

"A lot of people think Nebraska is just a football school, but we also emphasize academics."

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"That big 'N' on the side of the football stadium really stands for knowledge." — the mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska, and a U of N grad.

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## U of Calgary looks to students for library funds

by Kevin Law

"Knowledge must continually be renewed by ceaseless effort, if it is not to be lost," Albert Einstein once said. The University of Calgary students seem to have this point in mind as they launch a library fund raising campaign to help offset government underfunding.

The campus library at the U of C has seen quality erode for the last several years because the Alberta government has failed to respond to inflation, price increases in material, and burgeoning enrollment, according to Calgary students' union president Don Kozak.

As a result, students at the University have launched a two month fund raising campaign to help the library regain lost ground.

"We are not funded to the degree of excellence we feel we should be," Kozak said. "We had a real boom in enrollment compared to the U of A so that in the last five years the government's inadequate increase has not been keeping up with enrollment."

The campaign is aimed at students, with money mainly being raised through the sale of lapel pins and club events, such as a licensed "Pajamarama Film Festival" where students are invited to wear their pajamas and bring sleeping bags for a night of movie viewing.

The library fund has a goal of \$25,000 by March 10, which, according to Kozak, should be eligible for a government matching grant. As well, people who donate will receive a tax receipt.

Kozak noted that they cannot fund raise alumni or the downtown sector because it would "screw up the University's fund raising efforts, and public sector fund raising requires a special license."

Kozak also explained the cam-

paign "does not let the government off the hook. We're drawing attention to the problem."

Some of the specifics of the problem are serious. Library representatives have said that since the early 1980's, the U of C has faced a 50 percent raise in enrollment offset by only a 14 percent increase in the University's

base budget. The imbalance has created a lack of buying power for vital material as well as ongoing staff cutbacks.

"Cutbacks to staff three years ago cut the processing of books," Kozak said. "Now there is a backlog of material that would take 28 years to deal with."

Other problems include a sig-

nificant decline in library acquisitions, especially in vital science and engineering journal collections that are necessary to the maintenance of adequate research materials. In the last six years more than 600 titles have been cancelled. It is estimated the library can no longer address new acquisitions in these fields because

of the cancellations.

The fundraising campaign hopes to offset the imbalance for the interim by reaching their goal which Kozak feels is possible.

"With 20,000 students enrolled, that's about \$1 per student; I'd be pretty disappointed if we didn't make it."

## Students snooze through clangor

by Jeff Cowley

A University of Alberta fire marshal is alarmed that HUB residents are sleeping through the building's fire warning system.

Drunken students, HUB construction, and everyday problems such as cooking odors have tripped the fire alarm system so many times that students are ignoring it.

A fire broke out in Rutherford breezeway this weekend. But most HUB residents shrugged the fire bell, said the Campus Security officials.

"If it rings at night I put the pillow over my head — it rings so many times that a lot of the students just sleep through it," said HUB housing official Kim Nayyer.

"It's like the boy who cried wolf: it rings so many times that many students just ignore it," she said, adding that at the beginning of the year the bell fired almost every day.

"If one person doesn't react to a fire alarm, it is a dangerous situation," said Campus Security official Dennis Dahlstedt. "With the size of the building it is impossible to do a suite-to-suite evacuation."

Fire officials answered over 160 fire calls on the U of A campus last year, seven of which were fires in HUB suites. Approximately 90 percent of all calls were false alarms.

HUB International is home to 850 residents. Dahlstedt said that students are given fire evacuation instructions when they move in.

SU housing and transport commissioner Aruna D'Souza is sympathetic with students who are distracted from their studies or jarred out of bed to answer dummy alarms.

"But if the next one is a real one, and people ignore it, that's when the fear starts," she said.

Dahlstedt said drunken students



Bob Puffer seems to be re-creating a scene from that famous Brando picture *The Wild Ones* as he drives his Harley past Lister cafeteria cashier Suzanne Scott. Actually it's a publicity stunt by HFS staff to promote 50's rock and roll.

triggering the alarm is a large part of the problem. Dewey's Deli in HUB Mall has posted a sign warning students that the premises will be shut down if there are more false alarms, said D'Souza.

Welding torches and other construction equipment have also fired the alarm, said Dahlstedt.

HUB Day Care director Kate Watts is angry because false alarms put the children under her care out into the cold.

"It's disrupting, especially for the little ones. Sometimes we can't even stop to dress them for the cold. We have to stop whatever we're doing and take them outside," she said, noting that HUB Day Care has had to shuffle children outside at least a half a dozen times this year because of fire alarms.

The SU has been working with campus officials and the HUB students' association to relieve the problem.

Dahlstedt said HUB's advanced alarm system makes it relatively fire safe with a direct hook-up to the fire department.

D'Souza said the Students' Union will bring the problem before council and will continue to piece together solutions with the university fire marshal.

## Bonanza for Business

by Teresa Pires

A team from the University of Alberta's faculty of business placed second overall at the 11th annual Intercollegiate Business Competition which ran from January 13-15 at Queens University.

The U of A team also brought

home the Chairman's Award, presented to the team that best exemplifies the nature and spirit of the competition.

"We learned something that we could put to use but the best thing was the opportunity to meet people from other universities

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It's business student week, so business students are doing wild and crazy things of course. Is playing volleyball in shorts in the snow silly or what?

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