

Subway opens

# Devo hats and plants galore

by Brent Jang

The two architects winced as they walked into the Students' Union Building but the anxiety soon disappeared when they made their way to the second floor.

Mike Papadopoulos and Dennis Voigt were pleased with their work: the \$200,000 renovation to SUB Cafeteria.

"The cafeteria looked like a bunker hall before," said Voigt, "so we broke up the larger spaces to make smaller, more intimate spaces."

Their firm, Unigroup Design Associates Ltd., designed Victor's, The Grinder, and Swenson's Ice Cream Parlor.

"The (Graduate Students') Power Plant is nice but there's no place for undergraduates to enjoy their meals. I wanted to do something so university students would feel comfortable," said Voigt.

In order to "de-institutionalize SUB Cafeteria" they included stand-up bars ("popular in the U.S. and Europe"), plants, new carpets, Devo-looking red sunlamps, and more plants.

"I hope to get the Fine Arts people to display their projects here," said Papadopoulos.

Housing and Food Services Director Gail Brown says the cafeteria's new name "Subway" opens the way for many ideas. "We're thinking of a mural of a subway station or pictures of the great subways in New York, London, and Tokyo."

Brown dismisses criticisms that the renovation project is a frivolous one. "This operation was losing money. You can't change students' eating habits with just a menu change."

Papadopoulos agreed, saying, "You have to change designs every eight years or so. There's been nothing done to SUB in fifteen years."

Voigt said the U of A campus needs a break from the predominantly 1960s drab-designs, colors and shapes: "This cafeteria is pleasant. Look at the space, the materials. And the color green. You don't get tired of it. Can you imagine if it was orange?"

The two architects felt confident. They tapped their fingers on the tablecloth (new tables) and talked about the "creative use of open spaces."

The creators of "Subway" expect rave reviews from old patrons, although the reaction from students yesterday at noon hour was decidedly mixed.

"I'm quite impressed with the stand-up bars. But I'd like to see them take out one or two plant stands. They're attractive but I question their usefulness," said four-year Arts student Diane Nash.

The plant-stands are tiered and several students made use of the tiered-seats, including fourth year Recreation Administration student Kevin Lindsay. However, Lindsay didn't like the design: "It's a misuse of space. Before you could fit quite a few people in here, but now I don't think even half as many can get in. And the McDonald's style line-ups aren't too appealing."

Three customers in the line-up for "Jumbos", the new fast-food wing of the cafeteria, said they hoped the service would improve and that the "food will have to be better if people are to come back (to SUB cafeteria)."

"It looks like the year 2050 after a neutron bomb hits. You know, a nuclear holocaust - only the plants survive and all that's left is plastic," said a chuckling customer, who rushed off before giving his name.

Director Gail Brown says the overload can be handled in Dinwoodie Lounge. There were one hundred people using Dinwoodie at noon yesterday and another eighty spilled into the corridor outside the Subway Cafeteria.

"It looks like Earl's Place - I like it," said an engineering student.

The comments will no doubt assault the SUB atmosphere for the rest of the week.

But Papadopoulos and Voigt aren't complaining: "We had a free hand to do what we want."



Students eating at the Subway.

# Gun turns out to be toy

A HUB tenant arrested for possession of a toy gun - strange but true.

The incident - reported in the last Gateway before the New Year - occurred on December 6.

Police received a call that a man was waving a gun out of his

HUB apartment window. They immediately rushed to the scene.

"I was just sitting in my room when I got a phone call: 'We've got you surrounded' - I was scared shitless," said the suspect, a science student who wishes to remain anonymous.

The suspect told police that it

was only a toy gun, but they searched the apartment anyway.

Police failed to find a gun, but they took the suspect into custody, and confiscated the broken toy firearm.

The police returned about two weeks later, once again looking for guns.

## Only two U of A profs

# International dep't dwindles

by Brent Jang

A record number of students have enrolled in international relations courses this year despite the shortage of qualified professors.

"The U of A is quite far away from the major population centers, away from the Toronto-Montreal intellectual community and the Ivy League schools, so it's difficult to attract and maintain full-time qualified staff," said political science associate chairman Allan Tupper.

The U of A has two professors in international relations, Larry Pratt and Juris Lejnicks.

"There's considerable interest among undergraduates because of the international tensions today, so the courses have really gained prominence," said Chairman F.C. Engelmann.

Pratt called a news conference just before Christmas with New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Grant Notley, blaming the U of A Board of Governors and the Tory government for the lack of funding.

Notley proposed that \$400,000 be allocated from the Heritage Trust Fund into the building of an international relations department.

However, Chairman Engelmann says the "best we could hope for is to hire one professor. I don't see much hope for big developments for some time to come."

"Our enrolment has gone up and the funding has remained the same. At York, the political science department got more funds because of increased numbers of students. The U of A is an awfully large university to say 'we can't offer international relations'," Pratt said yesterday.

"The news conference was more Notley's idea than mine. Notley believed the government should be doing something for world peace. And the proposal was to get funding directly from the government so it would put money where its mouth is," said Pratt, referring to the Alberta Tory government.

