

Reduced budget slows expansion

Government provides less than half amount wanted

By DENNIS FITZGERALD

Government financing shortages are going to cut into U of A expansion plans.

Vice-president for finance and administration Dr. D. G. Tyndall said "We will have to cut back

with the least harmful impact on our program."

He estimates that of the \$35,460,000 needed by the university this year only \$25,000,000 will be provided by the government.

Only \$43,000,000 is to be divided among the three Alberta universities for 1968-69 by the Universities Commission as opposed to \$47,000,000 last year.

The U of A's allotment for 1967-68 was \$26,000,000 and the U of C's \$16,400,000.

The combined five year estimates for the U of A and the U of C are \$390,000,000. The government can provide only \$175,000,000 for the three universities, including The University of Lethbridge.

Students' union president Al Anderson said, "if the government gives us less than they did last year and considering the recent growth of the campus they should take another look at their recent white paper (on education)."

Vice-president of campus development Dr. W. H. Worth said the current budget will have three effects.

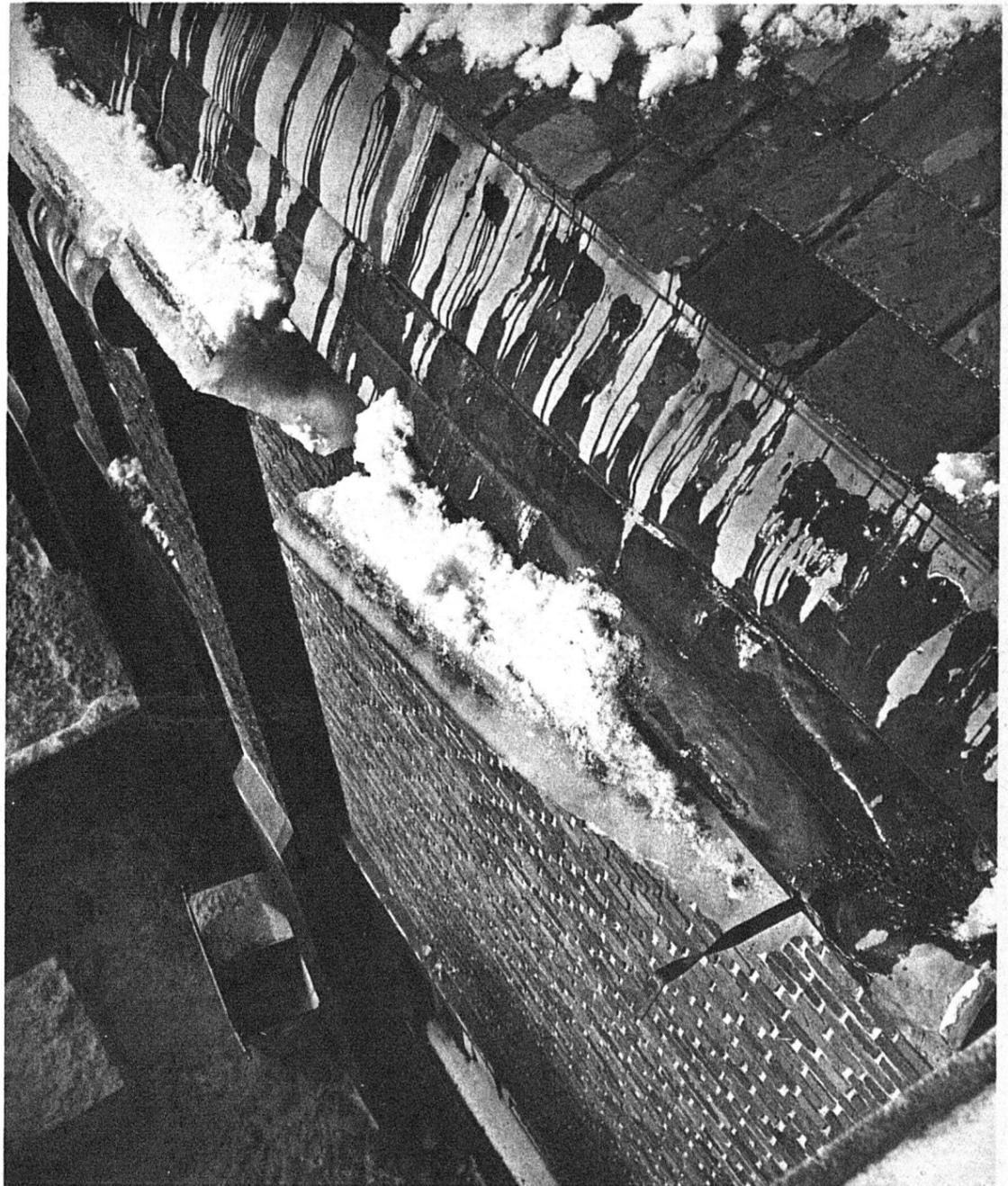
- It will slow down our purchase of new equipment and furnishings including desks and scientific equipment.

