



**association of university and college employees**

Jan. 23, 1984

Jack Heinrich  
Minister of Education  
Legislative Assembly  
Victoria

Dear Mr. Heinrich,

We would like to register our protest against the closing of David Thompson University Centre. This is an unnecessary blow to the community of Nelson, which is already suffering a high unemployment rate (30%). The number of students, faculty and staff is not large by Lower Mainland standards, but six hundred people make a large difference to the economy of a small community like Nelson. Also to be considered is the disruption to the lives of those individuals.

It is our understanding that DTUC is a viable operation. The government must also have thought so last year when they put more than a million dollars into equipment.

We hope you will reconsider your decision to close the David Thompson University Centre.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ted Byrne'.

Ted Byrne  
Union Coordinator  
for the AUCE Local 1 executive

cc. Lorne Nicolson