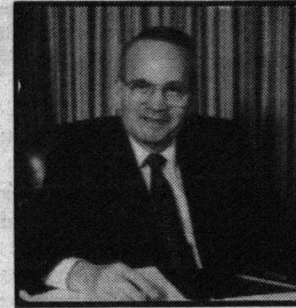


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Academic staff shortage

by Cam McCulloch

An expansive academic staff hiring policy at the U of A in the previous two decades has resulted in a staff that is shrinking in numbers but ballooning in expense.

"There was a great push to hire more staff in the 1960's and 1970's," said B.J. Busch, president of the Association of Academic Staff.

The approximately 1900 full-time staff hired at that time are getting older, thereby accruing seniority and gaining promotions. Therefore, by the incrementation wage system, the cost of paying these 1900 staffers is going up.

As well, "the U of A is suffering desperately from cutbacks in support staff," said Personnel Director

Ryan Caunt. "The reduction in full-time staff has had a dramatic effect on the academic work."

The university has tried to remedy the situation by "hiring more staff at the junior level and less at the senior rank in recent years," said Brian McDonald, Associate Vice President of Academic Administration.

However, the only way the university can afford to hire more junior staff is when staff members quit or retire. "Last year we had thirty resignations, out of a total of 1500 academic staff," said McDonald. "That's a very small percentage, which is why we need mandatory retirement — we need more junior staff."

There are 815 full professors (minimum salary \$50,630) at the U of A. There are also 420 associate professors (\$39,620 minimum) and 263 assistant professors (\$31,612 minimum). There is no upper limit on the salaries of full professors.

"The average faculty salary has been the highest in Canada up until the last couple of years," said McDonald. "We are now being surpassed by the larger Ontario universities."

In general, an academic must spend seven years at the assistant professor level. He or she must then wait another seven years

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If you're going to sweat blood, do it for a good cause. The Red Cross blood donor clinic CAB from 9 to 4 until Friday.

Parking fees pay off loan interest

by Ken Bosman

An unusual mortgage arrangement for Stadium, Windsor and Education car parks is pushing the interest rate paid on the loans up as inflation increases, with no upper limit in sight.

The money, originally borrowed from the U of A Academic Staff Association, is being repaid at

interest rates of 21.4 per cent for Stadium car park, 20.68 per cent for Windsor car park, and 12.82 per cent for Education, according to the audited financial statements of the U of A. All three loans have a thirty year term.

A clause of the original loan agreements indexed the rate of interest payable on the loans to the Consumer Price Index.

"When the loans were taken out inflation was very low," said Associate VP Administration A.M. Rennie. "Nobody foresaw that inflation would take off like it did."

When the loans were taken out the interest rates were 6.5 and 7.0 per cent on Stadium and Windsor, but have risen with the Consumer Price Index each year to the present rates.

The parking services loans are now owned and controlled by the University of Alberta Board of Governors, having been transferred to U of A trust accounts when the Academic Staff Association pension plan was amalgamated with the provincial government staff pension plan, according to Rennie.

The Students' Union was unaware of the interest rates being paid by Parking Services.

"Quite frankly, I haven't seen these numbers," said Students'

Union Housing and Transport Commissioner K. Graham Bowers.

After seeing the figures, however, Bowers criticized the university for continuing to charge Parking Services the elevated interest rates. "I don't think students should be paying off a thirty year, twenty one per cent mortgage," he said.

"This doesn't make financial sense if the University is serious about meeting its parking commitments. The money should not go towards interest payments, it should go towards more car parks."

"I will definitely raise this at the Board of Governors," said Undergraduate Board of Governors representative Dave Oginski, when presented with the information.

The Stadium car park loan was for \$1.2 million and matures in the year 2000.

The Windsor loan was for \$1.25 million and matures in 2001.

The Education loan was for \$3.95 million and matures in 2013.

