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... fortunately, it's not difficult.

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## Tuition to rise?

by Bill Doskoch and Neal Watson

The two per cent increase in the operating budget grants of the U of A announced in last weeks provincial budget may lead to a three per cent tuition hike next year, U of A President Myer Horowitz said yesterday.

Horowitz, commenting on last week's provincial budget, said that until the second week in January he had expected no increase whatsoever.

As it now stands, the increase is lower than the annual inflation rate, Horowitz said, and was significantly below the higher levels of inflation by the University for purchases of books and other specialized supplies.

"Enormous problems" will be the result, he said.

Further cuts were anticipated but Horowitz said, "We haven't developed our own budget that far at all, so we can't be specific about where the cuts will have to be made."

With regards to capital budget grants, Horowitz had a "mixed reaction."

"I'm absolutely delighted that we've been given the green light to renovate the old Arts building," Horowitz said, "But on the other hand, no new building renovation programs have been endorsed by the government."

"We have a long list of major expenditures, such as the Library, Engineering, Home Economics and

Fine Arts buildings, that require renovation or expansion. It's disappointing because more building activity would be good for the province."

Conditional monies to fund special programs — such as preparing teachers to deal with the problems of the hearing-impaired — were increased, he said.

Three of the ten programs will get the same or less next year, but that was designed into the five-year plan, Horowitz said, The other seven programs would receive funding increases.

SU President Floyd Hodgins said the tuition increase proposal was "totally unnecessary," and would not address any student concerns, like over-crowding.

"They're not addressing anything with the tuition increase," he said. Hodgins said the two per cent increase in university funding was "reasonable" and should offset any need for a tuition increase.

"They're not addressing the problems of the university," he said. "They're not saying they want to increase the quality of education. The university is run purely like a business."

Hodgins said the university administration had been lobbying the government for some time to change the existing university funding policy and he blamed Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston for changing a long-term policy on

