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Ambivalence prevails with new tuition policy



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NEW TUITION KEEPS STUDENTS WISHIN' Behind these pillars, the Tories forged a new tuition policy that was heralded by some, but panned by others.

Student leaders and politicians debate merits of tuition plan

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In February 2005, Premier Ralph Klein pledged in a televised address that Alberta would have the most affordable tuition in the country, but after 632 days of waiting, the announcement of the new tuition policy is getting mixed reviews.

On Friday, Minister of Advanced Education Denis Herard revealed that the ministry would continue to use the 2004/05 levels of tuition as a starting point and that further tuition increases would be tied to the Consumer Price Index. Students in Alberta have been paying tuition at the 2004/05 levels for the past two years, as the government has been providing rebates directly to institutions in order to buffer the cost of their fee increases.

"What you had there was the tip of the iceberg, not everything that's below the water," Herard said on Monday.

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Macleans' rankings low on U of A's list

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In the shadow of a boycott by over half of the 47 universities it was evaluating, *Macleans*' magazine released the results of its 16th annual university rankings survey on 2 November.

But even with the University of Alberta coming in first place in the reputation rankings and sixth place in the medical-doctoral category, skepticism on campus surrounding the ranking remains.

"I think [this year's] *Macleans*' rankings is another ranking where the magazine has attempted to try and collect information and produce an outcome that they believe is valid. [But] as far as we're concerned it's really a very poorly constructed ranking—which is the reason why we refused to send them any data," U of A President Indira Samarasekera said.

On 14 August, the U of A together with ten other universities sent a joint letter signed by the university presidents to *Macleans*' magazine indicating they wouldn't participate in filling out the required questionnaire used to compile the annual university

rankings, stating they felt the methodology was statistically unreliable, oversimplified and arbitrary. Later, more universities joined the protest, bringing the total to 26.

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But Tony Keller, managing editor of special projects at *Macleans*, explained that, though universities were vocally critical in the past, since the release of this year's rankings he hasn't attractively sought feedback.

"It's not like I've been phoning people. I'm not going around canvassing the university opinion section," Keller said.

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Golden Bears mugged on Whyte Ave

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A pair of victories for the Golden Bears basketball team this weekend has been overshadowed by a violent attack on a pair of their recruits—CG Morrison and Gary Pelton.

Morrison and Pelton were walking home after a night at the bar on 31 October when Pelton's shoe came undone and he stopped to tie it. Morrison continued walking and, according to Bears head coach Don Horwood, a white car pulled up to him and a man jumped out and demanded his wallet before attacking him.

Pelton—a freshman who is redshirting while he deals with knee injuries—ran to Morrison's rescue and was accosted by three more men who got out of the car. He was put in a chokehold and had a gun waved in his face.

"Gary was really shaken up psychologically from what had happened," Horwood said. "CG didn't seem to be as psychologically affected as Gary, but he obviously has more wounds."

Morrison's right eye was swollen shut and he suffered some concussion symptoms. Despite being the team's projected starting point guard, the injuries kept him out of play in the Bears' 84–76 win over Thompson Rivers on Friday night and their 92–59



MIKE OTTO

BRUISED BUT NOT BEATEN Attack won't keep Bear out of the game for long.

victory against UCFV Saturday. The games would have been the first as a Golden Bear for the transfer from Camosun College.

"It was tough [not to play], but I'm glad it's over with and I'm just looking forward to getting better,"

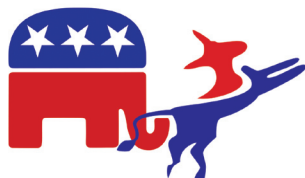
Morrison said.

While Pelton had some lower back pain and a bit of a headache and Morrison's face was badly bruised and swollen, Horwood's main concern was for the two players' mental states.

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