

Students stuck with bum passes

by Wes Oginski

On the 18th day of the City of Edmonton Transit strike, many students are beginning to question the value of their \$65 Transit Paks.

Lisa Walter, SU v.p. External, reported to Students' Council Tuesday that many students are coming to her office to complain about the expenditure on bus passes in February and Transit Paks for the second Term.

The Bus Pass is a monthly pass sold for \$18. It allows the user unlimited rides for the month. The Transit Pak has four monthly passes for the University term at a reduced cost of \$65 (a \$7 savings).

Walter said she was told by Edmonton Transit that they will not refund any money for the Transit Paks. She said Transit would not accept the financial loss

for a strike they are not responsible for.

Edmonton Transit, however, will not give a direct answer to the issue.

"Unfortunately, we can't tell you that yet," says Wendy Campbell of the Transit's public relations office. "The City Commissioners offices are working on a solution for reimbursement on Bus Passes and Transit Paks."

"No one will lose financially because of the strike," she reassures.

Campbell speculates that the Commissioners will extend the use of existing passes because Transit has "no system for cash refunds."

Walter showed relief when later informed that Transit officials are awaiting word from the Commission's offices on some sort of reimbursement.



Photo Martin Beales

B is for Bus. They are forms of public transportation that operate between strikes. The last one seen around the campus was 18 days ago.

This week in make-believe student parliament

Students' Council once again met on Tuesday evening and almost started to burn the midnight oil.

An already long agenda was supplemented by bringing back unfinished business from the previous meeting.

This unfinished business consisted of a realignment of job descriptions in the SU. Council will drop the Entertainment director position and combined those duties into the SUB Theatre portfolio. This new position would be called Promotions.

Since this motion entails a constitutional change, three readings are needed for the change to be effective. Council passed the first reading and will discuss the fine points next meeting.

Liz Lunney, SU v.p. academic, reported the General Faculties Council decision to cancel afternoon classes March 11 for the National Day of Action March.

"It's up to us (SU) now to make sure that they (students) march on legislature," she added.

Elise Gaudet reported that the SU has stopped paying the U of A for collecting SU fees. She related how the University wants

to charge the SU \$10,000 for fee collection, on top of charging for the processing of payroll cheques for SU employees. Gaudet said that the executive felt this was unfair considering that the University also collects interest on the SU student fees before they have been transferred to the SU account.

Gaudet has written to other universities and colleges asking how their fees are collected and distributed. Of 18 replies, only two institutions were charged a processing fee, and these costs were minimal.

A letter of protest has been forwarded to the University administration. "I don't think it's a matter of them (U of A) being generous; it's a matter of them being honest," Gaudet said.

Brian Bechtel, v.p. internal, reported that the SU does not qualify under the Human Rights Commission or the Labor Relations Act as a group. Therefore they would not accept any complaints about student problems with the ALCB.

Bechtel also reported that the Housing Registry director, Vivian Blochert, resigned effective the end of February. The Exam Registry director, Norah

MacCloud, resigned last term. Bechtel said advertising for new directors would begin soon.

Under SU new business, councillors debated the wording of a referendum that would have determined some direction for the Eugene L. Brody Fund. At present, its function is to distribute funds to "projects of a charitable, developmental, or relief nature." The funds come from a \$50 student levy.

Instead, the direction question was dropped, leaving a question asking students if they want to have an annual referendum on the Brody Fund levy. It was uncertain if this question would apply to this year's referendum or next year's.

Council also: -ratified Debra Nichol as the

'82 Student Orientation Services (SORSE) director.

-supported a motion to endorse the Hunger Project Campus Club Starve-a-thon, and the Edmonton Learner's Centre Third World Film Festival.

-pass a new executive changeover provision; the v.p.

finance would stay on salary for an extra month to help the incoming executive assume control over the SU.

-ratification of a collective agreement between the SU and its CUPE employees was tabled as quorum was lost.

The Horsman cometh

Even Muhammad Ali made a comeback.

