

U loses students

While figures released last week indicate a 3.4 percent drop in students attending the U of A, other post-secondary institutions have experienced increases in the number of applications they have received.

Despite the fact that schools such as NAIT and Grant MacEwan Community College are restricted in the number of positions available to prospective students, applications to both have increased. NAIT annually accepts approximately 4,000 students, while over 7,000 prospective students applied this year, an increase of 400 from last year.

The number of applications to NAIT has escalated annually since 1974. Figures for this year reveal an increase of approximately 2,500 applicants over the 1974 number, a rise of about 50 per cent. Applications to Grant MacEwan, while not as

numerous, have also increased over the past few years.

Both institutions have plans for expansion of their present facilities in the hope of accommodating some of the overflow.

Alberta College has reported its first increase in enrollment in over four years, a jump in registrants of almost 15 per cent from last year.

However, enrollment at the University of Alberta is down by 7.4 per cent from 1976-77, with certain faculties showing a continuous drop in the number of students. The 1976-77 academic year saw the largest number of students enrolled at the U of A in the past decade. Since that time, faculties such as Education and Commerce have shown a continuous decline in the number of students they have enrolled. Education has dropped approximately 23 per cent over the

last three years, with a decrease of 11 per cent from last year's total. Business and Commerce has suffered a 3.4 percent decrease over the same period, and a drop of 7 per cent from the previous year's enrollment.

Also in a downward trend are Physical Education, a drop of nine percent from 1978-79, Graduate Studies, down four percent, as well as the Faculties of Arts, Engineering and Science.

Two faculties which have experienced increases in their enrollment are Home Economics and Faculte Saint-Jean, the latter showing a rise of 53 per cent over last year.

Although information released for October 1 is expected to change by the time revised estimates are available in December, December figures are usually lower, primarily because of student withdrawals and transfers.

National nuke demonstration

OTTAWA (CUP) - The first Canadian national demonstration against nuclear power will be held at Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Saturday, October 13.

The theme of the day is SOS - Stop Overseas Sales - the overseas sales of CANDU reactors and Canadian uranium.

Canada has already sold reactors to Argentina, India and Pakistan. The protestors feel, however, that too many moral and economical questions are

being left unanswered as negotiations for further deals continue.

A product of nuclear reactors, plutonium, may be used to produce nuclear weapons and the demonstrators are concerned that Canada may be drawing countries into the nuclear arms race.

Several countries have the intent to produce nuclear arms with waste material, causing some proponents of nuclear power to join with the protestors

to condemn overseas sales.

The people gathering in Ottawa intend to publicize less dangerous, less inflationary, higher job producing energy paths which they feel would be most beneficial to Canada as well as her prospective customers.

The demonstrators say they will not continue to support the nuclear industry with tax dollars. In addition they reject the idea of aiding the economically ailing Canadian nuclear industry through the export of nuclear technology.

Commented a demonstration organizer: "The domestic market is decreasing, putting the nuclear industry in dire economic straits and forcing them to rely on exports to stay alive. We won't let them do it."

The Ottawa action is being organized by the SOS coalition, a network of groups from all over the country established specifically to co-ordinate a progression of national events. The coalition sees the demonstration as an opportunity to tie small anti-nuclear groups together to gain a strong national voice.

The protestors will demand a public rather than parliamentary inquiry into the nuclear issue.

Questions will be raised about plant safety, health hazards, and the disposal of radioactive wastes. "The Ottawa demonstration is the start of stopping things," said an SOS spokesperson.

Workin' the street

"Street Talk is a people's show; it gives the public a chance to respond to what they hear in the media."

So says Dawna Treibicz, the production co-ordinator of Columbia Television's national public affairs program, *Street Talk*. Treibicz and the program's crew are in Edmonton preparing for two days of taping in HUB Mall.

Hosted by Hamilton-based broadcaster John Michael, *Street Talk* is a half-hour program where people on the street are asked their opinions on various issues and concerns. According to Treibicz, the show will broaden its scope this year with the inclusion of special guests.

"Each show will be highlighted by the appearance of an articulate spokesperson or expert on the question being

dealt with," said Treibicz. "With a guest, Michael will act as more of a mediator."

The program has taped shows in Edmonton once before. Last year, the producers set up in Southgate Mall and found people reluctant to participate.

"We hope the university will prove a better place to attract people," says Treibicz. "The program gives students a rare chance to express their views on a national television program."

Street Talk is seen in several centers across Canada, including southern Ontario, the Atlantic region, southern Quebec, and most of Alberta.