- It will have an adverse effect on new utilities and alterations planned.

- New construction will have to be phased. We can start what we already have planned but the construction will take longer and everything will start on differently scheduled dates.

Concerning the Health Sciences Center Dr. Worth said "We will get 50 per cent of the cost of the center (\$100,000,000) from the federal government filtered back to us through the provincial government."

UBC got \$40,000,000 federal aid directly for their medical center.



—Neil Driscoll photo

LOOK OUT BELOW—Our on-the-spot, ever-alert cameraman noted this ice hanging down from Con Hall. It apparently broke the eaves, and dangled above the heads of unwary students. According to our informed sources, this happens every year. Isn't that interesting?

Federal union may put York out of CUS

DOWNSVIEW, ONT. (CUP)—York University may no longer be a member of the Canadian Union of Students.

Mel Freedman, president of the Founder's College students' union, says as far as he is concerned Founder's is not a member, has not yet paid CUS fees, and has no intention of doing so.

CUS problems at York stem from the school's federated structure.

York is composed of three colleges—Vanier, Founder's, and Glendon—and plans call for the addition of a college each year for the next decade.

Each college has a separate student government. Attempts to form a federated student government similar to that at the University of Toronto have repeatedly fizzled.

Ken Johnson, former president of the York student representative council which collapsed recently, said in a letter to CUS president Hugh Armstrong he is discouraged about prospects of forming a tri-campus government.

He suggested CUS bill each college separately.

President quits over Vietnam suppliers issue

MONTREAL (CUP)—Sir George Williams University council president Jeff Chipman resigned after a council majority passed a motion 5 to 3 last Monday condemning recruiting at Sir George by companies whose products go toward aiding the United States' war effort in Vietnam.

Sherry Rubenstein, executive vice-president, automatically became president.

Chipman said, "I cannot accept the decision passed this evening by the students' council with such a small percentage as representative of the wishes of the total student body."

"I feel the student has the right to work for the company of his choice whether or not a company produces material ultimately for use in Vietnam. Certainly it should not affect the right of the Sir George Williams University student to have an interview with the company of his choosing."

Students' Assistance Board still solvent

Ontario reserve fund enough to cover other provinces' expenses

By MARGARET BOLTON

The Students' Assistance Board will not run out of money this year.

A city newspaper had said the board might be unable to meet its obligations after a provincial government statement reported the fund nearly depleted.

"The press release was misinterpreted," said students' assistance board chairman C. G. Merkley.

"There is nothing to indicate we won't finish the year."

Alberta receives an allocation of \$4,600,000 per year from the federal government for this purpose, and if necessary may draw upon an additional

20 per cent of this from the emergency fund.

At present, this allocation and the emergency fund have both been used. The other provinces except Quebec (which does not belong to this organization), Ontario, and Newfoundland have all used up their emergency funds also.

However, Ontario's reserve fund should be enough to cover the additional expenses of all the other provinces.

"There is reasonable assurance that there are sufficient funds," said Mr. Merkley. "If we cannot use Ontario's fund, then we can take money from next year's allocation."

"Last year was the first time we had to use any of the emergency fund. There is an increase in enrolment in all institutions, and there seems to be an increased interest in post-secondary education."

"Budgets are rising all over. Ontario has stayed within its budget because it is offering an extended program of non-repayable assistance."

In the year 1963-64, 5,500 students were helped at a cost of \$3,250,000; this year 18,500 students are receiving assistance, and the cost is more than \$10,000,000.

The Federal Plenary Session will meet shortly in Ottawa to discuss rising requests for more money.