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AU Students' Respond to Budget 2008

Athabasca University Students' Union – Today's Alberta budget is a mixed bag. Alberta's AU students will find that while their tuition increases, such increases will be limited to the rate of inflation. Albertan students will also be pleased to hear that their student loans will be held to the prime lending rate. While these measures are an improvement, they fall well short of the elimination of repayable loans that AUSU advocates. Student debt relief has also been increased to 67 million dollars. It is sincerely hoped that all AUSU students will benefit from the 125 million the Alberta government is dedicating to creating educational opportunities in health care, and technology as well as the 1.5 billion dedicated to post-secondary capital projects. These changes are welcome relief though given the wealth Alberta currently enjoys the province could have done greater good for her students.

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