

Concerns arise over U.S. studies

CALGARY (CUP) — The University of Calgary has secured funding for a chair in American studies, though sufficient funding for a chair in Canadian studies has not yet been raised.

University official Bill Selby said Texaco Canada and an undisclosed partner have put up \$500,000 to set up a chair in American studies at the U of C. The Alberta government will contribute an additional

\$1 million in a two-for-one matching endowment.

Funding for the chair in Canadian studies, however, is about \$100,000 short of the \$500,000 needed, according to Merlin Brinkerhoff, associate vice-president of research.

Chairs of study are established to bring esteemed academics to teach and to conduct research in their specific areas of expertise at the university.

David Tarras, director of the Canadian program, said setting up an American studies chair will be a positive move, especially for the Canadian studies department.

Tarras said, however, that the Canadian chair is needed more than an American chair. "I think the Canadian chair is more important because we have to find our own identity," he said.

Grant Chin, president of the Canadian studies association on campus, concurred. "We are already shamefully aware too much of American policies," he said. "We need to understand ourselves."

Students' Union vice-president academic Tim Wild, however, said

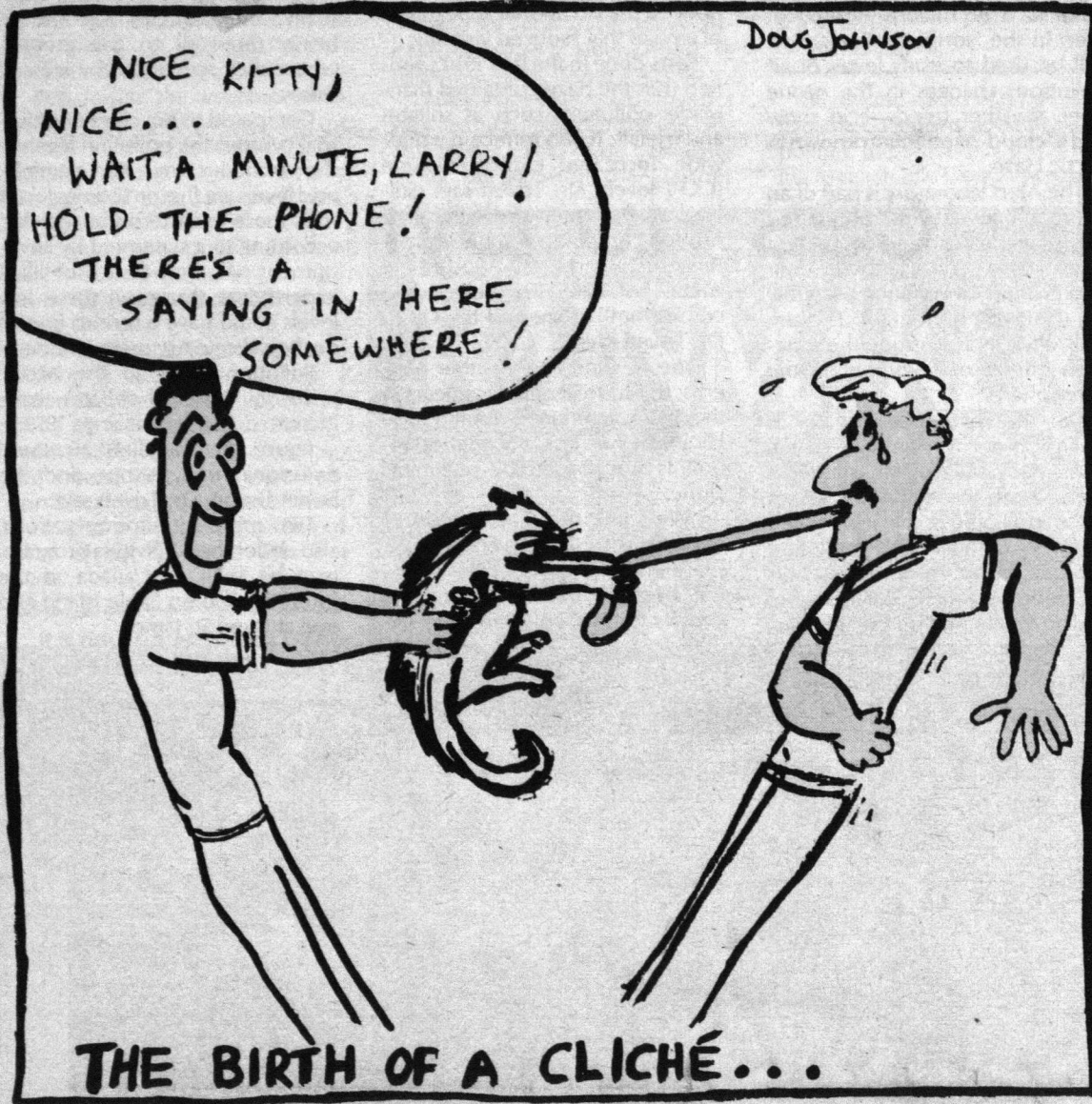
that while it's "a shame" that the money for the Canadian post hasn't been raised, it would be foolish to turn donations down.

