

Tuition only one issue—Amrhein

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 “I don’t really see that [a] \$400 difference is going to affect many choices.”

But Dollansky pointed out that within Alberta, high tuition fees are adding to a demographic change in the students able to attend the U of A.

“Ten years ago, [there was a] wider spectrum of students from a more diverse economic background,” he said. “Just because the slots are being filled doesn’t mean that the institution is accessible—it means that it is accessible to a smaller and smaller portion of the population.”

By continuing to pursue maximum tuition increases every year, Dollansky said, the U of A administration isn’t recognizing the fact that learners are being turned away by high up-front costs. He added that in order to ensure that lower tuition doesn’t mean lower quality, the SU would like to see a

“fully-funded tuition roll-back” with the provincial government committing to fund whatever lost revenue the University incurs from lower tuition.

“We don’t want to see the University left out in the cold,” he stressed. “[But] the fact that we’re above the national average, in a time of prosperity like this in Alberta, and we’re not passing that prosperity onto learners who are going to sustain that growth, is just unacceptable.”

Executive Director Council of Alberta University Alberta (CAUS) Duncan Wojtaszek echoed Dollansky’s criticisms.

“In an environment like Alberta, where the government has plenty of resources to affect change, [...] we would have thought that that was a powerful reason to have lower tuition,” he said.

Wojtaszek added that the ideal tuition

level would be where finances are no longer a barrier for students.

“There’s no magical figure. For every student that can’t come because of finances, there’s a whole host of things that influence that, but one of the important things is tuition,” he said.

However, Amrhein noted that tuition fees are only a fraction of the costs students face, adding that in order to ensure accessibility, the entire spectrum of financial hardships associated with postsecondary education must be addressed.

Tuition levels, he said, are “clearly important, but I worry also about those students in Alberta who have to come to either Edmonton or Calgary to get to one of the two big universities.

Tuition is only about a third of the cost they incur; room and board is twice tuition, roughly speaking.”

Average undergraduate tuition fees for Canadian full-time students			
	2006/07	2007/08	2006/07 to 2007/08
	current \$		% change
Canada	4400	4524	2.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	2633	2633	0.0
Prince Edward Island	4920	4440	-9.8
Nova Scotia	6422	5878	-8.5
New Brunswick	5470	5733	4.8
Quebec	1932	2025	4.8
Ontario	5155	5381	4.4
Manitoba	3319	3384	2.0
Saskatchewan	4774	4774	0.0
Alberta	4763	4964	4.2
British Columbia	4740	4855	2.4

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

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NOW IT'S A UNICYCLE

Around noon on 10 October, a bike unit officer located a male acting suspiciously while in the bushes near the north side of the Tory building. It appeared that a male was dragging a bike missing its front tire into the bushes. The male fled after spotting the officer and the officer gave chase into the river valley. During the chase, the officers came upon a witness who was camping out in a tent and claimed that he had heard someone run by minutes earlier. The bike was recovered, and the following day a student attended the campus security office to report the theft of his bike from the north side of HUB.

WEREWOLVES OF EDMONTON

On the night of 10 October, it was reported that an oddly behaving male was heading east bound on 88 Avenue towards 111 Street. The male made an “aggressive stance” towards a passerby and then made growling and hissing noises as he walked by. The male then headed west towards 112 Street. Officers attended to the area; however, the male wasn’t located. He is described as being in his mid-20s, wearing a light-colored sweater, black backpack, 5’6” tall, and with a muscular build.

THE RODEO'S OVER, AND SO'S YOUR NIGHT

On 11 October, CSS assisted bar staff at RATT in dealing with a male who refused to leave after he attempted to start fights with other customers. The male was described as wearing a cowboy hat. Although he admitted to having had a few

and he backed himself into a corner and became extremely agitated and confrontational when asked to leave. The student was arrested and subsequently escorted to his home where he was released with no charges.

SIXTH TIME'S A CHARM

During the early hours of 12 October, an intoxicated male was located in the east Jubilee parking area. The male had come to the attention of CSS on five separate occasions for damaging property and on suspicious person complaints. He was issued a ticket for being intoxicated in a public place and escorted off campus. He has no current University affiliation.

DON'T SMOKE 'EM IF YOU GOT 'EM

On 13 October at about 1pm, a bike unit officer located two males smoking drugs near the Health Sciences LRT station. Both of the males had no university affiliation and had outstanding warrants for their arrest. EPS was contacted and attended a short time later. Both were arrested on the warrants and charged with drug possession.

JAYRUNNER

At about 6pm on 14 October, two males were approached by a peace officer for jaywalking near Newton Place. While one stopped, the other fled and was apprehended after a very short foot chase. It was determined that the male had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was issued a ticket for trespassing and was detained before being released into the custody of the EPS. The male has no university affiliation.

A REAL HEAD CASE

An intoxicated woman was found wandering around 112 Street on 22 October at 1:45am. She appeared to have a head injury and was transported to the hospital for assessment.

BAKE 'EM AWAY, TOYS

Three men were busted at 12:30am on 21 October after reports were received of damage to property near 114 Street and 83 Avenue. The group had kicked over a fence and flipped benches and newspaper boxes, and were caught in the act of trying to rip out a bus stop sign. The three weren’t students, and were ticketed for public intoxication before being handed over to Edmonton Police Services.

OUTSTANDING IN A BAD WAY

University staff reported a suspicious male on the second floor of the Heritage Medical Research Building at about 6pm on 20 October. The unwelcome visitor was tracked down by Campus 5-0 and had been previously kicked off campus. He had a number of outstanding warrants for his arrest and was sent for a ride with EPS.

OBVIOUSLY NOT AN OLYMPIAN

At 12:20am on 20 October, a woman was threatened by a man near 112 Street and 88 Avenue. She pointed him out to Campus Security, and after a short foot chase the suspect was arrested. Neither of the parties were students, and the male was handed over to Edmonton Police.

IN YOUR METADATA, TRACING YOUR IP

A University staff member reported receiving hate mail in his University email account. After some computational wizardry, the message was found to have originated from out of province. Campus Security is investigating.

WE WOULDN'T HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE FOR THE TAPE DECK, THOUGH

On 19 October a mountain bike was stolen from the north side of ETLC. The bike was red with yellow handlebars, and was secured with a lock. There are no suspects.