The original goal for the University's 75th Anniversary fund-raising drive was 37.5

million; this amount, when matched by the provincial government would equal 75 million.

But the Conservative government has not come through with its matching grant in over a year and Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston is unavailable for comment.

"I think it (the fund raising drive) has been really hampered by the government's slack-assed way of dealing with matching the money donated," says SU President Robert Greenhill.

And both Greenhill and University President Myer Horowitz

fear the criteria for matching the grants may be changed by the time the government does get around to dealing with them.

"It is unfortunate since this money goes into the kind of programs which make the difference between quality and excellence," says Horowitz, referring to scholarships and research grants.

A total of \$649,000 has been donated by members of the University of Alberta Faculty to help the financially strapped institution.

Chemistry Department Chair

R.G. Crawford, who organized the faculty fund-raising drive says though he is pleased with the response, he is unhappy with the government's speed.

"It has been over a year now since the provincial government promised the money and not a damn cent has been matched yet."

Al Hollender says he is now more certain of the sort of grants the government would like to match.

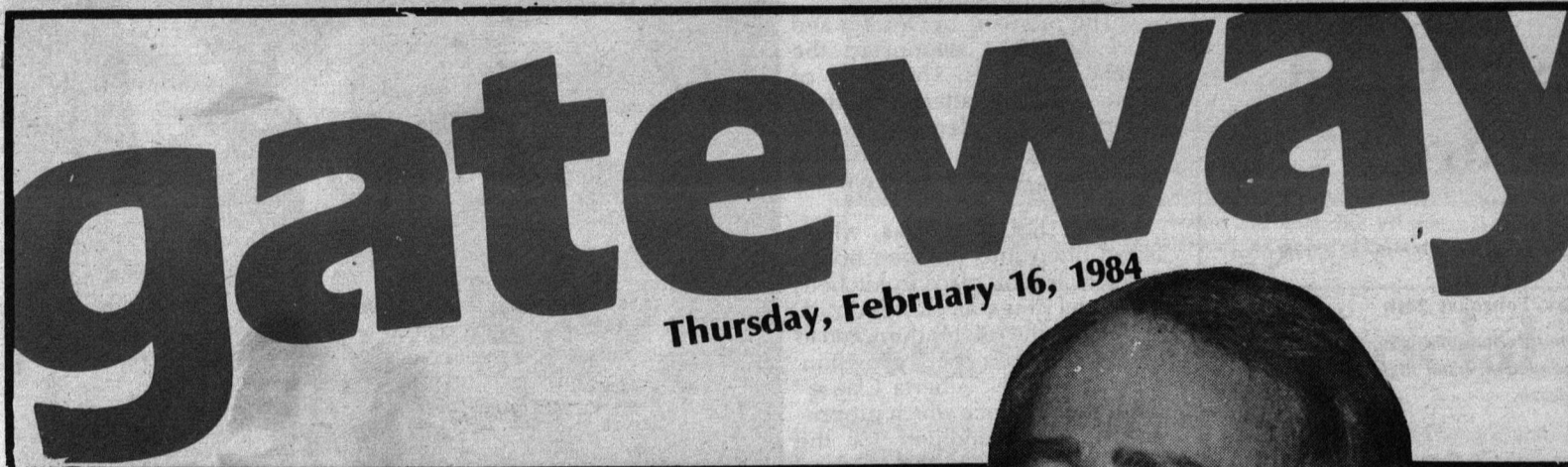
"The preferable areas for matching in the future will be capital expenditures and endorse-

ment funds," he says. This means the provincial government will only be matching grants which go into expenditures such as buying computers rather than gifts in unlabelled money.

Hollender is also certain that gifts will no longer be matched until the following fiscal year.

Despite the delay of over a year, Hollender is happy with the program itself.

"Either way you look at it, the Alberta government is coming out a lot better than other Universities in North America," he says.



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Peter Pocklington

Puck goes flat

by Brent Jang

Edmonton entrepreneur Peter Pocklington extolled the virtues of a flat tax rate and poked fun at socialists yesterday at the University of Alberta.

