

Cutbacks fact sheet

For what are we paying so much?

Why are you going to pay 10 per cent higher tuition fees next year?
Why can't you find study space in the libraries?
Why are there quotas in the engineering and commerce faculties?
Why are some classes ridiculously large?
Why are some classes not even available any more?
Why do foreign students, regardless of income, pay a large differential fee?

Cutbacks affect every faculty at the U of A

Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry
Forced to impose a quota and end some extension functions (insect identification service, etc.).

Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce
Forced to impose a quota. Staff teaching loads have increased by 60 per cent since 1973.

Faculty of Dentistry
May lose its accreditation because of lack of funds to hire required staff; only school of dentistry in Canada in such a position.

Faculty of Education
Had to cut six academic and six non-academic staff positions; there is a six to eight month backlog in the curriculum library because of lack of funds.

Faculty of Engineering
Forced to impose a quota even though there is a severe shortage of engineers in Alberta.

"... many Albertans, unable to afford sending their own children to university. . ."

Faculty of Home Economics
Cut non-academic staff while at the same time it can't expand to PhD level because of "small staff size."

Faculty of Library Science
May lose accreditation at master program level. Teaching load increased by 25 per cent in one year.

Faculty of Medicine
Has the second worst student/staff ratio of all Canadian medical schools. To catch up to the University of Toronto's level, we would need to hire 150 more full-time staff.

Faculty of Nursing
Had to impose quotas. Suffers a lack of funds for graduate assistants.

Faculty of Pharmacy
The national accrediting body is reviewing the program offered. Anatomy 300 (a required course) cannot accommodate all students.

Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
Sections cancelled, cuts in custodial staff, class sizes increasing reduction in hours in the recreation complex (swimming, etc.).

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Answer: Because in real terms, the provincial government has reduced funding to the U of A.

Fact: Eighty-eight hours of interest in the Heritage Trust Fund equals the amount of money raised by the last tuition increase.

Fact: In some Western countries, less affluent than Alberta, there are no

tuition fees.

Fact: Tuition fees are already a serious barrier to low income families and many students in Canada are forced to drop out because of financial hardships.

Fact: When both tuition fees and foregone earnings are counted students actually pay for 55 per cent of their education.



"... the government will take the position of raising fees again and again."

Bert Hohol
former Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower

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