Treibicz urges all students to come out and participate in the filming of the program. They will be taping on October 11 and 12 in HUB, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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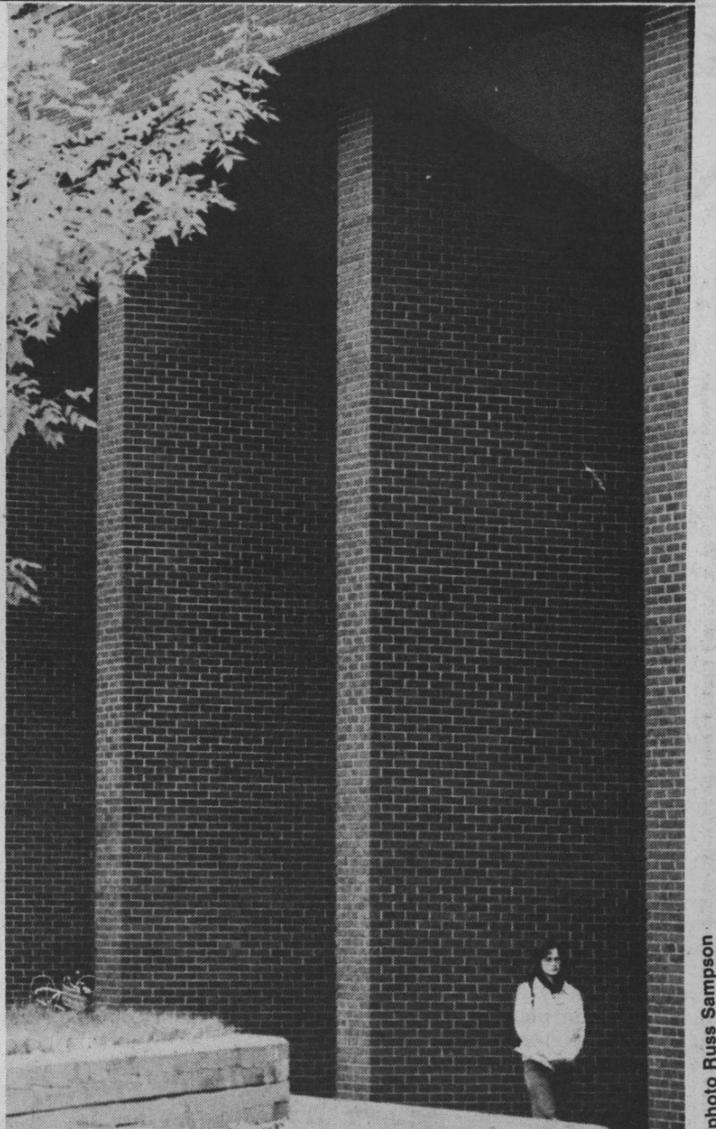


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B of G undertakes investment review

by Debbie Jones

The Board of Governors finance committee is continuing a review of companies in which the university holds shares, the committee reported to the board during the B of G meeting Friday in Calgary.

The review, details of which will be presented to the board in January, is to determine if the companies in South Africa and other countries are in violation of the university's social responsibility policy.

Other business conducted during the monthly meeting of the board included reports from various committees and a discussion of the insufficient study space on campus, promoted by Students' Union president Dean Olmstead.

The building committee released an inventory of university properties for the board's information. According to the report, 326.54 acres outside Edmonton are owned by the board, and a further 8,233.84

acres are leased. Within the city, the board now holds 1124.93 acres. The inventory does not include properties purchased by the Board of Governors for investment purposes.

Approval was given on a recommendation from the Undergraduate Scholarship Committee to discontinue the Dr. F.P. Galbraith Memorial Award in Journalism. The award will be replaced by the Dr. F.B. Galbraith Matriculation Bursaries, effective next year.

The reason given for the discontinuation was the "significant decline in the number of applicants for the award over the last few years." The value of the annual award is \$5,500 plus tuition for a single person or \$8,000 plus tuition for a married person. The value of the bursaries will be \$8,000 per year.

The October meeting of the board was held in Calgary and followed a seminar there for several Alberta Boards of Governors held Thursday.

"Giveaway" gaffe upsets

In voicing his opposition to a report on the CTV program W5 U of A Students' Union president Dean Olmstead appears to agree with much of what has been said on the program by representatives of the National Union of Students.

Entitled "The Campus Giveaway", the feature suggested that Canadian students are being forced out of post-secondary education programs, such as engineering and medicine, by increasing numbers of foreign students.

U of A Students' Union president Dean Olmstead also voiced opposition to the program. "I was upset with the program," he said. "I'll be writing to the producer of the show to point out some of the inaccuracies."

"W5 based the program on emotionalism," said Olmstead. "They portrayed a woman who had not been able to get into pharmacy, which she said had been a lifetime dream, and she was saying it was because of all the foreign students in her class. I feel sorry for her, sure, but you can't base a whole program on an anecdote."

"They were using nonsense as statistics," Olmstead added. "They said 70 per cent of some faculties are made up of foreign students, and that was just some guy's impression from one of his classes."

The National Union of Students reacted strongly to the program. Parr, a NUS researcher felt that the statistics presented by W5 were selective

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Photo Rick Lawrence

They're off and kicking! These Commerce students got a head start on Commerce Week Tuesday.