

Except for the short elevator-man jokes and the total abuse that I received for my generosity for an hour...

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...it didn't work.

SU Academic Commissioner Stephen Lynch on the successes of the express elevator to RA T T

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## Student arrested for alleged gun incident

by John Watson

City police arrested and charged a U of A student with pointing a firearm Wednesday.

According to Lance Beswick, police information officer, the charge arose from an incident that occurred earlier Wednesday morning.

The student got into an argument over a traffic incident and allegedly pulled out "what appeared to be a .357 magnum," said Beswick.

The other driver got back in his car and reported the incident, along with the license plate number of the car, said Beswick.

The police picked up Ricky Poon, 19, outside HUB at about noon. A CO<sup>2</sup> pellet gun, resembling a magnum, was found under the front seat of his car.

The case will go to court February 13.



Dave Oginski (left) looks forlorn; Rob Splane (rear) ended debate early.

## Cutting into cuts

by John Watson

Cutbacks to the university's funding and the effects they will have on students were the main topics of discussion at Tuesday night's Students' Council meeting.

University president Myer Horowitz, addressing the meeting for the first time this year, spoke about the proposed cuts.

"(They are) a terrible, terrible disappointment; not a surprise because I had been given most of the information before Christmas," he said.

Although the final decisions are not entirely his, Horowitz listed some of the measures the university would be looking at to deal with the cuts.

Curtailed enrolment is one option the U of A would have to consider said Horowitz.

Dramatic increases in tuition fees are another. The minister has indi-

cated current guidelines will be ignored.

"There is going to be a deviation (guidelines would allow tuition to increase by six percent this year), but I don't know what that means," said Horowitz.

Horowitz departed saying "good luck to all of us."

A motion put forward by SU president Dave Oginski that recognized the need to increase fees never made it to a vote as Arts representative Rob Splane called for adjournment.

Cooper, SU VP Academic, and one of the people behind the motion, was upset by the adjournment.

"I was really peeved," said Cooper, "the whole thing has been lost."

A special meeting of council has been called for next Tuesday to deal with the motion said Cooper.

## Russell gets some tough questions

by Roberta Franchuk

A disgruntled crowd of about 150 students voiced their opinions to the provincial government regarding proposed education cutbacks last Wednesday, in Dinwoodie.

The forum, sponsored by the Anti-Cutbacks Team, featured Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell, SU Vice President External Mike Hunter, and University Vice President of Research J. Gordon Kaplan representing President Myer Horowitz.

After a short speech by each panel member, moderator Mel Hurtig opened the questioning.

Almost all the questions were directed at Russell. The loudest applause greeted the question of why the government's "wealthy corporate friends should be exempt from the budget," and if there were plans to raise the minimum wage.

The minister did not answer this question, saying it contained "distortions" — to which members of the audience responded with derisive shouts.

The majority of students expressed concerns with the quality of education and the size of the projected tuition increase.

Russell would not give a figure

for a tuition increase, saying only that it would be "reasonable and within the capabilities" of all students.

"Alberta students are still going to be in a very favored position" compared to those in the rest of Canada, Russell said, to scattered applause.

Dr. Kaplan emphasized the importance of research to the university in terms of attracting "the most talented people" and upholding the institution's academic reputation.

He accused the federal government of having "far from lived up to its commitment" to increase research facilities, but praised the provincial government for recognizing "the importance of diversification" — a comment which was greeted with laughter by a few students.

Mike Hunter's remarks seemed to sum up the attitude of most of the students in the room, judging from the applause they received.

"I haven't met one student that agreed to pay more for an education that's worth less," he said. "It is in the best interest of the province to continue funding without cutting back."

## CJSR takeover

by Dragos Ruiu

At 10:15 Wednesday morning, a sudden and non-violent takeover of the CJSR radio station took place.

A group calling themselves the Front Liberation de Computer Engineering stormed the station and tied up station manager Brent Kane.

This faction then took control of the programming and started making demands for pizza, respect, and girls.

Hostage Kane said, "This is an outrage! As soon as I get these handcuffs off, I'm going to stand up against these Engineering bullies."

Press were allowed to briefly view the hostages before they were stuffed back in the closets.

The group leader Herb "Bad Attitude" Vanselow said that the reason behind the takeover was "we don't get to play our records at home."

The U of A student body rallied behind the revolutionaries, lighting up the request lines with additional demands and messages of support.

Even some of the hostages sympathized with the plight of the Computer engineers. Gerry Stoll, CJSR entertainment manager, was heard to yell "Viva la Revolution."

Some of the normal CJSR D.J.'s were distraught at losing their airtime. Jim Dykeman, a student council arts rep and CJSR D.J., was heard to jokingly say "Get those button-pushing psychos out of my booth!" But he did approve of the rebels' musical choices.

As the siege wore on, the phone lines and the press became hectic among the hiatus the hostage takers had created.

"We just can't answer all the phones, it's so hectic," complained Justin "Smokey" Webb and Ron Miller, two of the four rebels.



Computer Engineers tied up Brent Kane and his station for a few hours Wednesday

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