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Hoodstar rapper, Chingy, claims to own over 4000 pairs of sneakers and his mega dance-floor hit "Ass N Da Aurr" continues to turn up the heat.

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JENNY FROGNER

**DRAGON ITS HEELS** Celebrations and dancing beasts marked the opening of the U of A's China Institute last Monday.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### FOOD BANK GETTING READY TO SCARE UP DONATIONS WITH TRICK OR EAT

Just when you thought you were too old to go trick-or-treating, the University of Alberta Campus Food Bank's eleventh annual Trick or Eat drive gives you the chance to dress up and give back to the community.

Approximately 100-150 volunteers will be going door to door this evening to collect food and toiletry donations in the University neighbourhoods of Windsor Park, Belgravia, Garneau and Queen Alexandra.

The goal is to collect enough donations to match last year's total of 9500 lbs of food. Proceeds will benefit the Campus Food Bank, the Edmonton Food Bank and the Leduc Food Bank.

According to Madeline Bachmann, executive director of the Campus Food Bank, Trick or Eat's success has much to do with its relation to Halloween festivities.

"From the standpoint of the volunteers, it's just a lot of fun," Bachmann said. "You get to dress up, go out trick-or-treating [and] spend a night out with your friends having fun."

Preparations have been underway since the beginning of September. Students also participated in a flyer

drop-off two weeks ago to give households the opportunity to gather donations before the 31st.

"The community sees it as a great, fun event too with the nice twist on Halloween," Bachmann said. "[Trick or Eat] makes it really easy for them to help out because they're answering their door bells anyway."

In addition to collecting food and toiletry donations, Bachmann hopes the event will raise awareness about hunger in the University community. Of the estimated 158 000 without a proper food supply in Edmonton, 30 200 are in the university-student age range.

Those who live outside the University area but would still like to donate are encouraged to drop off any food or toiletry items at the Campus Food Bank's office, located in the basement of SUB. Non-perishable items are preferred for donation.

Any students interested in volunteering for Trick or Eat are welcome to visit [www.su.ualberta.ca/campus-foodbank](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/campus-foodbank) for more details.

Jennifer Huygen, News Writer

### U OF A OPENS NEW CHINA INSTITUTE

The University of Alberta has ushered into a new era of Canadian-Chinese relations with the launch of the University of Alberta China Institute on 24 October.

The China Institute has a collection of rare Chinese artifacts, clothing and textiles that are thousands of years old.

Minister of Education, Gene Zwozdesky, who was present at the launch ceremonies, explained that the purpose of such a collection is to put Alberta on the "cultural map," as well as to increase scholastic research in the fields of the burgeoning superpower.

"[I]t's one of the largest collections of ancient Chinese treasures, anywhere, [and] that means we will be able to attract scholars from all around the world, as well as students who wants to be scholars," Zwozdesky said.

In April 2005, Sandy and Cecile Mactaggart donated their collection of rare Chinese textiles and artifacts, worth \$37 million, to the U of A, forming the basis for the institute.

"If there is any country that can squeeze a hundred years into one second, it is China," Cecile Mactaggart affirmed during the launch of the institute.

She hopes the institute will become the epicentre of Chinese research in all of North America, and possibly a leader of Chinese research in the world.

Under the mandate of the Access to the Future Fund, private philanthropy is to be matched by the government, who will soon be doling out the cash to the University.

Jaskaran Singh, News Writer

# Alberta leads funding: Traynor

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"We're second highest in postsecondary spending after Saskatchewan, but this doesn't factor in the 19 per cent increase in postsecondary funding Alberta put in place [for the 2006/07] year which was the highest percentage increase in postsecondary spending in the country," Traynor said.

He also noted that Alberta had the Access to the Future Fund, a \$1 billion endowment set aside for postsecondary education.

Traynor provided the *Gateway* with 2005/06 statistics to support Klein's comments, comparing Alberta's postsecondary expenditures with other provinces on a population per capita basis. But said he couldn't provide data per full-time equivalent student, stating that Statistics Canada hasn't published college enrolment data since 1999/00. Traynor also drew attention to a note in the CAUT report, regarding the data used by CAUS.

"The footnote mentions that the data in the chart is based on college enrolment projections from 2000/01 to 2004/05," Traynor explained. "The organization would have done these projections itself, not Statistics Canada, and [therefore] I can't speak to accuracy of them."

Cournoyer explained why the numbers from CAUT and Traynor were different.



KIM SMITH

**THE EYES OF POWER** Cournoyer doesn't think Klein's comments hit the mark.

"[The statistics from Traynor] is per population and what we're looking at is students actually in the postsecondary education system. I think that is really important differentiation," Cournoyer explained.

He added that the provincial government was providing funds equivalent to \$12 000 per student, a number he said was down from numbers in years previous.

However, Traynor further defended Klein's statements by pointing to Alberta's level of scholarship funding.

"Alberta puts more public dollars towards scholarships on a per capita

basis than any other province, through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund," Traynor said.

In the end, however, Cournoyer argued that student debt was the best indication of how much funding the province is providing.

"What we see is a lot of students who come in with a lot of scholarships at the beginning of their education, but come their second and third years, the scholarships aren't there and a lot of students are forced to turn towards the student loans system which in turn leaves them graduating with large debt levels," he said.