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ed Education for more money. "I haven't given up — I don't intend to let up on my lobby."

Alan Warrack, the U of A's VP Administration, is more direct: "In rural areas there is a saying that you should put your money where your mouth is. We hope the Government will come up with the money to cover the cost of its three percent tuition decision."

Normally there is advance notice to the institutions about major Government decisions, but the recent tuition policy was a surprise to Warrack.

"We found out six days ago — it was quite a bombshell," said Warrack.

Warrack emphasizes that the deficit is not final. "It's a proposal" he said, but added that while the Board of Governors may have changed a \$800,000 deficit "There is absolutely no hope of balancing the budget" with only a three percent tuition increase.

Even if the Board of Governors

approves a deficit budget, they may not be allowed to implement it.

The Universities Act of Alberta requires the Board of Governors to obtain the approval of Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell before they are allowed to borrow money.

Tom McClaren, Executive Assistant to Russell, would not comment on whether the Minister would approve a borrowing request from the U of A, but noted, "There is a precedent — the U of A got approval to borrow money this year for an early retirement plan."

Both McClaren and Horowitz note that borrowing money is not an immediate concern. "2.6 million is only about one percent of our operating budget," said Horowitz, "It's only in the last quarter for the fiscal year that we would have cash flow problems — there is a lot of time."

McClaren is also non-committal about additional funds for the

University. "It's really a bad time to ask me, what with the budget this week — I really can't comment."

McClaren did imply that there may be good news in the future. "This was a transition year — last year there was a three percent cut, this year a 1.5 percent increase."

Outgoing SU President Tim Boston agrees with the University's move. "This is a way to make the Government realize they have just got to put more money into the universities." He added that he expects Advanced Education to approve the deficit financing request.

Horowitz agrees that running a deficit is an exceptional move, but believes the public should have seen it coming. "There is a mistaken impression that last year was the first year we were cut. Operating grants haven't kept up with inflation and enrollment growth for years. I've had enough — I will not be party to further cuts."

The U of A is currently early in its 1988-89 budget cycle. Preliminary budget plans incorporating the enlarged deficit it will be presented to the next meeting of the Board of Governor's Planning and Priorities Committee.

C. American unrest

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The ambassador feels that the present crisis results from President Reagan's pledge to defend the contras until his last breath.

"The contras are defeated. What will he do next?" the ambassador asked.

Lacayo said that Canada could play a leadership role in the peace process by patrolling the Nicaraguan border.

He added that Nicaragua has nothing to fear from democracy, and that the Sandinista government has complied with the peace accord by lifting restrictions on the press and releasing political prisoners while restoring their democratic rights. Full amnesty has also been offered to the contras.

"It is in the long term interest of the US to have peace and social change in Central America," said the ambassador.

"You cannot continue with archaic structures of government which disappeared from Europe in

the 19th century.

"The US prefers a good dictator and their interests are secure. We will sell out products in the world market to whoever offers us the best prices," said Lacayo to a roar of approval from the audience.

He stated that the war against the contras and the US trade embargos have crippled Nicaragua's economic and social recovery, adding that agrarian reform, urban development, social and civil rights have all been hampered by the war.

Again, the ambassador stressed that Canada could play a crucial role in Nicaragua's development by providing aid.

In his conclusion, Lacayo prayed that "The US will respect the desire for Central America to a better future. Life will triumph over death — in this we ask your blessing — for our children's future and the future of our children's children."

During question period, Lacayo was asked why the Nicaraguans agreed to Cardinal Oscar y Bravo moderating the peace plan. The ambassador said Bravo has preferences, referring to the cardinal's bias towards US interests. But he stated that it is important for the Sandinistas to be on good terms with the church.

Upcoming elections for artsies

The Arts Students Association will be holding its annual elections March 30 and 31.

Five Students' Council representative positions are being contested by 11 candidates. The nine positions on General Facilities Council are being contested by 16 candidates. The ASA Executive positions were filled by acclamation.

Campaigning runs from March 21 to March 29. A candidate forum will be held Monday March 2 at 3:30 in TBW-2.

The new executive, pending the verification of their nominations, are:

President - Shelly Szabo
VP Academic - Cory Harding
Financial Director - Mike Simons
VP Services - Tracy Reynolds
Secretary - Scott Day
VP Athletic - Leana Shantz
Social Director - Wade Deisman

The following candidates are running for SU Council:

Roger Carl
James Carr
Shelby Cook
Wade Deisman
Aurora D'Souza
Randy Kerr
Scott Ritter
Andrew Robertson
Kimberly Rogers
Steven Lierher
Dave Yadalle

These candidates are running for General Facilities Council:

Susan Anderson
Shelby Cook
Marc Dumouchel
Cory Harding
David Howarth
Robert E. Lea
Joachim Ludwig
Craig McDougall
Coralie Podetaluk
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Andrew Robertson
Ron Seatter
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