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Decision creates 'vicious circle'

by Greg Harris

Jim Horsman and the department of advanced education and manpower would probably like to see the university less dependant on government funds.

So says Dr. Steve Hunka, one of the six Board of Governors who opposed the motion proposing tuition indexing at last Friday's meeting.

"I suspect that he (James Horsman) would like to see the university acquire a certain amount of money independent of the government," says Hunka.

He expresses disappointment that the Board didn't have the time to "discuss all possible rationale relevant to tuition." He says that more time was needed to reason through the implications of the policy recommendation.

Indexing could have a mushrooming effect. The established range setting tuition

fees between 8 and twelve percent of the university's operating costs will create a vicious circle that will see tuition rise at an exponential rate, Hunka says.

The university has two sources of revenue in government grants and tuition fees. The revenues are spent and turned into expenditure. Under the indexing scheme one year's tuition will be calculated from the previous year's expenditures, which include the last year's tuition revenues.

"The trend worries me in the long run," he says.

Hunka prefers that the range be set at 0 to 12 percent of operating costs, and that calculations of tuition fees be based only on the university grant portion of the expenditures.

Hunka comments that the university is the one place where inflation could be controlled. Students are strapped enough with the rising costs of rent, food, clothes, and books he says.

He calls the governments attempts to maintain a cost status quo "Part of our inflation mentality."

He adds that he is getting "discouraged" with the governments lack of funding and the subsequent declines in the quality of education.

"The polio vaccine is certainly worth more than 10 million dollars," he says. The benefits of a quality post secondary education far out strip the costs involved.

"There is no other university in Canada or North America," he says that is so dependant on the good graces of a government.

"...we couldn't hire Jesus Christ if he walked in," he says.

"The government is amenable to the definition for new programs and the funding of two new programs...what worries me is that the basic programs are suffering the most," he says.

He adds that students in the liberal arts are probably suffering the most.

U of A leads 'reactionary' U of C Board

"The University of Calgary Board of Governors is very reactionary," says Jim Stanford, editor for the *Gazette* the U. of C. student newspaper.

"I suspect the University of Calgary will use the University of Alberta as guage to base their decision," he explains.

Like the U. of A. Board of Governors, the U. of C. Board must submit the tuition policy proposal to the provincial government. The U. of A. Board decided upon an indexing of tuition fee scheme.

"All they (U. of C. Board) need is an excuse and they will propose it too," says Stanford.

The U. of C. Board will meet next week to make a decision.



Iraqi ambassador to Canada Abdo I Al-Dari contemplates cheque for Arab studies program

Alberta imports oil money

by Wes Oginski

"For mutual interests, it is important to create mutual understanding," says the Iraqi ambassador to Canada, his excellency Mr. Abdo I Al-Dari.

To help create this understanding, the government of Iraq donated \$25,000 to the University of Alberta Department of Classic Arab studies program last Monday, October 5.

The program as it stands now is in its second year of a three year experiment.

"We have launched a three year experimental program to determine the need for and the general response to the taking of Arabic and Hebrew (another of the middle-Eastern languages in an experimental program)," says Roger Smith, chairman of the department of Classics.

This second year of the program includes an introductory level course and a second year course. Next year the department hopes to introduce a senior level course.

"We are very pleased with the way the program is going," says Faculty of Arts dean Terry White.

"The interest in our department about learning more about Iraq has been encouraged," says White.

Similarities between Alberta and Iraq in oil production and agriculture prompted the Iraqi government to lend support to the Arab language program, says Al-Dari.

To understand his country and culture, it is important to understand his language, he explains.

"The *Book of Koran* is read and only understood in the Arab language. To translate it into another language distorts its meaning," he says.

The main thrust of the donation is to prompt a better understanding and interaction between the two countries.

"This is not a donation," he says, "it is to help put the first bricks in building, to create cooperation between Iraq and Canada."

The Arab and Hebrew programs will be reviewed at the end of their third year (1983); then a decision will be made to continue and/or expand the program.

Two-thirds of Alberta satisfied with universities

54 per cent of Albertans believe students pay the right amount for their tuition in university, according to a recently-released survey.

The survey, commissioned by the presidents of the universities of Calgary and Alberta, says also that 24 per cent of respondents think tuition is too high, while only 9 per cent think tuition is too low.

U of A president Myer

Horowitz says he never thought the public expected that tuition fees should rise from present levels.

"That result does not surprise me," Horowitz says.

The telephone survey was carried out by a private research firm, Opinion Research Index, which polled a total 1,856 Albertans during the first two weeks of July. Ten years ago, according to

the survey, 22 out of every 100 students graduating from high school in Alberta went on to university.

Today, that figure has decreased to about 14 in every hundred, and public opinion figures indicate that proportion is too low.

However, Horowitz says the 14 percent figure is incorrect; he says it should be higher.

"The tendency toward higher

enrolments is certainly accurate," he says, noting that enrolment at the U of A has increased in the last two years.

The survey shows that 63 per cent of Albertans believe student university enrolment should increase, while another 22 per cent feel enrolment levels are adequate.

A large majority of respondents (83 per cent) support public spending on universities, while only four per cent thought such spending should decrease.

The people of Alberta generally benefit from a system of public universities, according to 85 per cent of the respondents. About two-thirds of those surveyed express satisfaction with the general performance of Alberta universities.

The purposes of a university — conducting research, preparing young adults for careers, developing critical thinking in students, and contributing to the cultural life of the community — all rank

as very important functions with more than half of those surveyed. The performance of those functions at Alberta universities is rated as excellent to good by between 40 and 50 per cent of all respondents.

Rating the importance of university programs by field of instruction, the respondents believe the health sciences — medicine, dentistry, and nursing — to be of prime importance. After health come the technical areas — engineering and computer science, followed by agriculture and forestry, education, management, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and fine arts.

The surveyors found a high degree of general interest in the subject of universities among the respondents. And, it was found that differences among Calgary, Edmonton, and other Alberta residents were small with regards to their general satisfaction with university performance.

One issue next week

Due to the long weekend there will be only one issue of the *Gateway* next week. The special cartoon issue will hit the stands on Wednesday, Oct. 14 so get your cartoons in by noon Tuesday.



Have A Nice Weekend