

No energy shortage in Alberta-yet

by Kim St. Clair

Canada has no shortage of energy, according to a leading Alberta energy authority. Dr. Norbert Berkowitz, of the Alberta Research Council, told an audience during a panel discussion of energy alternatives that although research

into alternatives to oil and coal should be made, "we have no shortage of energy persay." "If all known energy reserves in Canada were to be pooled," he said, "Canada would have more energy per capita than any other country in the world." He was quick to add

that this statement could be misleading, however, because reserves are limited enough that the export of natural gas to the US may be phased out by 1980, if not sooner. Investigation into alternative energy resources is necessary, he concluded, even

though our supplies "are adequate to meet reasonable Canadian demands."

Solar energy, fusion energy (with the use of lasers), hydroelectric power and nuclear energy were cited during the discussion as possible alternatives to fossil fuels. Speakers noted however, that these possibilities are only that - possibilities - and given the present technology, none are yet able to take over the energy supplies demanded.

Speaking with Berkowitz at the discussion, held Friday night in the Humanities Building, were Dr. Larry Pratt of

the department of political science and Alberta Liberal Party leader Nick Taylor.

Dr. Pratt warned of "the new corporatism" that seems to be arising, in which government is taking on "far too much risk at too little return." Citing Syn-crude as an example, he stressed the need for greater public debate on energy decisions.

Liberal leader Nick Taylor was also leery of increasing government participation and control of the oil and gas industries. Because government can legislate the direction
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Tis no longer the season to be jolly. As Easter draws near, the Students' Union decided to take down the Christmas lights on the tree outside of SUB. You can only wait so long for Santa to pay a visit. Oh well...perhaps next year Photo Greg Neiman.

Michener rip-off artists clubbed

by Kevin Gillese

The university administration is about crack down on the "rip-off artists" who take advantage of subsidized student housing.

In an effort to alleviate abuses in the Michener Park housing complex for married students, the university has demanded sworn statements of income from every person signing leases in the upcoming year.

This is a switch from the "honour" basis for declaring income which Michener Park residents have enjoyed since the complex began operation in 1967. The reasoning behind the change was simple, explained David Young, Director of Housing and Food Services for the university.

"It was difficult to know who the offenders were unless the neighbours 'squealed,'" Young said. "So I approached the university's solicitors to ask what could be done to remedy the situation and they said that a sworn declaration of income would suffice. We've gone to that and we'll make it binding if we have to."

There were some people other than U of A officials who knew of people with high in-

comes living the good life in Michener Park. The Student Finance Board obtains the true assessment of students' incomes when they apply for student loans and Paul Tietzen, chairman of that board, is livid about the "rip-off artists who hold back the people who need the low-rental housing."

"In my opinion," says Tietzen, "one of those guys should be declared public enemy number one." I can cite an instance this year where a medical student from Calgary sold his home in that city, invested the money in a house in Winnipeg, and lived and still is living in Michener Park.

"I only have one question."
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BANNED!

LETHBRIDGE (CUP) - The principal of Lethbridge Collegiate Institute banned distribution of the student newspaper from the nearby University of Lethbridge in his school because it contained a reprint of the 1960's article on student power, "The Student As Nigger."

The article, which compares the status of students in educational institutions to "niggers" in the Old South of the US, was "dated," "pornographic," and "probably written by a psychopath" according to school principal Corneliun Guenter. Guenter said he does not quarrel with the concepts behind the article: "I think, too, that there has been a lot of supression of students" he said, "but this treatment of the subject is perverted."

He said he refused to allow the newspaper to be distributed in the high school the week the article was run because he feared adverse reaction from parents.

The *Meliorist*, the offending student newspaper from the University of Lethbridge, has been distributing copies in the high school in an effort to expand its community readership.

Battle lost as B of G proposal ratified

by Kim St. Clair

Instruction fees at the University of Alberta will be increased by up to 25% but the precise fees to be paid by students are still to be determined.

Dr. Bert Hohol, Alberta's minister of advanced education, announced government approval of the overall fee hike last week. This came as no surprise to Students' Union President Graeme Leadbeater who said that, after talking with the minister, he realized approval of the increase was a "fait accompli."

However, he felt that the SU brief presented to the government and the rally against tuition fees were not without effect. "It wouldn't surprise me," he said, "if they pushed for a

small increase next year of 1 to 5%, but I don't think there will be an increase of this magnitude again."

Lack of community support was seen as a definite setback in the students' campaign. "We may have been fighting a losing battle because the public wasn't really behind us. With that problem cleared up we would have had a much greater impact," said Leadbeater.

Speaking to the press last week, Premier Lougheed remarked that he felt justified in ratifying the fee increase because Alberta has "an excellent loan system" and the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. Leadbeater was disappointed that the premier took this stand. "There are people in government who just don't

realize what the situation is like," he said.

The three Alberta universities and officials of the department of advanced education will be meeting soon to set fees for individual programs. The primary guideline for the meetings is that the maximum increase in any instruction fee cannot exceed 25%. Each university earlier approved the

increase on a system-wide basis.

Program fees at the present time are the same for comparable programs at each institution.

The fee increase at the University of Alberta was recommended by the University's Board of Governors February 6. It will take effect September 1, 1976.

Evel Kneivel gets \$6 million, minimum, for failing to jump the Snake River canyon.

Richard Nixon expects to get \$2 million in advance for writing about failing to be a decent president.

The going rate for the Nobel peace prize is \$50,000.

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