"Any money for education is good money," he said.

Brinkerhoff hopes the funding for the American chair will stimulate interest towards the Canadian post. "Lots of people have given money (for the Canadian chair) but just in little drips and draps," he said, adding it has taken "about 10 years" to raise \$400,000.

The university set up a program for a visiting professorship in Canadian studies in 1979, for which the U of C set aside a \$120,000 fund to partially finance the post. Student council secretary Alison Heal said a referendum passed in 1983 called for the money to be donated toward a Canadian studies chair.

Last year, the council voted to donate an additional \$12,000 to the post.



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not necessary with the discounted Student Pak now available.

"Also, the way we look at it, when you issue a one-time pass there's quite a problem with losses. It's quite an expensive piece of paper to have responsibility for," said David.

When asked whether a cheaper yearly rate could be set David replied, "This is exactly the point we are trying to work out with the school boards, which are looking for a set rate for the whole school term. I don't see why we couldn't do that with the Student Paks except that the rate for this year has already been set in January."

As a second option the HTC is considering discounts for students on bus tickets. For example, bus tickets could be sold to students at a cost of eight tickets for \$10 instead of the current price of 9 for \$10.

According to the HTC subcom-

mittee, Student Pak sales are on the decline while ticket sales are rising.

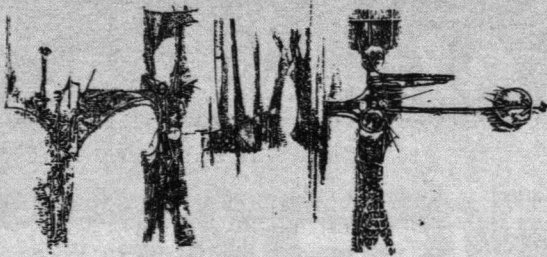
"It seems tickets would be the way to go since short term transit alternatives are becoming more popular," says subcommittee member Glen Briggs.

"We wouldn't mind looking at that if that was brought forward as a resolution," said David.

The Housing and Transport Commission hopes to set up a meeting with representatives from Edmonton Transit to work out an agreement. The issue will then likely go to Students' Council.

Housing and Transport Commissioner Andrew Fredericks is optimistic about the outcome. "The matter is still in the preliminary stages, but I think we can work out a better system for all post-secondary students."

Grant MacEwan and NAIT will also be approached on the matter.



STUDENTS' UNION

MARCH 11, 12, 13

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- President
- VP Academic
- VP External Affairs
- VP Finance & Administration
- VP Internal Affairs

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- President Athletics
- VP Men's Athletics
- VP Women's Athletics

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1700 hrs. Tuesday Feb. 24, 1987

Candidates Meeting

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