

# West coast takes a beating

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The University of British Columbia learned Sept. 29 that it must cut \$7.2 million from its current operating budget, but administrators won't say where the cuts will be made.

"I don't know what the situation is," said academic vice president Michael Shaw. "You're trying to make a story out of nothing."

UBC has already cut about \$7.5 million from this year's budget, but further cuts will be necessary because the Social Credit government has decided to take another \$12 million from B.C.'s three universities.

The \$12 million mid-year cut is one of many the B.C. government has made in a sudden effort to drastically slash spending. Provincial revenues, particularly

from natural gas sales, have fallen as the B.C. economy has gone into a nosedive.

The Universities Council of B.C., an intermediary body between the government and universities, decided how much each university would be cut.

The University of Victoria was hit with a \$2.1 million reduction, which will likely come from the salaries of faculty, administrators, teaching

assistants and markers, according to academic vice president Alfred Fisher.

Fisher said the university's Board of Governors will make final decisions on the cuts at its next meeting Oct. 18.

Administrators at Simon Fraser University, hit with a \$2.4 million cut, could not be reached for comment.

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## Manitobans get help

WINNIPEG (CUP)—The Manitoba government announced recently that it will increase student funding by 37 per cent this year.

The announcement comes in the wake of a 44 per cent jump in provincial student aid applications.

"We're naturally grateful because it certainly is a positive reaction to the tough economic times students face," said University of Manitoba Students' Union vice-president Jim Jones.

"Every Canadian province has experienced a dramatic rise in student aid applications," said provincial education minister Maureen Hemphill. "This is related to the economy and the fact that more and more adults from all walks of life are taking advantage of post-secondary opportunities."

Students applying for student aid are eligible for a loan of up to \$1,860 and a bursary of \$2,860.

Jones said the maximum bursary available last year was \$1,860. He said the provincial government has added an additional \$1,000 emergency bursary for needy students.

There have been 3,400 applications for student aid at the University of Manitoba this year, according to the department of education—an increase of 843 over last year.

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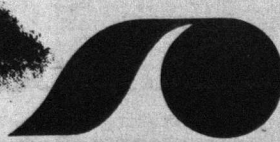
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