In a U of A Progressive Conservative Youth Club-sponsored forum, Pocklington explained that under his system, Canadians earning \$13,000 or less would be exempt from tax. Those earning between \$13,000 and \$30,000 would be subject to a 17 per cent tax; those earning over \$30,000 would be taxed 23 per cent.

No deductions are allowed in the flat rate tax set-up and there would be as much tax revenue going to the government as under the progressive tax system, said Pocklington.

The Edmonton sports and real-estate magnate lashed out at socialists in both his speech and the question period that followed.

Pocklington blamed Finance Minister Marc Lalonde, whom he described as "the devil incarnate himself" for the "horrible shape the Canadian economy is in today. Most Canadians are terrified of their future. And with the big government deficits, something's going to have to give. There's the delusion you can have something for nothing."

"The Liberal Party is a socialist party," he said.

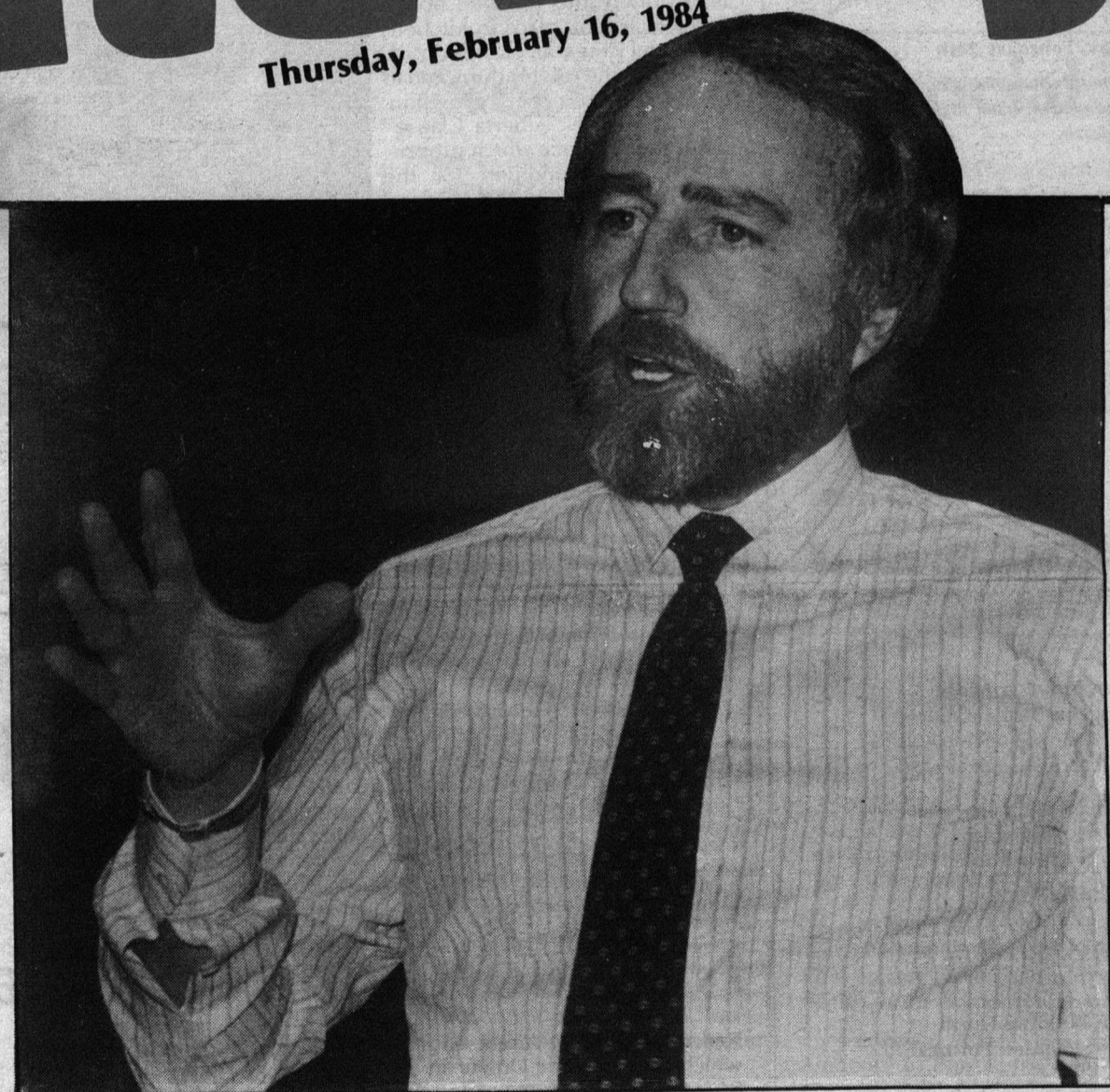
When asked if he would confirm a media report about being involved in an Anybody But (Joe) Clark Campaign, Pocklington simply responded, "the press is 80 per cent socialist. You can't believe them."

