

Students react angrily

Is the U of A really too big?

University of Alberta president Myer Horowitz is downplaying recent comments from Premier Peter Lougheed that the U of A is too big.

"He never said that to me," Horowitz said Tuesday.

But Lougheed said "We think it (the U of A) is too large. We have to live with that fact," in a recent interview with the *Edmonton Journal*.

"They better get their expectations realistic," Lougheed told the *Journal*, hinting that the university had better expect only a "little" increase in its 1982/83 operating budget.

Horowitz agreed with Lougheed's comments that compared to other Canadian universities, the University of Alberta is well funded.

"We can't argue we're not being treated as well...but we don't want to be compared to the others," Horowitz said.

He said such comparisons miss the point. If the government wants to fulfill its self-professed role of building a "brain center" in Alberta, it will have to fund universities more generously, he said.

The U of A is the largest and most comprehensive university in Alberta, Horowitz said. It offers programs unavailable elsewhere in western Canada, and conducts



photo Ray Giguere

Myer Horowitz

an increasing amount of research.

But last year's increase in the U of A operating grant was smaller than for each of the other universities and colleges in Alberta.

Horowitz said he must remain confident that the university's funding support in 1982/83 will improve.

Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Jim Horsman would appear to agree.

"It (the U of A) should have high ambitions," Horsman told the *Journal*.

Horsman, who was unavailable for comment, also told the *Journal* that he and Lougheed

had never discussed university size, and that he had not himself reached any conclusions on the matter.

Neither had Horowitz ever talked to Lougheed about whether the U of A, at 19,000 full-time enrollment, was too large. Horowitz said he deals almost exclusively on university matters with the minister, Horsman.

Student representatives responded rather more strongly to Lougheed's remarks in the *Journal*.

"Before the Premier comes out with a statement like 'The U of A is too big' he should tell students in this province where he'll let them get an education," said Phil Soper, U of A Students' Union president.

"Right now there are cut-backs at universities and colleges right across Alberta. Only two weeks ago I sat and listened to the Premier talk of his plans for a 'brain center' in Alberta. Well, it looks like his 'brain center' is scheduled for a frontal lobotomy," Soper said.

Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) president Lorraine Mitchell said Lougheed's remarks are an admission that the provincial government is "suffocating education in Alberta."

Lougheed is in Ottawa presently for constitutional negotiations.

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NOTES

Bombs & God

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The movement for unilateral disarmament in the West is ultra-radical and threatens democracy says Irish author Conor Cruise O'Brien.

The Irishman told an audience at UBC that unilateral disarmament threatens to scrap the West i.e. democracy, free press, rule of law, the lot.

O'Brien insisted the disarmament movement seeks to replace American influence in Europe with Soviet influence.

O'Brien says the disarmament movement is a symptom of the "unemployment of the heart" which results from the separation of religion and government.

"The effective separation of religion and politics leaves an unsatisfied need," he said.

This separation said O'Brien, leads people to extreme solutions in difficult times.

Our Father who art in — KABOOM!

Kill Soya Not Cows

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A renowned Australian anti-vivisectionist (animal lover) had his speaking engagements limited at UBC. Peter Singer has been prevented from speaking by people connected with animal experimentation.

Although 'animal rights' has occupied most of Peter Singers' energies, the lectures he was supposed to give did not concern cruelty to animals.

Peter Singer believes that animals should be allotted rights similar to human rights. He also believes that people should become vegetarians to spare animals pain, and to prevent cruelty to animals illegal forms of protest cannot be ruled out.

Last January arsonists attempted to set fire to UBC's animal care centre and anti-vivisectionists spray-painted two vans.

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