

University part of a larger community

## Horowitz chosen as next president

The appointment of Dr. Myer Horowitz as president of the University of Alberta was announced Friday by Board of Governors chairman John Schlosser.

Dr. Horowitz, currently vice-president (academic), will assume office July 1, 1979. He succeeds Dr. Harry Gunning as the ninth president of the univer-

Horowitz, 46, was chosen for the position over two other candidates, Dr. Peter Meekison of the political science department and Dr. J. H. Saywell, college president at the University of Toronto.

The new president told a press conference after his appointment that university funding would remain a major problem during his term of office.

He also said that although he had not yet read the Cranham Commission task force report on post-secondary education, he believed tuition increases should be kept minimal.

In his speech, Horowitz emphasized the role of the university as part of the larger community. The university has a

challenge to serve the community, he said.

Horowitz came to the U of A in 1969 as professor and chairman of the department of elementary education.

He became dean of Education in 1972 and was appointed vice president (academic) of the university in 1975.

Horowitz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sir George Williams University, Montreal, in 1956. He obtained his Master of Education in educational administration from the U of A in 1959, and a Doctor of Education in elementary education from Stanford University in California in 1965.

Prior to his appointment to the Faculty of Education here, Horowitz was a high school teacher in Montreal and a professor in the Faculty of Education at McGill.

The chief executive officer of the U of A, the president is responsible for the general supervision of academic work and business affairs of the university.

Horowitz will probably be officially installed as president during fall convocation, next November 17.



New president of the university Myer Horowitz answers questions at a press conference announcing his appointment Friday.

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Problems in Res and Garneau

## Housing Study commissioned

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Students in North Garneau and Lister Hall have known that there was something wrong with the student housing situation for years. Now the university has become aware of the problem, and has commissioned a four-phase university student housing study.

Students' housing preferences have changed drastically in the last few years. In an effort to accommodate different tastes, the university offered 743 rooms in the Lister Hall Complex on a single basis starting in the fall of 1978. With a 9% vacancy rate and other current problems in the complex, the effort could hardly be termed successful.

Pembina Hall is in much the same position. A 9.4% vacancy rate there clearly shows that students are no longer satisfied with the traditional student residence lifestyle.

On the other hand, there is a year waiting list to get into the often run-down houses and apartments in North Garneau. Despite this popularity and the fact that North Garneau is one of few student residences that makes a profit, the university appears to be doing little to maintain the area. Repairs are seldom undertaken, and the month to month leases deter the tenants from fixing up the houses.

This change in housing

preferences and the prediction of any future changes will be the subject of the first phase of the study.

Phase II will be an inventory of all present student housing and will determine what changes or additions to student housing should be made.

Phase III will be a study of the financial feasibility of any proposed changes. Taking into consideration the university requirement to operate student housing on a break-even basis, any new residence of a type other than a dormitory may well be out of the average student's price range.

Students not satisfied

## Another proposal for Lister Hall

by Alison Thomson

It's not good enough yet, says Elaine Christie.

The head of student government in residence says the compromises Housing and Food Services have agreed to in the new proposal for the Lister Hall Student Association are still not adequate.

The administration has agreed to retain the Dean of Residence and two assistants on a one-year trial basis. They have decided to propose three floor seniors and a floor coordinator.

Phase IV will consist of final recommendations to the university and a schedule for implementation on a priority basis.

At the end of each phase the consulting firm will submit a report to an advisory committee consisting of seven university officials and one representative from each of the Graduate Students' Association and the Students' Union. The committee includes no representatives from the student residence, however.

More details on the study should be available once the consulting firm is selected, probably January 31.

Only the floor coordinator, however, will have disciplining power, and none of the seniors will get special rates on rooms as they do now.

Housing and Food Services has also remained firm on their proposal for changes to the executive of the student association.

The administration has agreed to some changes in the proposal which affect the finances of student government. They have accepted an increase in Lister Hall Student Associa-

## Vandals strike again

Someone's at it again. Two more of the decorative banners in Humanities Center have been stolen.

The latest theft occurred at the east end of the center the night of January 16-17. Paul Robison, Assistant to the Dean of Arts, says that the faculty believes the thieves gained access to the building from the third floor.

"The alarm system was circumvented," Robison said, "and the thieves cut them (the banners) off using a sharp knife or scissors." This is not the first theft of banners from the Center, though. The latest incident brings to six the number of banners taken since 1975.

The banners were 2 of 52 designed for the opening of the Humanities Center in 1973. Each is valued at between \$500 and \$600, but Robison stressed "each is absolutely irreplaceable... they were made especially for the building."

If the banners are returned before Wednesday, January 31, "there will be no questions asked," says Robison. Persons

with information about the theft or individuals who wish to return the banners may contact Campus Security or the Arts office.

## New FOS head

Wayne Fotty has been selected to succeed Sharon Bell as this year's director of Freshman Orientation Seminars.

His job is to administer the program, which operates during the summer, to introduce first-year students to the University. FOS presents material on academics, how to survive registration, extracurricular activities, and a variety of other information. This material is presented in two formats—weekend seminars in Lister Hall and one-day seminars during registration week.

Fotty, a full-time Arts student was picked by a selection committee and will be ratified tonight (Tuesday). He will take office at 6:30 pm, in time to attend the students' council meeting.

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tion fees (from \$10 to \$15), and have granted the association a \$10,000 damage grant. There will be no floor fees as there have been in the past; this removes the main source of revenue for social activities.

These concessions were made after a presentation by the Lister Hall Student Association to Housing and Food Services last Wednesday. Christie says the association will present its arguments to the Council on Student Services, where the

proposal will be considered Wednesday.

Some of these points are not open to negotiation, according to Christie. She cited control of financial affairs and the maintenance of the present executive format is vital to the affairs of student government. She concluded, "They don't want to debate because they can't. They have no arguments."

Frank Whipple, Mackenzie Hall president, agreed. "It's a slap in the face," he said.