



University funding freeze likely

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Prairie post-secondary institutions weathering this year's cold winter will likely be caught in the deep freeze for some time.

Provincial governments in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have all hinted or announced that they will freeze university and college funding next year. Most will deliver final word in late March.

Institutions all across the three provinces are thinking of either cutting back on the number of programs, courses and professors or introducing massive tuition fee increases.

The University of Calgary is a case in point. University Vice-President P.J. Krueger says the administration may cut 78 faculty and 90 staff positions this year to stave off its \$5.1 million deficit estimated for 1985-86.

"There are political advantages to saying to the students and people of Alberta that tuition fees are being kept at zero," he said. "(But this) will have an impact on the quality of education we can offer students."

In Saskatchewan, the picture is even more chilling. The Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan say they only cope with impending shortfalls in funding by laying off scores of staff and faculty.

The University of Regina must increase tuition fees and cut whole programs as well. According to a board of governors' proposal recently released, administrators plan to increase fees by 15 per cent, close the campus sculpture studio and conservatory and cancel the inter-varsity athletics program. Tuition fees increased by more than 19 per cent during the last eight months.

Students are circulating a petition against the proposal, but administrators say they must take drastic

measures to cope with the university's \$3 million deficit, which will increase if the funding freeze goes ahead. The proposal would also eliminate non-credit courses for 12,000 students and throw 65 people out of work.

In Manitoba, the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg need more than a five per cent increase in funding to maintain current services.

The University of Manitoba might axe whole departments in response says faculty association president

Vic Forese. R.P. Kell, board of governors member, says the freeze means the university will not be able to bargain in good faith with its workers.

The university's student council has called for a four per cent funding increase and across the board freeze on university salaries. It says it will also accept a four per cent tuition fee increase if need be. This is the third time that the council has recommended a fee increase.

Food bank volunteers

by Pat Sytnick

The Edmonton Food bank is looking for student volunteers to do jobs related to their university studies.

The demand for the Foodbank's services has grown over 500 per cent since July of 1983 and consequently they need volunteers from almost every faculty to do work more specialized than packing or delivering food.

In particular, the agency needs home economics students to act as nutrition consultants, fine arts students to design signs and brochures and basic arts students to write and handle publicity.

Gerard Kennedy, director of the Foodbank says they also need students from the faculties of commerce, agriculture, engineering and architecture to name only a few.

The Edmonton Foodbank was established four years ago and was the first organization of its kind in Canada. The need for the agency's services has grown rapidly and Kennedy estimates that over the past two years, they have gone from preparing 15 hampers a day to now preparing over 130.

Figures from 1984 indicate that this food is feeding about 15,000 people each month.

The Foodbank tries to do more than simply hand out food to the hungry and generally it does not distribute its food to the public. Instead the food is sent to churches and non-profit organizations like the John Howard Society.

These organizations are responsible for deciding who is in need and are distributing the food accordingly.

According to Kennedy, this distribution system makes it more likely that people will get more than just food aid. He believes it's critical to put people in touch with agencies that provide counselling and referral services because such help can begin to deal with people's long-term problems and poverty.

In his words, handing out food only provides short-term relief which is "at best like applying a band-aid to a bigger problem."

Anyone interested in helping out can drop by the Prince of Wales Armory at 10440 108 St, or call Gerard Kennedy or Nora at 425-4190.

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3. Lunchrooms, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
 - Bio Science, 4th floor
 - Dentistry, 4th floor
 - Education II, 4th floor
 - General Services, 2nd floor
 - University Hall, ground floor

CLOSED

1. The Sub Way
2. The Ship
3. The Riverboat Buffet, will be closed Friday, February 15th, Wednesday, February 20 and Friday, February 22, 1985.
4. The following Lunchrooms:

Cameron Library	Humanities
Chemistry II	Law
Education I	Marshall Tory
Orange County	Fine Arts

- Main Gym and C.A.B.

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