

CSA of A proposes change for U of A staff

by Judy Hamaliuk

The Civil Service Association of Alberta (CSA of A), through its large-scale advertising campaign, is concentrating its efforts for end-of-the-month action on the U of A campus.

The CSA of A will be holding a mass meeting for the non-academic staff of the University of Alberta on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 in the Jubilee Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting, according to William Finn, Membership Services Officer of the CSA of A, is to provide an opportunity for the non-academic staff to meet the CSA of A. Representatives from the Universities of Calgary and Lethbridge, as well as from other provinces, will be speaking for the CSA of A.

The non-academic staff at the U of A are at present represented by the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA). According to Phil Arnold, NASA's Executive

Secretary, their organization is a part of the University community. "The University was created to educate students. The staff was hired to service the students." Arnold claims that NASA is taking a long term view of the current wage adjustment problem here and is working together with other groups (AASUA, SU, and GSA) involved in the funding of this university. As the bargaining agents for the non-academic

staff, NASA has been continuously negotiating and making wage adjustments for the workers.

According to Arnold, the workers are employed under different conditions than someone doing the same type of work in the CSA of A. He claims that the workers are far better represented by NASA than they were by the CSA of A and that there have been no complaints made to NASA of the present

working conditions by the non-academic employees.

The CSA of A maintains that it has the legal and moral right as independent bargaining agent for the non-academic staff at the U of A. Bill Broad, president of the CSA of A, states that "the policy of this organization is that we represent all provincial government employees. This policy is laid down by our convention and we must adhere to it."

According to Finn, this convention is outlined in two provincial acts - the Public Service Act and the Crown Employees Relations Act.

Finn feels that all the universities in Alberta should work under the same legislation. The non-academic staff at the U of Calgary and the U of Lethbridge are members of the CSA of A.

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Block heater power reduced

In an effort to reduce University costs and as part of an overall energy conservation program, the Department of Physical Plant has implemented a parking "plug-in" cycling program in Stadium and Windsor Car Parks. The program automatically turns power off and on at definite intervals between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. It is during this period that the electrical demand on campus is at its peak.

At 9 a.m. Windsor Car Park is switched off and Stadium remains on. At 9:30 a.m. Windsor is switched on and Stadium off. This process is repeated on the hour and half hour until 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to 9 a.m. the following morning both car parks remain on.

The saving effected by this process is in the region of \$22,500 per year at the current electrical demand rate. Electrical rates in Edmonton will also likely increase due to recent increases in natural gas rates.

In the 1973/74 fiscal year the electrical charge which can be directly attributed to plug-in service was \$78,000. This charge can be reduced considerably, thus avoiding a significant plug-in rate increase to the user, by reducing the peak demand on the system when only a portion of it is energized at any one time. By cycling block heaters on and off, car engines should not get so cold they will not start.

As in past years a battery boosting service is available on campus from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays when temperatures are -10 degrees F or colder. A call to 1212 will alert this service.

The policy of applying cycling plug-in service is being investigated throughout the university campus. It was installed in these two car parks first because they are the only major electrical installations dedicated to the supply of parking needs only.

Engineering queen candidates 1975



THE HIGHLIGHT of Engineering Week is always the crowning of their Queen, and this year proves to be no exception. Shown here from left to right are Pussy Galore, Lotta Snapper, Connie Lingis, Ida Balder, and the lovely (and first ever) Chinese princess Bing Cherry. Watch this space for the crowning ceremony Thursday. photo by Chiquita Banana

BC government "easy" for loans

Vancouver (CUP) - Canada Student Loans are more easily available in British Columbia than in any other province. But BC loan availability may decrease if the National Union of Students (NUS) is successful in lobbying the federal government to pay out loans on an equalization basis which

would see "have" provinces such as BC subsidizing the "have not" provinces.

While the University of BC has been asked to support the NUS lobby, students there will find themselves forced out of the union within a year unless they agree to raise their NUS fees to \$1 from 30 cents

annually per student.

Alma Mater Society External Affairs Officer Gary Moore said despite the loss to BC students that would result from equalization he still supports the lobby which also asks the government to make loans available to part-time students and to lower the age of independence to 18.

Moore said NUS intends to stir up reaction to the current loan system by circulating posters and pamphlets about the issue at Canadian universities.

The organization will present the federal government with a brief outlining student opinions some time in the fall, he said.

Moore said he is currently getting 200 posters for campus bulletin boards stating the case for the NUS scheme.

The posters ask students several questions aimed at pointing out the main faults of the current Canada Student Loan Plan (CSLP) and state the

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Student behavior codified

by Greg Neiman

A report of the Campus Law Review Committee was introduced yesterday at the meeting of the GFC executive, dealing with a proposed Code of Student Behavior.

Among other things, the proposed code prohibits students' smoking in classes as well as restricts the unauthorized use of liquor in residences.

As well, the code, which is a completion and clarification of an older one, introduces various penalties for different student offenses under which the Discipline, Law, and Order

Committee may operate.

Penalties may range, by the discretion of the Committee, to outright expulsion of a student for serious offenses dealing with academic dishonesty, to reprimands or a \$25 fine for lesser offenses.

Before referring the report to GFC, the executive opted for input from both the Students' Union, and the Graduate Students Association.

A copy of the Report is in the Gateway office for anyone interested to review and comment upon to their SU representatives.

Do it yourself terrorism

(ENS) - Amateur terrorists can now add one more weapon to their arsenal - nerve gas. The British patent office is now giving out details on the manufacture of the lethal "VX" nerve gas to anyone who asks.

According to the Times of London, a decision was made by the British defense department to remove the formula for the compound from the secret list and make it available to the public through the patent office. The compound, first patented 14 years ago, is used in a chemical weapons system developed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

According to Brigadier-General J.H. Rothschild, a chemical warfare expert, one small drop of the

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