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Maintenance funds not yet released

MAINTENANCE * CONTINUED FROM PAGE1

"You should really be questioning what 'fair' in particular means nothing's actually crumbling down, but buildings still need a lot of work under that definition," Tougas said via email. "It is a simple move by the government to hide problems behind an innocuous-sounding category."

Tougas blames provincial cutbacks to public services under Tory leadership for the \$1.2 billion in deferred maintenance costs Alberta's postsecondary system has incurred.

"When those institutions don't get enough maintenance money, they will take money from their base operating funds to cover the gaps and make the desperately needed repairs. As a result, students and teaching staff-the reasons to have a university or college in the first place—are unfairly impacted," Tougas said.

At other postsecondary institutions in the province, there is no news as to when the \$111 million will become available.

"The only news that we have is the same as the press release that was released. Other than that, we haven't had any indication," University of Lethbridge Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Nancy Walker said.

Walker noted that the U of L has about \$82 million in deferred maintenance costs, and that that figure would likely reach upwards of \$113 million over the next several years.

"It's wonderful that they have set aside some money ... and recognized that there is a deferred maintenance issue, so we're pleased about that, but it really is a huge problem that we need to start tackling," Walker said.

While cheques have yet to be presented, Hickey is hopeful this funding announcement is an indication that the provincial government has taken notice of the pressures facing Alberta's postsecondary institutions.

"We would hope this is an outcome of our ten-year deferred maintenance plan that we sent to government about both the needs and the dollars required over a ten-year period to get our buildings all up into first-class quality," Hickey said.

However, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology Doug Horner said that dwelling on figures was counterproductive, and said he would rather focus on what he considers to be the larger picture.

"I get a little bit frustrated. Even my department and postsecondaries and some of the folks, we get all tied up in, 'Well, is it 90 per cent, is it \$700 million, is it \$100 million, is it \$200 million?" Horner said.

"What do you need to make sure that our kids get a quality education, [and] that the roof doesn't leak?"

STREETERS

Natalie Climenhaga and Ryan Heise

The University of Alberta has a staggering \$656 million in deferred maintenance costs.

What building on campus do you think needs the most work and why?



Bonnie Topp Science V

Rory Kucera

Phys Ed IV

Bio Sci because it's a depressing dungeon and nothing works.

Maybe the older buildings; Van Vliet

needs some maintenance. Some of the

residences probably because they've

Finish fixing the Medical Science Building.

All the hallways are all screwed up; there

are boards everywhere.

been around for so now as well as HLIB

NEWS BRIEF

by Natalie Climenhaga Senior News Editor

SHINEARAMA SHINES THROUGH A **STORMY SATURDAY**

Shining shoes may not be the most glamorous way to spend a Saturday, but for the 600 volunteers who signed up for this year's University of Alberta Shinerama, the activity was worth getting up at 7am for.

Shinerama is Canada's largest postsecondary fundraiser. It started in Ontario in 1964 and has since grown to be a national campaign involving almost 60 universities and colleges across the country. Participants spent the day shining shoes around Edmonton and raising money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF).

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. It's also the most common-and fatal-genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young

This year, U of A shoe-shiners raised around \$13 500—with the top group (a group of medicine students from the class of 2011) raising \$1180.20.

Campaign Director Phil Bach explained that every year there is a spot on each Faculty of Medicine class council for the Shinerama organizer. However, participants come from all faculties with a large contingent coming from Lister.

"I did it for the first time last year and



WAKE UP CALL Shinarama volunteers raising the awareness of Cystic Fibrosis.

it was actually a super-fun event. I don't think there are that many events where you get this number of university students and spread out all over the city trying to raise money for such a good

Before heading out, participants registered in groups of three to five, and received shiner kits, free T-shirts, and a complementary pancake breakfast.

Tessi Flood (first-year Nursing),

Kelsey Dougall (first-year Engineering), Nicole Hogan (second-vear Physica Education), and Janet Lee (first-year floor coordinator with getting them listening to Megan Milne speak Saturday morning about her personal experithem about the disease and reaffirmed

Science) from Henday credited their excited about the event and added that ences with cystic fibrosis had educated the importance of the event.

Sheldon Tibbs Phys Fd IV

Beauparlant

Science V

CAMPUS CRIME RFAI

Compiled by Cody Civiero

AT LEAST IT WAS A FARE FIGHT

At 11pm on 5 September, two cab drivers engaged in a heated argument and threatened one another outside of Lister Hall. One of the drivers then picked up a fare and left the area. CSS contacted the cab company and spoke to a supervisor in order to ensure that the drivers get along in the future.

DESPERATE DUDE NEEDS DATE

On 6 September at around 2pm, a female student reported that a male approached her outside of the student lounge on the second floor at the Pavilion McMahon. He started up a casual conversation and was very inquisitive about her life. He followed her and insisted that he have coffee with her, even after she declined several times. He also told

another person that he was in no way affiliated with the U of A, but he held several degrees, including a Masters. This apparently failed to impress his crush. The campus creeper is described as in his mid-30s, 5'7", with dark skin, short, brown hair, a thick accent, a heavy build, and thick eyebrows.

GOTTA HATE THOSE LATE FEES

At 11:30am on 8 September, a man was acting belligerently and verbally abusive towards library staff. After CSS officers physically removed him from the building, he unsuccessfully attempted to charge back in. The man, who had no current University affiliation, was escorted off campus and charged with trespassing

PULL UP, PARK IT, PASS OUT

At 12:30am on 9 September, CSS responded to the area of 100 Street and 90 Avenue after a vehicle was seen parking on the street. A concerned citizen notified authorities after being unable to wake the driver. The 55-year old female driver was issued a 24-hour driving suspension after she appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

WHAT IS THIS, THUNDERDOME?

On 9 September at 3am, a suspicious male was reported to be causing a disturbance in the lobby of Lister Hall. He was described as being shirtless and attempting to pick fights with students. CSS attended the area and located the male, who was intoxicated and had no University affiliation. He was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest, and he was turned over to the custody of Edmonton Police Service.

DEALORNO DEAL?

A 8:45pm on 9 September, CSS was notified that a male was attempting to sell drugs outside of HUB. The suspect was located and taken into custody after it was determined that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. A large quantity of pills and a weapon were found in his possession. He is currently facing charges for both

The Phys Ed building. A lot of the time the

Butterdome leaks. Also [if there was the money, I'd] buy some new equipment for the equipment room because all the equipment is old and just garbage. It falls apart; breaks all the time; it's like from the '70s; it's bad.



Jessica Radloff Arts III

Well I like the libraries so as much money as you can put into the libraries, because that's what I'm into. I want to be a librarian, so my favourite library is that Bruce Peel library in Rutherford and I don't think many people know about it really, [and] it's a beautiful library, and if the rest of the libraries could look like it, I'd be happy.