Pocklington was unsuccessful in his bid to become the federal Conservative leader at the PC leadership convention last June. Along with former Clark cabinet minister Michael Wilson, Pocklington gave his first ballot support to Brian Mulroney.

"The last two years have been the most exciting time of my life, certainly the most eventful," said Pocklington.

The owner of the Edmonton Oilers has seen his business em-

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Peter Pocklington elaborates on his flat rate tax scheme at a PC Club-sponsored forum yesterday.

Funds not enough

The provincial government has given \$1.15 million to the University of Alberta to "help offset the need for the institution to impose enrollment limits or to use reserve funds."

Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston announced last week-end that a \$4 million special funding grant will be given to Universities and colleges to cover operating expenses generated by increased enrollment.

Though University President Myer Horowitz is "grateful for the money we have received" he also indicated the increase will not do more than offset the projected deficit of 5 to 8 million next year.

SU President Robert Greenhill is more critical of the provincial government.

"The problem with these kinds of donations is they are too little, too late. The University has already spent the money and we were hoping for it months ago."

Greenhill added, "the money is only for one year; the University must handle the (increased enrollment) problem for up to four years."

"What we need is a permanent increase in our base budget to accommodate the increase in the number of students," he says.

In the past year, enrollment at the U of A has risen from 21,184 to 23,286 full-time students; this indicates a 9 per cent increase from the past year.

Washed and hung out to dry

by Mark Roppel

Students living in Michener Park will lose their washing machines and dryers from their homes if the Housing and Food Services Budget is approved by the Board of Governor's Finance Committee today.

Presently, each row house has its own washer and dryer. A proposal in the new budget would centralize laundry facilities. The ratio would be one washer and dryer per six students.

Now there are 320 sets of laundry facilities. The proposal calls for 84 sets, in 30 locations.

Furthermore, within two years, the washers and dryers would be coin operated.

"For 84-85 we're recommending centralized washers and dryers. The next year they will be coin operated," says Gail Brown, Director of Housing, and Food Services.

Brown says the move is necessary to save money: "There is an inadequacy of capital dollars available."

But Michener Park Tenants Association President Chris Evans

says "as far as I am concerned, this (washers and dryers in the houses) should not even be negotiable."

"It's a dollar and cents thing for Gail, but in terms of quality of life for residents of Michener Park it's detrimental," says Students' Union Housing and Transportation Commissioner Paul Alpern.

Since Michener Park is the residence for married students, "the majority (of residents) have young children - with dirty diapers, etc," says Chris Evans.

Evans thinks that having to leave the house to do washing would not only be inconvenient, but unsafe: "They (residents) just can't leave the children wandering around in the yard."

Evans is also upset about having to pay to do laundry.

He says the coin operated machines would cost each student family about twenty dollars a month and in effect amount to a rent increase.

But Gail Brown says Michener Park residents have been privileged in the past.

She says the students wouldn't have to walk much

further than half a block to the nearest washing machine.

"People get used to a certain level of services then they don't want any change," says Brown.

She points out that most other students living in residence at the U of A have to put up with centralized coin-operated laundry facilities.

"Lister hall is coin-operated - the only place where we don't have coin-operated facilities is HUB Mall - there is a commercial operation there," says Brown.

She also says the ratio of one washing machine to six students in Michener is much better than the one to 42 ratio in Lister.

Brown says that the family residences at the University of Calgary and Simon Fraser University have a system similar to the one she is proposing.

"I don't think the proposal is that bad," says Brown.

Most of the washers and dryers are in rough shape. Brown estimates it would cost about \$300,000 to replace them. She also says an additional \$800,000 to

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