

Fund cancelled

Province cuts libraries back

by Greg Harris

The Provincial government has come up with an efficient alternative to 'book-burning.'

U of A President Myer Horowitz announced last Friday to the Board of Governors that the province has elected not to extend the three year program of library endowments from the Heritage Trust Fund.

"I see this as an extremely serious blow," said Horowitz.

The endowment program that gave the U of A \$2.7 million over three years has allowed the library to do little more than keep pace with the rate of inflation.

According to Head Librarian Bruce Peel, this year's third and final supplement of \$900,000 has been used "more or less" exclusively to combat inflation.

"The costs of periodicals are increasing even more rapidly than the costs of books," said Peel.

He estimates the library will need one and a half million next year to fill the gap created by the endowment grant termination.

When asked where this money would come from, he replied, "Your guess is as good as mine."

Peel said that if there is no money forthcoming they would have to cut into book purchases, 95 per cent of which come from outside Canada. He added that a second phase will be to cut into periodical subscriptions to maintain "a balance."

Horowitz said the problems of library funding are "enormous".

"It might sound corny, but it is in the interests not only of the U of A but the entire province that this University should have a library of a sufficiently high standard," said Horowitz.

Horowitz said that he has sent Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Jim Horsman a letter urging him to review the matter.

Until he hears from the minister, Horowitz does not wish to talk publicly about other alternatives.



Photo Bill Ingie

The shelves in the library will likely see few additions in years to come.

UAB looks forward to CoSS

UAB erects tool for athletic support

by Wes Oginski

Your \$27.50 Athletic fee could jump 15 per cent next year, if the Council of Student Services (CoSS) ratifies a constitutional change made yesterday by the University Athletic Board (UAB).

The council has jurisdiction over all student services and must therefore approve the change. CoSS meetings are called at the discretion of the Dean Of Students (Paul Sartoris is the acting dean).

The revised constitution would allow 15 per cent to be added to the fee each year without a referendum.

UAB chairman Dickson Wood expects approval when CoSS next meets.

"I don't see any major problems," he told the *Gateway*.

But Liz Lunney, Students' Union executive representative, is not so sure about CoSS approval.

"It definitely is a council sympathetic to student needs," Lunney says.

Lunney will present a case to CoSS showing that there are students who want input into the UAB constitution change.

Lunney will present the results of the *Gateway* survey, which showed 65 per cent of over 500 replies were not in favor of the constitutional change. She will also present a petition with 166 names opposing the motion and a motion by Students' Council expressing disappointment with the procedure UAB is using.

Some UAB members a yesterday's meeting questioned the validity of Lunney's material.

Wood said motions presented to the Engineering Students Society and the Education Students' Association, similar to the SU motion, passed

without representation from UAB.

"The presentations given to those associations were definitely biased," he said.

"I don't give them credibility."

Dr. Smith, chairman of Athletic Services and UAB member, also disputes Lunney.

"It's hard to know how valid your comments are," he told Lunney.

"We (UAB) don't have the kind of broad representation of students across campus (like the Students' Council)," she replied.

Smith reiterated that the overall process of approving a fee increase insures student input at all levels.

He explained that after UAB decides it needs an increase, the request is sent to the Finance Committee. The Committee evaluates the UAB's need and can adjust the figure. The U of A Board of Governors next will peruse the motion and they too can adjust the figure. All three levels, UAB, Finance Committee

and Board of Governors, have student representation.

"It seems to me that there are a fair number of checks," Smith said.

The UAB motion passed with 10 in favor, two opposed and one abstention.

"I'm disappointed," Lunney said after the meeting.

In support of Solidarity

The U of A East European Solidarity Committee will be holding a conference on Saturday December 19 to discuss the Solidarity work it will be doing in 1982. The conference theme is "How should socialists in the

West support the Opposition in the East."

The meeting will be held from 12-4 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 19 at 352 Athabasca Hall. Anyone interested in joining the committee are welcome to attend.

dear floyd

an advice column for the lost



Dear Floyd,

I am a student in Fine Arts. Some of my classes deal with ancient civilizations. I find civilization an interesting topic. It is amazing to analyze the numerous rise and falls of great nations.

My point is, I would really be interested in having a conversation with others on this topic, and I thought, "Why not Floyd?" I couldn't think of a reason, so what do you think of civilization?

signed: P. Dwarf

Dear Phrenic,

What do I think of civilization? I think it's a great idea why - why don't we have some?

Dear Floyd,

In your wonderful text, *Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask*, I would like to commend you on omitting all forms of gross, indelicate, and otherwise objectionable material. It is such a welcome change from the other commercial trash available on the market today.

signed: P. Prim

Dear Prudence,

What, my dear! Have you been searching for them?

Dear Floyd,

Cultural gap!
I come from a third-world country and joined U of A this year. I happened to meet a girl in a

party and we became friends. We enjoyed each others company. We played together, walked together and had a good time together. She also mentioned me that she is not voiced against color, cast and creed. Suddenly one day she left me saying that we have a "cultural gap". I feel very sad, frustrated and pained by losing a good friend.

Does a man born in one culture can not adapt other culture?

I still intend to go to her and want to explain my point.

How best I can do?

signed: Mr. S. Sad

Dear Sullenly,

Vive la difference! It is beneficial to all to experience another's culture. It is a shame that this girl finds your cultural differences too much to bear. The best advice I can give you is to present the same argument you gave to me, to her. But don't force the issue, because like the *Pepsi Challenge*, one out two people will prefer their own culture.

Dear Floyd,

Help!

For my English final in definitions I need to know the difference between a misfortune and calamity through an analogy.

signed: W. Troglodyte

Dear Woefully,

If Reagan were to fall into the Delaware, it would be a misfortune; if someone were to help him out, it would be a calamity.

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