After a dismal performance at the ACT (Anti-Cutbacks Team) - FAS (Federation of Alberta Students) Day of Action rally last November, Advanced Education Minister Jim Horsman will return to the U of A campus.

CJSR, the campus radio station, will feature Horsman on their current affairs program,

Perspectives, next week.

Horsman, a University administrator and an SU representative will be allowed a 10 minute statement. Chomyn will then lead a discussion. He stresses that no direct debate will be permitted.

The program will be broadcast on March 9 during the morning show and at 3:45 on the 10th and 11th. Perspectives is regularly broadcast on Thursdays.

Olivia Butti's Diary

March 3

Dear Diary:

Oh, boy do I hate the *Edmonton Journal*! Just what business of theirs is it how city aldermen (and us alderwives) spend our research funds. Not that I agree with Eddie Ewasiuk or Betty Hewes paying off their party hacks or Paul Norris hiring his daughters but I think that this is something council could have handled better in private. That way we could have reprimanded the guilty parties without any hysterical editors inciting the public to demand that innocent alderwives also reveal their expenditures. I know I hate to do all that sort of unnecessary bookkeeping.

Just the same I wouldn't mind seeing that Ewasiuk get his for once. Why, the nerve of him paying the Edmonton Voters Association members to work for him. He might have just as well sent the money to Russia! Just what kind of "work" were those commies doing anyway? I think I'll ask Police Chief Lunney to tap his phone again just in case.

I'd like to know what that Hewes woman was up to as well. Well, at least she doesn't spend the money on clothes, I know that.

In a way I feel sorry for Norris. I told you diary, I met his daughters at the Christmas party last year. They're kind of slow on the uptake and not much in the looks department either. They really take after their father. Actually, if you look at it that way, Paul is probably the only person in the city stupid enough to hire those two. Well, there won't be any complaints about how I spent my \$7,500 that's for sure. I went down to the office today (and diary, that traffic is just getting worse and worse every day. I think we're going to have to set up some sort of quota system for cars) and Corrine and I went over the records. Corrine's about the best secretary I've

ever had. She always knows when to say that "I'm at a meeting and can't be reached" and she makes terrific coffee. As we expected every penny was spent usefully and irreproachably.

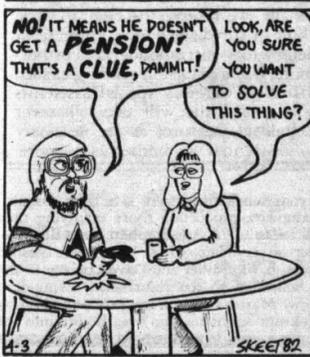
Mr. Gregory, my hairdresser, got \$1,000 for his public opinion research. He asks all his customers (and it's statistically accurate because he talks to everyone, red, black or blonde) about city issues. And when I get my hair done he gives me a full report, he even takes me first so not to waste my time. What a fine example for public servants everywhere.

The count isn't in yet but some of the money was spent by Corrine for her study of Edmonton's food service industry. She's been working evenings and even some Saturday and Sunday mornings to compile a complete report on which establishments we can best use to attract business executives and conventioners. Unfortunately I've had to pay her time and a half (plus expenses of course) but all this work has been a terrible strain on Corrine. I think she's put on a few pounds.

I think the citizens of Edmonton will be particularly pleased with my husband's research. While Norris' kids were freeloading off the city, my Petey donated his time to do an equipment study for Parks and Rec. He gladly gave up his weekends all last summer to test riding mowers and other groundskeeping equipment. He also tested a wide variety of power tools. Since the equipment was rather expensive, this study could not have been done if we had to pay for the labour involved. I'm glad my husband was willing to do so much for Edmontonians.

So when those newspaper snoops come around my door I'll be ready for them. Even, so I think I'll have Corrine tell them I'm at a meeting and go get a report from Mr. Gregory.

BAZ



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KEEP THIS STRIP GOING!

Dear BAZ:

I am sick and tired of my _____ prof (name optional).

Here's how you should bump him off:

DON'T DELAY! SEND YOURS TODAY!