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hunter must contrive
to have the quarry
in pursuit.
—Alphonse Karr

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Huff and puff...
Participants in Monday's march to the Legislature protesting the government's proposed tuition increase for foreign students were met with locked doors preventing them from hearing debate on the issue. photo Grant Wurm

Protest fizzles

by Eric Blair

It all came off like some sort of bad joke.

Here it was, a beautiful Monday afternoon, with the sun shining and students whistling between classes (I mean, really whistling!)...but nobody at the differential fees rally.

Well, not nobody — but let's put it this way, hardly anybody. About 60 people showed up in order to march across the High Level at a 2 p.m. protest at the Legislature and once there the crowd swelled a bit to 100 or 150.

But still, more people showed up at a Feb. 24 picket line than did it to this public protest which had one month's planning.

Nonetheless, the bad joke was only just begun. As the protest started to break up and one of the picketers tried to get it inside to the public gallery to listen to debate, they found closed doors.

The building was locked. It seems the Legislature building staff had locked all the entrances while the protest was being held. Afterwards, they refused to let any protester inside except the ones trying to get to a room. Two policemen even tried to help keep the public gallery — and ended until the crowd dispersed. And, in the Legislative Assembly, the joke was being carried even further.

Bert Hohol, Alberta's Minister of advanced education,

got up and told the House he was tired of listening to protests because the protesters are only a small minority. "Albertans not only support a fee hike for foreign students," Bert said, "but indeed feel strongly this is the case. (Whatever that was supposed to mean.)"

Inspired by his lucid opening statements, Hohol dismissed the charges brought to bear by critics of the two-tier system as to the government's motivation. "All I am trying to do," Hohol told the Assembly and the half-empty public gallery (which the administrators apparently felt was too full to hold the protestors), "is provide a financial benefit for Albertan and Canadian students by subsidizing them more than foreign students."

Hohol affirmed his belief that research is what makes a univer-

sity "universal," not the people at the university, and said additional fees for foreign students will make access to Alberta universities somewhat more equal since it will shift the economic burden to those people who do not contribute taxes toward the system.

Hohol denied university autonomy was the issue in differential fees, since there is a "shared responsibility" in setting the fees, "but there is no such thing as autonomy in a public-funded institution."

Opposition leader Bob Clark got up and added a little fuel to the fire, saying shared responsibility does not mean the "minister should make unilateral decisions" such as this one. But Hohol answered he had travelled widely and discussed the ques-

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Gold fingered

Mark Lasby, 22, a fourth-year civil engineering student, has been named the U of A Students' Union Gold Medal Award winner for outstanding academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

The 8.1 accumulative grade point average student has had a history of political activity while on the U of A campus.

In 1974-75 he became the first president of the joint community development committee

in residence, in 1975-76 he was elected president of Henday Hall resident students and this year was academic planning representative of the campus civil engineering club and student representative to the Edmonton chapter of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineers.

Lasby plans to continue his education, pursuing a masters degree in civil engineering next year and said Monday he wanted to start a private consulting practice after graduation.

U of A taps reserves for second year

by Doug Torrance

For the second consecutive year, the U of A will have to dip into reserves to make up an operating deficit, according to the university's preliminary budget for 1977-78, approved by the Board of Governors Friday.

The budget projects a net expenditure of \$120,916,000 with revenues amounting to only \$116,750,000. After accounting for revenue from interest transfers, 2.3 million dollars will still have to be obtained from the university's operating surplus, which stood at 3.3 million dollars last month.

This move is made necessary by a provincial statute which forbids universities from operating at a deficit.

In order to maintain their 10 per cent ceiling on grant increases, the provincial government is giving the U of A \$7.5 million less than the university requested. Government grants make up \$102,580,000 of the university's total revenue. Tuition fees should provide about \$12,570,000 and other sources, about \$1,600,000.

Vice-president finance and administration Lorne Leitch said Monday the budget will virtually "hold the line on operations, with only about \$800,000 allowed for new positions and program improvements."

Leitch commented that withdrawing \$2.3 million from reserves leaves "a very narrow margin of safety" in spending. "Low estimates, especially in the area of utilities, could easily wipe out the remaining million dollars in reserve," he said.

Revenue increases over last year amount to only 7.8 per cent; less than cost increases expected due to inflation. Spending is budgeted at a 10.3 per cent increase over 1976-77.

No major changes in specific areas of spending are planned, but, according to Leitch, "there will be cutbacks generally, because increases in funding are less than necessary to cover inflation."

Both the U of A and the University of Calgary are receiving grant increases of 9.6 per cent over last year from the provincial government, while smaller colleges are getting slightly more.

Lister increase

Although opposed by both student representatives, a motion to raise Lister Hall residence rates next year by eight per cent was approved by the Board of Governors Friday.

Student reps Howard Hoggins and Jay Spark argued the move could only make residence less appealing to students. They warned university administrators that Lister Hall could become a white elephant if prices were continually hiked, since to live in residence is already unattractive to many students.

In its motion, the Board also agreed to raise Pembina Hall rates by 10 per cent for next year, and College St. Jean rates by 32 per cent for winter session and 20.4 per cent for spring and summer session.

The hikes will put Lister hall

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Council okays smaller GFC

by Allen Young

Students' Council has agreed in principle to support cutting the size of the General Faculties Council (GFC) provided student representation for each faculty is retained.

The proposed reduction of GFC came from a university president's committee report suggesting GFC be reduced to 40 members — one-third students, one-third administration, and one-third academic staff.

The president's report, brought before council by Students' Union President Len Zoeteman, indicates GFC is presently composed of 134 members, one-fifth administration, two-fifths students, and two-fifths academic staff, and is considered to be a very large and slow moving body.

The administration's voice in GFC is to be increased, said the

report, because more expertise is needed in many of the university affairs discussed by the council.

If the council is reduced to 40 members, then 13 positions could be held by students; two graduate students; and eleven undergraduate students. According to Zoeteman, the large

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Thursday's Gateway will feature a news summary of the issues of the past academic year, plus a collection of off-beat, unpublished pictures. A wrap-up of the year's sports begins today and continues Thursday. See page 14.