

## Campus Affairs

### Fair share of provincial dough goes to students

by Will Gibson

"The Government of Alberta is extremely proud of this program and the outstanding accomplishments of the recipients." With this statement, Premier Don Getty announced that \$60 million had been awarded to Alberta students from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

University of Alberta students do get a good share of the money, according to Leon Lubin of the Students' Finances Board. "Over \$3.4 million has been awarded thus far in the ten scholarship programs we offer."

However, Lubin points out that an average student would not be eligible for all these scholarships. "The James Condon scholarship is for University of Alberta athletes who maintain a certain grade point average and accounts for \$224,000 of the total amount budgeted."

But Lubin does say that the average student should be able to qualify for at least one scholarship program. Lubin feels that the

major problem is the lack of student awareness on scholarships and awards. "It is unfortunate that more people on campus do not realize the amount of money that is offered and available to them in the way of scholarships. This year we have budgeted \$9.5 million for scholarships at the U of A and up to this point, only \$3.4 million has been granted."

Dr. Dianne Kieran, the associate vp academic for the University, believes that the U of A does make its students aware of what they qualify for in terms of scholarships. "The University publicizes the awards in the University Calendar. We do try and make students aware of this; however, they have to apply."

Kiernen believes that the biggest problem when it comes to applying for scholarships is that students do not realize some of the requirements. "One of the most common problems is that scholarships are based on a full course load, as defined by the faculty the student belongs to."



Can jive: Physio Therapy student Carmen Cloutier burning off calories with a pair of canned goods in an areobics class Thursday. The canned goods were donated to the Edmonton food bank afterward.

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### Asbestos answers?

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and alkalis, asbestos was widely used in building construction in such things as cement, roofing, plastics, insulation, floor tiling etc.

However it was found by the

1970's that if material containing asbestos is disrupted (i.e. being cut, broken etc. during building renovations or demolition), small fibrous asbestos particles can become airborne.

If air containing asbestos dust is inhaled over long periods, the fibres may work their way into the lung tissue and remain embedded for life, being a constant source of irritation, and perhaps leading to one of three diseases associated with asbestos fibres, such as asbestosis, lung cancer, or mesothelioma.

After conducting a survey of all university buildings, and taking inventory of the amount, type, and condition of asbestos, a "special buildings" list was drawn up in 1980 which ranked university buildings according to the health risk they posed in terms of

public exposure to asbestos.

According to Dan Pretzlaff, manager of building trades in the department of physical plant, it was found that "85 percent of our buildings had asbestos in some form or another." High risk buildings, which included student residences (i.e. Lister and Michener Park), along with the Cameron Library and the basement of the Students' Union Building, received highest priority and work began immediately in 1981 to remove or enclose the asbestos containing materials.

Up to the spring of 1988, 62 percent of the removal process had been completed on campus, with the remaining buildings that contain asbestos being in the low risk category. According to Pretzlaff the department of physical plant has labeled the areas where asbestos is known to be, and these areas are being continuously monitored.

### Electrical therapy conducted

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electrical stimulation therapy is currently being researched in Edmonton.

At the opening ceremony of the Heritage Research Centre, Dr. Horowitz, university president, said, "This is a celebration because we're opening a physical facility that will enable researchers to do the high quality research that is important in the health sciences."

The president of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Lionel McLeod said, "The unique design of this building will encourage clustering of first class scientists doing first class

medical research."

Other research projects in the centre include cardiac disease, cholesterol management, and diabetes. Strong teams have also developed in such areas as cancer diagnosis and treatment, lung disease, and viral disease.

The research centre is 13,674 square metres and cost \$27.8 million to complete.

Stein feels content with the facilities and his work. "You should be doing something you enjoy," he said, adding, "Of course there are frustrations, but it's been fun, and it's still fun."

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