

U of C profs gain at TAs' expense

by Yvonne Langman and Ken Bosman

A pay increase for University of Calgary academic staff may come out of graduate students' pockets.

The \$1.5 million, awarded by an arbitration board, will have to come out of the budgets of the various university departments, according to U of C VP Finance Brian Tinker.

"At the departmental level, they may have to cut back on graduate funds and sessionals. But they should have planned for that," said Tinker. "The departments were told last spring that an arbitration award would have to come out of their budgets."

The U of C has approximately 2500 graduate students who receive about \$5.4 million a year in teaching assistantships and research awards.

Roger Gibbons, chairman of Political Science, said that teaching assistantships for graduate students are the only place where departments can cut back.

Fifteen departmental chairs have sent a letter to U of C President Norman Wagner protesting taking the arbitration award from departmental budgets.

"This is the first step towards mutiny," said Psychology Chair Donald Kline.

Many departments are in difficult situations because they have already contractually bound themselves to pay graduate students for various jobs. "We've said we won't do it [pay the merit increases out of budget]," said Kline.

"We simply don't have the money," Gibbons added.

The U of C administration is standing by its position that departments have to find the money. The university is legally required to pay the merit increases, and the costs will be charged to the departments, said Tinker. If they don't make budget cuts this year, they won't get as much money next year, he noted.

"Without teaching assistance, professors will abandon essay exams which test critical thinking — the essence of a university education," said Philosophy Chair Kai Nielson.

Gibbons said that absorbing the \$1.5 million within departmental budgets will cause the quality of education to drop. He also noted that "graduate students will be less attracted to Calgary."

Kline is bitter about university administration's priorities. "The university seems to have all kinds of money for things that aren't the mandate of the university. Maybe they'd rather have a speed skating oval."

Ed councilors OK

by Rod Campbell

Five Faculty of Education representatives will remain as voting members of Students' Council, ruled SU Speaker Paul Alpern Tuesday.

Alpern's announcement came after deliberation on a point of order raised by Law Rep Don Davies at Council's Oct. 13 meeting.

Davies questioned the legality of Education students being appointed to Council rather than being elected.

Alpern found "no transgression

of the SU Constitution and Bylaws."

"All current councilors can retain their seats."

Don Hackel, president of the Education Students Association said, "We're obviously happy with the findings."

Davies, however, said Alpern's decision was wrong and that he'll appeal to the Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement Board, a SU board which adjudicates disputes over the SU bylaws and constitution.

CFS may drop controversy

by CUP and the Gateway Staff

Controversial policies which have caused students at large universities to boycott the Canadian Federation of Students are up for review.

CFS Chair Tony Macerollo said that these policies will expire in November, unless renewed at the organization's general meeting. CFS has policies on pulling Canada out of NATO and NORAD, supporting anti-government Marxists in El Salvador, opposing cruise missile tests, and supporting the Canadian Labour Congress, abortion, and gay/lesbian issues.

These policies played a major

role in CFS being rejected on many of Canada's larger campuses.

"If there was a vote [to reinstate the policies] I think it would be very close," said Macerollo.

Macerollo acknowledged that these types of policies hurt CFS when trying to attract larger schools. Institutions who have rejected CFS include the University of Alberta, Toronto, British Columbia, Victoria, Manitoba, Waterloo, Queens, Western Ontario, York, McGill, Montreal, Acadia, Brock, Concordia, Laval, Ottawa, Saskatchewan, Trent, and Quebec.

Only seven of Canada's 30 largest post secondary institutions belong to CFS.

Another objection to CFS from large schools is a voting structure where every institution, regardless of number of students, has a single vote.

Institutions such as the U of A would thus pay as much as \$100 000 a year to join CFS and have no more voice than small colleges which would pay only a few hundred dollars in membership fees.

The students at the University of Alberta pulled out of CFS in the spring of 1985 when a referendum resulted in the Federation being rejected by a ratio of more than two to one. At about the same time, CFS was also being rejected by similar margins at Toronto, UBC, Calgary, and several Eastern universities.

Many of the large institutions CFS has failed to attract have gone on to form the Canadian Universities Student Executive Council (CUSEC). CUSEC members include the Universities of Alberta, British Columbia, Calgary, Manitoba, and several universities in the east.

Tuition increase debated

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to Russell than to Horowitz," said Students' Union VP External Paul LaGrange. "Last year we had a referendum endorsing a zero percent tuition increase, so that's our position."

Horowitz and Russell also disagree on funding.

"On a per capita basis, whether it's per capita provincial population, or per student population, we're giving the highest level of support of any province," said Russell.

Horowitz maintains that this is not adequate. "We were cut back (six percent). With inflation (that's) a 10 or 11 percent real cutback. The universities of Ontario received seven to 11 percent more. We're not able to compete."

Another key issue is recruiting staff, said Horowitz. "We're already experiencing difficulties in attracting some of the best people. I fear very much the possibility of losing some very good people."

Russell said, "I don't agree that because of budget cuts in one year that Alberta's position has suddenly plummeted — that's ludicrous."

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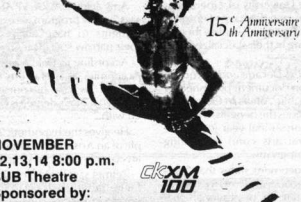
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