If the inflation rate continues at 5 per cent per year until the loans mature, the annual interest rates at maturity will be nearly 40 per cent per year.

Parking Services director Allan Mah was unavailable for comment due to illness.

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Michener sewage backs up

by Jeff Cowley

Residents of Michener Park Student Housing are disappointed with the University's reaction to a reoccurring problem they have had with sewage flooding their basements.

"The response has been slow and discouraging," said tenant Shahid Chaudray. "Nothing has been done that we are aware of — I think they (the University) are avoiding it."

The sanitation problems at Michener Park began nearly a year ago, according to Stan Perka, Housing and Food Services Facilities

Manager, when the drainage system began backwashing sewage into some apartments.

"It was disgusting, filthy, and very hard to live in," said Chaudray, describing how his bathroom, kitchen, and living room was drenched in approximately two centimeters of sewage.

That was December 1986. Since then the drainage system has backed up on two other occasions; once in February and again in July. The flooding affected four separate apartments, said Perka.

Perka explained that the problem is caused by uneven sewage lines which create a "dead flow" in the system, causing sewage to back-up into the lowest areas.

"The back-ups usually occurred on weekends or evenings," said Perka, "when all the population was at home, and water use was heaviest."

Perka said that Housing and Food Services took corrective action to clean up after each incident, spending \$1,200 in cleaning and sanitation expenses.

However, the residents who are affected by the flooding are not satisfied with how the University is handling the situation, according to Chaudray.

After the flooding forced Chaudray and his family, as well as neighboring residents to vacate their apartment temporarily in July, the tenants sent a letter of complaint to the Dean of Student Services.

"They sent us a letter saying everything is being looked after," said Chaudray.

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Trojan horse lame at UBC

Vancouver (CUP)-- The Trojan Horse rolled onto the University of British Columbia campus recently, but it was filled with condoms, not soldiers.

As part of a publicity stunt to promote AIDS awareness, several students dressed as gladiators threw 10,000 condoms and AIDS pamphlets from a truck built into a huge horse.

"Not everyone is going to go to a lecture about safe sex but a lot of people go to a barbeque, so this is a good way to get any unaware people," said Alma Mater Society director of administration, Tim Bird, one of the horse's masterminds.

The condoms, not surprisingly, were Trojan brand: "Only the best for UBC students," said Bird.

Most of the students at the barbeque reacted favourably to the stunt, agreeing with Bird that it was a funny and clever way to bring safe sex into the open.

But not all at the event were amused.

"They are insulting people's intelligence...I think everybody here is aware of the disease," said one student. "Everybody knows where to buy them if they want them," she said.

The stunt cost the AMS \$ 1,450. "We tried to get a donation from the companies, but they refused," said AMS finance director Don Isaak, the horse's co-creator.

But Bird said the wholesale condom price made the event not too expensive. Besides, he said, "It's hard to put a price on an awareness stunt. Many people entering the university are often uneducated and sheltered about safe sex and it's the responsibility of older students to educate them."

"If even one out of twenty people read the literature then it will have been worth it," he added.

Killer faces petition

by Rod Campbell

Approximately 200 students at the U of A signed a petition Friday opposing the early release of convicted killer Vince Butler.

The petition is being circulated by Mike Prevost on behalf of his employer Brian Batten.

Batten is the nephew of June Lee who was shot and killed by Butler in 1980.

Butler was found guilty of second degree murder and has served seven years of a lifetime sentence. He is currently allowed out on two-day passes with supervision.

According to Prevost, his boss is concerned for the safety of Lee's two daughters, Cathy and Linda, should Butler be released on un-

corted day release passes.

Both Lee sisters were wounded by Butler the night their mother died.

Prevost claims Butler has made threatening phone calls to Susan Lee.

Speaking as a former inmate, Prevost feels Butler is too dangerous to be paroled.

"For your own good" is a persuasive argument that will eventually make man agree to his own destruction.

Janet Frame
New Zealand writer