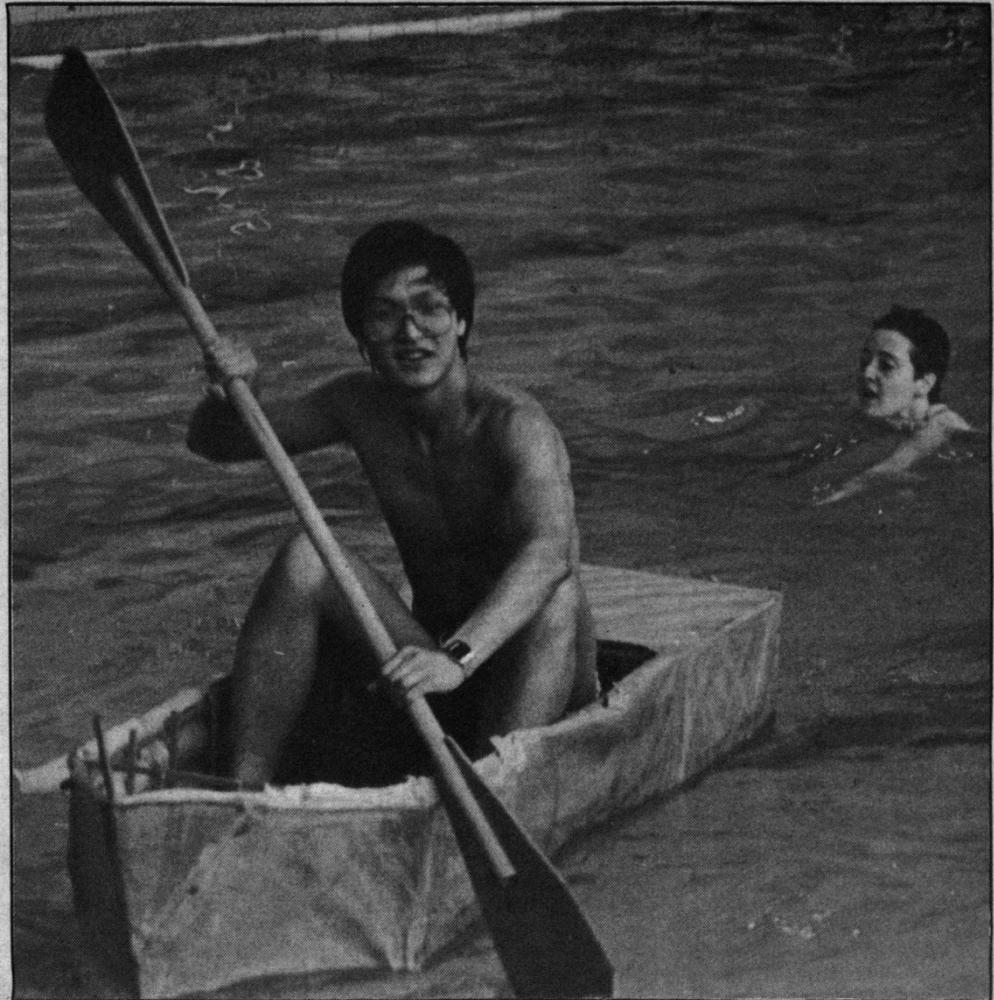


Photo Bill Doskoch

Here we see a beaming boater and a struggling swimmer, both participants in Prof. Bruce Bentz's 'paddle or perish' exercise in constructing a paper and wood boat. The object was to paddle their crafts from one end of the East pool and back. Bentz said 85 per cent survived the journey (that is, 85 per cent of the boats; all the students survived).

tuition fees.

At tonight's meeting of students' council, Hodgins promised to present councillors with a number of options, including asking Johnston

and U of A president Myer Horowitz to resign. The SU was also considering an information campaign against the tuition proposal.

How much the tuition increase

would hurt students, said Hodgins, would depend on whether the living allowance guidelines ceiling for students loans will rise.

## Enrolment restraints on med school in future?

by Mark Olyan

"Unless there's some restraint on enrolments, the time is approaching, perhaps in the next ten to fifteen years, that there's going to be doctors who can't find work," says Dr. Leroy Anholt, Assistant Dean (Postgraduate Training) of Medicine.

"If we keep turning them out at the rate we are, not only us but across the country, there will definitely be too many. If you go back

twenty years, then there wasn't any question; if you got your M.D., then you pretty much got yourself a ticket to a pretty good life, a pretty good income and so on. You could practice where you wanted and do all those things in whatever discipline you wished. This isn't nearly as clear now."

Each year, the faculty of Medicine receives between 650-750 applications for its 118 positions.

"In rough terms," said Anholt,

"they look at the applicant's grade point average in the required prerequisites and the grade point average of the two full years. They also look at the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) to a lesser extent. Everyone must be interviewed, but that really doesn't do a lot towards whether they're accepted or not."

In regard to the number of positions in medicine being cut back, Anholt said, "I can definitely say no, they're not going to for next year. It's being looked at certainly in light of what the federal-provincial manpower study said, but there's a lot of consideration and discussion to take place before that comes to pass."

"Of the 118 in a class, 112 will finish in the required time. It's rare to repeat a year, although sometimes they have to repeat because of illness or just academically. The drop-out rate isn't all that high... of course, some of them just can't hack it. There's always some that are just overwhelmed with it all—the workload and the emotional component."

As far as the characteristics that an individual thinking of going into medicine should possess, Anholt answered, "You know as well as I what makes a good doctor, but not all doctors have those characteristics. Ideally there should be compassion and interest in one's fellow man and an ability and willingness to work all hours and those good 'motherhood' type of statements.

The so-called art of medicine is learned through role models. Of course, real psychopaths we don't need."

Anholt stressed that medicine is a job of communication, but "written communication skills tend to get worse each year. At the very least, verbal communication skills are important—the English component of it is very important too, and most of it is badly done."

In Edmonton, the medical program consists of four years of medical school, and if you wish to stay in

Alberta, one year of interning in Edmonton or Calgary. Next, there is one year of general training, and four or five additional years, if one wishes to specialize.

All the medical students graduating this year have secured internships.

"We're set up to handle what we're turning out right now," said Anholt. "We can handle the internships across the country for our graduates. I guess if they all wanted to stay in Alberta, we'd have to

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Photo Bill Doskoch

Dr. Leroy Anholt of the faculty of medicine says 750 applications were received for the faculty's 118 positions.

## Computer fees gone

by Neal Watson

The university will not collect computer lab fees from undergraduate students next year, U of A President Myer Horowitz has announced.

The university had announced in November that computing services would collect a fee of \$20 per registration per term in the 1985/86 year for the use of micro-computers, MTS and PLATO terminals.

The university maintained the fee was necessary to cover increased operating and maintenance costs of new computer facilities. The estimated cost of the new facilities was \$100,000.

But President Horowitz announced at last week's meeting of General Faculties Council that the university was "serious in reviewing fees."

"It is not in the interest of this institution to implement this. It is wrong to move in this direction at the present time," he said.

Associate VP Academic R.D. Bercov said that at the time the computer user fees were approved for implementation, "There was a companion decision to re-examine these kinds of fees and to incorporate these types of fees in regular tuition."

SU President Floyd Hodgins said the removal of the fees was based mainly on the cost of administering the fees.

"There is a substantial administrative inconvenience," admitted Bercov, who said although the fees had been removed, "the general issue will still be addressed in future."