

## U.S. forces funding us

U.S. military funding of research projects, including war-related research, at Alberta universities has drawn the fire of a group of students at the U of A.

In a statement issued Tuesday—a spokesman for the NDP Club on the Edmonton Campus revealed that various branches of the U.S. Military have had contracts with staff members of both the U of A and the University of Calgary for a number of years. Spokesman, Jim Anderson, was particularly critical of a U.S. Army-funded ballistics study into the properties of "liquid filled projectiles" recently conducted by Dr. Keith Aldridge of the Physics Department.

Other studies funded by the U.S. Army include a \$10,000 investigation into microwave communications by a member of

the U of A's Electrical Engineering Department and a study of insects by several staff members of the Entomology Department. The U.S. Naval Research office is also sponsoring a multi-year study at the University of Calgary into the effects on humans of immersion into cold water.

A member of the U of A's Business Administration Faculty, Dr. P.M. Maher, has had his research funded by three U.S. military agencies — NASA, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Navy — according to documents filed with the University's Grants and Contracts Office, said Mr. Anderson.

Anderson called on the Boards of Governors of both universities as well as the Canadian Association of University Teachers to halt immediately what he termed "research for the American war machine."

"A publicly-supported institution (university) shouldn't be allowed to undertake contracts with the military arm of any foreign government," he said. "When some of these studies are aimed at producing more effective weapons accepting or soliciting such contracts is grotesque and inhumane."

The U of A Board of Governors passed a resolution in April 1973, forbidding staff members from contracting with funding agencies which would keep the results of the research secret. This policy of "open research" appeared to be subverted by a clause in the contracts which stipulates that the agreement is subject "to the laws of the United States of America", Mr. Anderson said.

## Adult Ed act ignores input of committees

The proposed draft of The Adult Education Act has neglected the inputs of scores of committees created by Alberta universities and colleges and has also neglected many of their needs.

In a report to Senate of its Committee on University Legislation, Bruce Burgess referred to the proposal as "an omnibus act" which has tried to include and replace The Universities Act, The Colleges Act, The Trade Schools Act, and The

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## U of NB debates NUS too

FREDERICTON (CUP) - University of New Brunswick students will join their counterparts at the U of A and in Calgary in October on deciding whether to join the National Union of Students (NUS). The student council here approved a referendum for October 15 to decide the question of membership.

Council president McKen-

zie said UNB would benefit "extensively" from NUS membership, getting first-hand membership in the central committee.

Law representative Jim McLean said students would benefit from the lobby which NUS would provide in Ottawa for UNB students.

McLean said the benefits of

NUS membership would become apparent after only eight months in the organization. The union was a good return on an investment of \$1.00 per student, he said.

Students at the U of A will have the opportunity to decide what their future in the organization will be at a NUS referendum October 9.



The last days of summer, resting on a bed of dry leaves. The *Farmers' Almanac* predicts a late Indian Summer, but the wise ones aren't waiting, Chief Walking Eagle at Rocky Mountain House hasn't made it official. Photo: Brent Hallett.

## Student aid Where's our say?

CALGARY (CUP) - "Students should participate in Student Loan discussions with education officials because Education Ministers don't really have an idea of the economic problems of students," says

University of Calgary VP, Alf Skrastins.

The comment came in response to the Council of Ministers of Education (CME) decision to continue holding closed meetings.

Student VP Services Mike Tims finds it "incongruous that decisions that affect students should be made without student representation."

Skrastins castigated the CME saying "This type of thing has been going on for a long time and the National Union of Students' (NUS) opinion is that students should be involved."

Student Union President Dave Wolf said that they should put more pressure on the government but added that so far they have been unable to deliver a representative to the task force.

The federal and provincial governments are presently meeting to evaluate and amend the Canada Student Loans Act.

Meetings of the CME and the Student Loans Plenary Group have not been publicized and virtually no one was aware of the proposed changes until NUS released the information last spring.

Since that time, a NUS campaign has been launched to open up the CME and Canada Student Loans Plenary to public scrutiny and student participation.

Local volunteers are circulating a petition calling upon the government to make public its deliberations.

Ken Rogers, the NUS campaign coordinator said that NUS and provincial student organizations "are the only viable instruments to ensure the proper implementation of student representation."

## Senate studies native students

The problems native students face, both in society and in this university, are so large and diverse that one Task Force study will not be able to form a circumference around them.

Dr. J. Cahill, spokesperson for the Senate Task Force on Native Students said the task force is still trying to set some reasonable bounds on its study into the problems of native students on its campus.

Said Cahill at the September meeting of Senate last Friday, "the task force is still trying to find some type of circumference in which to operate. We've found that the problem is so large one cannot take on one aspect of it without touching the whole thing."

For the purposes of the study, the task force is defining native students as treaty Indians, but one member asked that it be enlarged to include metis, while another felt non-treaty Indians should also be included.

"There are approximately 3000 people of native origin in

Alberta who are not treaty Indians and therefore do not have the assistance of Indian Affairs, but as native themselves do not have the sympathy of society."

The success record of native students in Alberta is abysmally low, said Cahill. Natives as children do not often complete high school much less enter a university.

Cahill asked if the task force should limit its study to native students in university or should

widen the scope of the study to include the types of pressures and problems forced on natives by society from day one.

Dr. Myer Horowitz, vp (academic) mentioned the university's Project Morningstar located at the Blue Quill residential school near St. Paul.

At Blue Quill, native students can study some university approved education courses leading to certification in order to continue a degree in education. The project should

also become part of the study, he said.

Senate agreed a study together with a number of subsequent proposals should be undertaken but as one member said, the project might become too large to have any teeth. Some members proposed that a good place to begin the study would be right on this campus, at least to allow an in depth study of one section of a larger problem.

## BC places student on aid appeal but won't tell him the rules

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Ross Powell, a student at Simon Fraser University, has become the only student representative in the BC student aid structure.

The provincial education department, headed by Education Minister Eileen Daily, has allowed Powell to sit on the province's four person financial aid appeals committee.

Powell, who is the Simon Fraser delegate to the British Columbia Student Federation, was one of four students nominated by the provincial student union to sit on the committee, but was the only one selected.

Byron Hendern, the BC student aid director, who also sits on the committee along

with two others from the education department, claimed Powell was appointed because "the government is trying to pay attention to the point of view of the students."

Powell disagrees, and called his appointment "a diplomatic move by the education department" intended to do

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