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Elvis is dead,  
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The big fat goof  
is dead, dead, dead.

Forgotten Rebels



photo Dan Watson

The Edmonton skyline before a nuclear war.

## Design program and technicians cancelled

by Mark Roppel

The only undergraduate Industrial Design program west of Kitchener Ontario will probably be cancelled next year.

A \$90,000 cut in the budget for the U of A's department of Art and Design has resulted in the elimination of both the full and the part

time technician in Industrial Design.

The full time technician died last month and will not be replaced. The part time technician has been given his notice.

"Some kind of technical help is necessary," says Bruce Bentz,

one of the two professors who teaches Industrial Design.

"The executive (of the Art and Design department) is meeting right now," says Art and Design Associate Chairman Robert Sinclair. "Changes will have to be made."

Provisions will be made so the students currently enrolled in

Industrial Design will be able to finish their program, but new students wishing to enroll "would be advised against it," says Sinclair.

The problem dates back to early February when the university Board of Governors decided to cut next year's operating budget by \$5.5 million.

The Faculty of Arts was ordered to cut \$500,000 from its budget. Art and Design in turn had to cut \$90,000 and Industrial Design absorbed almost all of this.

The department of Art and Design was hardly taxed (i.e. asked to give back part of its budget) last year and has been very well handled over the last four years," said Arts Dean Terry White when asked why such a small department had to suffer almost one fifth of the total cutbacks in Arts.

Also, Students' Union Vice-president Academic Barb Donaldson says a president's advisory committee was critical of Industrial Design.

"They don't like Industrial Design much...it requires a lot of expensive equipment," says Donaldson.

"The decision was made without consulting students," she says. "Some students from that program have received national acclaim."

But Bentz says some of students presently in the program may leave for other universities if the financial situation does not improve.

Bentz says he is trying to get financing from outside the university for Industrial Design, an additional \$100,000 a year to keep the program as it is.

"It's not just the technicians it's not that cut and dried...they cut our sundries and supplies budget," says Bentz.

He also points out that the amount of money the department can save by having the Industrial Design professors teach other Art and Design courses must be considered.

The U of A Industrial Design program is one of only five such undergraduate programs in Canada.

The other four programs are in Kitchener, at the Ontario College of Art, at the University of Montreal and at Carleton University.

Bentz says Industrial Design involves "the design of products to be manufactured by industry for use as capital goods or consumer products."

"It's an interdisciplinary program related to engineering, interior design, architectural design and visual communication design," says Bentz.

## Candidates redundant

by Ken Lenz

Though the candidates' platforms differed little, about 200 people listened to the VP External Forum yesterday, in SUB Theatre.

All candidates said yesterday that underfunding of post-secondary would be the primary issue for next year's Executive and all disagreed with the Executive receiving a 33 per cent increase in pay.

Although opinions on the effectiveness of the Canadian Federation of Students varied, the candidates who bothered to speak of the organization said a new referendum should be called.

Candidate Oscar Ammar, who has been criticized throughout the campaign for advocating international policy, said "I recognize the limits of personal politics and will distinguish between those and those of my office." Ammar offered honesty, and said he would try to eliminate the elitist nature of the SU.

Martin Schug said underfunding is the most critical issue facing the VP External. He also promised to try to restore the bus

routes so "students don't have to wait in the cold anymore."

Paul Alpern, who lost to a No vote in the last election, claimed he was not a politician and said "the attitudes and focuses of action of the SU are going to have to change." He said there "should be no international policy" and that he supports CFS.

Phil Ewing said he opposes CFS "because their policies are radical," and proposed SU fees to be cut by ten per cent. "I don't think a national student organization should speak on behalf of all students," he said, referring to a CFS policy advocating Canada pull out of NATO.

Rainer Huebl was the most skeptical of all the candidates. "The students must be realistic - everyone is feeling the crunch. To demand from the government decreased fees, the elimination of quotas, summer jobs and jobs after we graduate is ludicrous." Huebl said that the "government simply will not listen to student demands" and that the SU must work indirectly to make the citizens aware of the problems with post-secondary education funding.

Candidate Lee Lane offered the most comprehensive knowledge of student issues of the eleven candidates. He said the "lowering of the quality of education is an issue which hasn't been adequately addressed" and "something has to be done about the prices of books." Lane suggested cutting the overhead in the bookstore as a solution to the latter problem. He is also against CFS and said he would work to raise the student loan ceiling to a more realistic level suggesting \$7000 per year.

"It is important the LRT comes to the University, the sooner it gets here the sooner the parking problem will be solved," said candidate Dianne Molly Murtha. Besides getting the LRT to the University, Murtha said the issues she would concentrate on would include getting more student finance input and lowering the cost of on-campus housing. "If you're living on campus, you're paying more for accommodation than the Student Finance Board allows a student living away from home."

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Exciting meetings, you must agree, are hard to come by these days. However, on Thursday, March 15, in Room 282 SUB at 4:00 pm., you're in for a big surprise. See page 1 for the scintillating scam.

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