University President Myer

Horowitz says he's sympathetic to Pratt's concerns but he disagrees with how Pratt decided to voice his concerns.

"You don't run a large, complicated university by calling in the media every time you have a complaint. There are channels that should be used and departments should take advantage of lobbying through their Deans," said Horowitz.

"When the (university's) hiring freeze is lifted, we hope to find a replacement for (David) Dewitt," said Engelmann.

Dewitt resigned in December, making him the fourth professor to leave the U of A international relations field.

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"You need certain requirements to teach the course. You can't turn a political philosopher or a Canadian specialist into an international expert overnight. There's a tremendous amount of literature and conceptual material needed in order to teach international relations at the university level."

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Meanwhile, Pratt is away on medical leave this term, leaving Lejnicks and sessional lecturer Malcolm Grieve as the only international relations professors at the U of A.

# Grande Prairie drops out of CFS

by Mark Roppel

Differences between Grande Prairie Regional College and the Canadian Federation of Students resulted in the college's withdrawal from CFS last month.

"We can only speculate on why the students voted the way they did," says Carson Jensen, Vice-President of the college's student association, "but we didn't feel the college was getting any benefits from CFS."

The decision was made at a general Assembly meeting on December 8.

The meeting was called, "with the CFS issue in mind," said Jensen. "We wanted to resolve our status."

"A student presented a motion that we withdraw from CFS and NUS," said Jensen.

Approximately 65 per cent of the more than one hundred students attending the meeting voted to withdraw.

According to the Student Association's constitution, quorum for general meetings is ten per cent. Grande Prairie has only about 1000 students, so quorum was met.

Grande Prairie Regional College was a member of CFS' predecessor the National Union of Students (NUS) and when CFS was founded in 1981, the college became a prospective member.

Jensen says he doesn't think CFS is as effective at lobbying as the organization claims, and Grande Prairie was not getting

much out of the services side of CFS either.

There is no Canadian University Travel Services (CUTS) office at Grande Prairie, and, as for the student discount cards, "we are working to get discounts without student ID cards," Jensen said.

Jensen also was unhappy with the actions of former fieldworkers.

"At the meeting where we decided to take out prospective membership (in 1981) it was the fieldworker and not a student who proposed the motion," said Jensen.

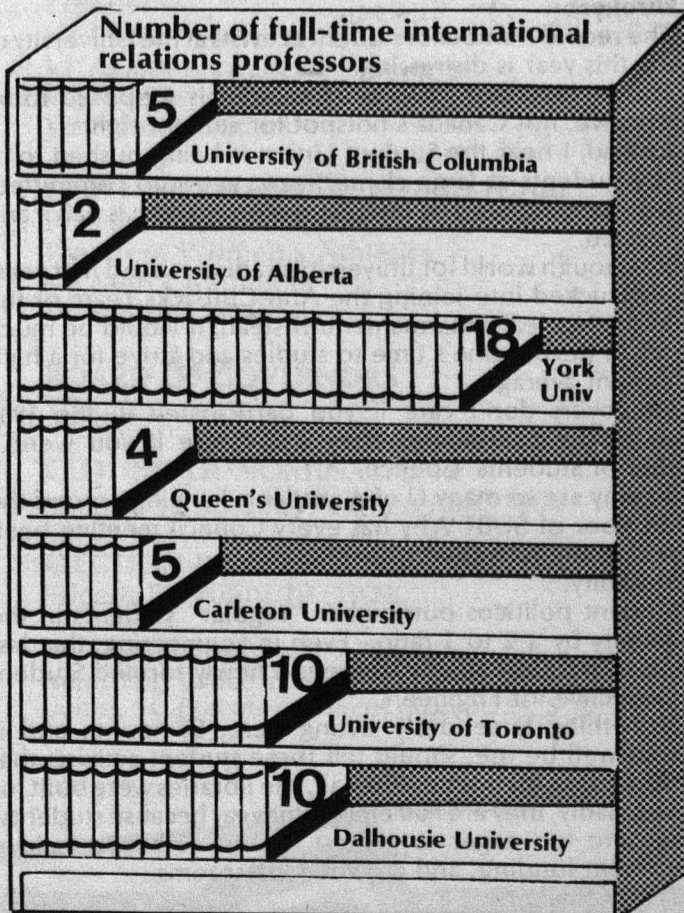
CFS chair Graham Dowdell says that CFS is sorry to lose a member but he is not really surprised. "There have been problems with Grande Prairie's membership status."

Dowdell says he was not aware that the fieldworker had moved that Grande Prairie take prospective membership, but he did know that there had been irregularities in the meeting where the college decided to join.

"There was inadequate notice for the general meeting," he says.

"They owe us some back fees from their membership in NUS," he added.

Despite the setback, Dowdell says CFS has no intention of ignoring Grande Prairie. "I don't think students at Grande Prairie are negative towards the idea of working with other students... we just want to establish some contacts - start the communicating process."



"Compared to other Canadian universities, the record of the U of A in international relations is little short of shameful," said Dr. Larry Pratt.