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Dean Martin, entertainer



Craig Dill shoots and scores an early powerplay goal after a feed from Parie Proft (behind net). Full coverage on page 11.

photo Leif Stout

Painting stolen

by K. Graham Bowers

A painting was stolen from the Fine Arts Building early Thursday morning.

The unnamed painting was hanging in a third floor stairwell for approximately two weeks before it was reported missing by the student-artist, Peter Ivens.

It was intended to hang for one or two months before being replaced by another student's work.

"This isn't something that can be replaced," said Ivens, "it has a personal value to me." He painted it earlier this fall.

According to a university inter-departmental memorandum, the painting is "abstract; predominantly bright yellow; includes a depiction of three pears;...approximately 40 inches tall by 60 inches wide...."

Another artwork, a print by Jane Ash Poitras entitled *Evolution*, was stolen from a Fine Arts Building studio on Oct. 16.

Campus Security and the Edmonton City Police report no progress on either case. Any person with information on either theft should report it to Campus Security at 432-5252.

Youth pay for lack of diversification

Cuts cost University \$30 million

by Dean Bennett

A five or ten per cent decrease in education in the upcoming provincial budget will erode the whole fabric of education in the province, says SU VP External Mike Hunter.

"It (education cutbacks) would be an extremely shortsighted move," he said. "They (Alberta Tories) want a short term gain in the polls and have the future of Alberta pay the price for it."

In terms of dollars and cents the U of A is looking at losing 30 million dollars from its 240 million dollar operating grant from the provincial government. Hunter, though, feels the figure will realistically be even higher than that.

"The campus needs a two per cent increase (every year) just to break even," he said. "Add three per cent for inflation and a ten per cent cut becomes a fifteen per cent cut."

Hunter feels this loss of money will result in loss of courses and increased tuition.

"I think you'll see the increase guidelines on tuition will be let off. Right now I think tuition is six per cent of the budget. If that formula is thrown out we could be looking at fifty per cent increases in tuition. A ten per cent increase wouldn't come close to making up the lost revenue. I think courses (in terms of number of students attending) will get bigger and clearly they (university administration) will have to look at cutting some programs. Tenure being what it is, I don't think the best courses will be cut."

Hunter sees the cutbacks as forcing educational institutions to seek private funding — a situation that has potential for abuse. Hunter sees it as a way private institutions can indirectly dictate the quality or type of education at a particular

institution.

"Let's say General Electric decides to give \$10,000 to the U of A. But they may say it can be used only for engineering. Usually money is given to the university and they allocate it as they see fit. But in this situation if engineering doesn't need the money it can't be touched."

"Other programs that need the money would be ineligible. The university would not have control

over a substantial part of its budget."

To combat this decrease, Hunter will be initiating an extensive lobbying and letter-writing campaign. At tonight's Students' Council meeting he will be putting forth a motion that states increases in government funding to all education budgets keep pace with the yearly inflation rate.

If it passes, he will have it put on the Senate agenda. The Senate,

according to Hunter, has quite a bit of influence with the Advanced Education Ministry.

Beginning in January, there will be a post card writing campaign. Thousands of post cards expressing the same sentiment as Hunter's council motion will be distributed to schools all over the province.

Hunter wants people to write Premier Getty, Advanced Ed Minister Dave Russell, Treasury Minister

Dick Johnston, and Education Minister Nancy Betowski. He wants Tory and Liberal and ND supporters alike to write in to let the Getty government know this issue transcends party politics.

"We want everybody writing: Tory and Liberal alike," he said. "Our youth shouldn't have to pay the price for lack of economic diversification."

Abortion fee dispute in Alta

by Kathleen Beechinor

Dr. Henry Morgentaler does not feel women who need abortions should be victimized by the current fee dispute between the medical profession and the Alberta government.

Speaking at a press conference in Edmonton last Thursday, Morgentaler appealed to those doctors who were performing abortions prior to the Oct. 1 ban on extra billing.

Some doctors are refusing to provide the service because they feel the set fee of \$84.50 is too low in relation to other surgical procedures.

"I'm appealing to them to reconsider their position and not use it as a tactic in their fight against the government," Morgentaler said.

The current fee includes all pre-surgery consultations, the required letter to the hospital's therapeutic abortion committee (or TAC), and post-surgery contraceptive counselling.

Dr. Morgentaler feels that the current fee for the procedure is reasonable and in line with other provinces. However, he thinks that Alberta physicians should be com-

pensated for the accompanying pre- and post-surgical consultations and the TAC application.

An all-inclusive fee of \$125 to \$150 would be fair to Alberta doctors, according to Dr. Morgentaler.

Government subsidized abortion clinics all over Canada is what Morgentaler envisions for the future. He is awaiting a Supreme Court ruling on whether or not present abortion laws are constitutional under the Canadian Charter of Rights.

Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood of Edmonton sent 64 women to the U.S. in October because most of

the physicians they previously sent clients to now refuse their referrals.

Alberta Hospitals Minister Marv Moore said last Wednesday that he isn't responsible for ensuring that doctors provide required medical services. Moore believes that it is up to patients to approach the College of Physicians and Surgeons and to discuss such problems with their doctors.

Dr. Morgentaler believes that it is the responsibility of every minister of health to ensure that the health of the population is protected. "If that is not happening, then obviously he is shirking his

responsibility."

"I think it's irresponsible not to provide this kind of service when the alternative is for these women to go to the U.S. or Toronto," says Morgentaler. Such delays involve greater risk of complications, more psychological trauma, and higher costs.

"I hope the Supreme Court decision will be a good one which will allow reproductive freedom in Canada and which will allow doctors to practice good medicine in this area," he added.

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