

# U of A students participate in model UN

by Neal Watson

A nuclear-free zone, third-world aid and the negotiations on Namibia are some of the weighty matters of state that seven U of A students will have to consider in the next week.

The seven students, all members of the U of A United Nations Club, will be travelling to Haywood, California to participate in the far west conference of the model UN.

Sixty-nine universities from Canada, including the U of A, UBC and the U of R will participate in the simulation, which goes from April 10-14.

The students will be participating in the various committees of the UN and the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Marguerite Storbo, of the club, says the students are mostly political science or international relations majors and their involvement in the exercise stems from an interest in the UN.

"An interest in the UN increases your awareness of the world", she

said. "Canadians tend to focus on dramatic issues, this give an awareness of the rest of the world."

As for criticism that the UN is ineffective as an international organization, Storbo said, "It isn't

as effective as anyone would like it to be, but it is the only body we have."

Storbo said she favored an increased peace-keeping role for Canada in international relations in

keeping with Canada's reputation as a Middle power.

Despite experience in working in the model UN, it did not necessarily enhance the students' chances of gaining employment in

the foreign service or related fields.

Storbo said the government was cutting back on funding for this area and "the opportunities aren't that good."

## UBC students face 10 per cent fee hike

by Bill Overend

Alberta students shouldn't feel too bad.

At least, when compared with the financial plight of neighbouring British Columbia universities, the 1985/86 U of A tuition situation is a lark.

At UBC this year, students absorbed a 30 per cent fee hike, and can look forward to another 10 per cent increase for 1985/86. This hike will bring the average UBC tuition to between one-and-a-half and two times more than what the average Alberta student pays.

That's not all. Foreign student tuition fees in the sunny province will jump to two and a half times what a Canadian student must pay.

Already, foreign students account for less than 3 per cent of the UBC student population.

And UBC students will be faced with even more hardships, says UBC Director of Community Relations Margaret Nevan.

"Hiring freezes, no salary increases and early retirement are cutting down the quality of teach-

ing staff," Nevan told this Gateway reporter. Various department program cutbacks are in the works.

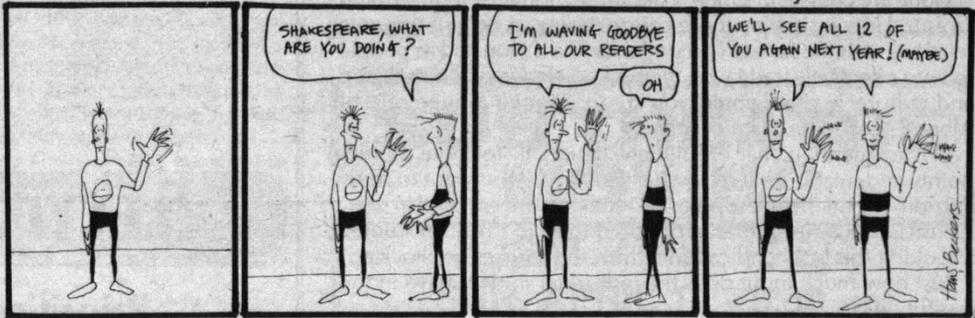
Following extensive higher education funding cutbacks by the B.C. government, UBC has adopted a policy of making the student pay for 20 per cent of his/her educational costs.

"As the level is now at 17 per

cent, this can only mean additional tuition fee hikes in the future," said

Compounding these difficulties, B.C. students are now having a harder time obtaining financial help for their schooling. Last year, UBC became the only province in Canada to not offer grants to students. Loans, as in other provinces, have been frozen at existing levels.

by Hans Beckers



THANKS TO YOU FOR THE LAUGHS, JAMES FOR PLANET X, KIM FOR KEEPING A STRAIGHT FACE, CHINA FOR WANTING TO BE A STAR, GREG FOR THE LOUD LAUGHS, AND ALL THE GATEWAY STUFF FOR BEING THROUGH AND NOT FEARING ANY OF MY SPACE.

## Food drive Friday

The U of A Circle K club is organizing a food drive Friday to help restore the falling level of food reserves at the Edmonton Food Bank.

The club wants students to share some of the good spirit felt at the end of term by contributing to help the needy in our city.

The Circle K club is a social services club devoted to helping the disadvantaged. The U of A club has about 30 members.

Mike Redshaw of the club says his group is trying to appeal to U of A students by telling them how good they really have it and that they should contribute.

The food drive is set for Friday (the last day of classes) in CAB beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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### Eugene L. Brody Award

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### Walter A. Dinwoodie Award

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To be awarded to a student who has achieved a satisfactory academic standing in the 1984-85 academic year, and has made an outstanding contribution to student life through active involvement in public service clubs registered with the Students' Union and/or Students' Union Services.

### Lorne Calhoun Award

Award: A book prize valued at \$75.00

To be awarded to a student who has achieved a minimum GPA of at least 7.5 in the 1984-1985 academic year, and has been an active and involved member in a U of A club and/or Faculty Association.

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