



photo Bill Ingles

The semi-annual bookstore lineup photo

Technocracy vacates HUB

by Neal Watson

Technocracy, Inc., tenants in HUB for seven years, finally vacated the mall on January 2nd after failing to reach an agreement with the University administration. According to Edmonton chapter treasurer Walt Fryers, Technocracy has run out of options.

The technocrats have exhausted every legal option and failed in an appeal bid to the Board of Governors.

The eviction of Technocracy is a result of the University Administration's policy not to lease space in HUB for purposes other than retail or services. The policy was adopted this summer.

Fryers acknowledges that Technocracy occupied prime retail space in the mall, but complained that the University was not willing to consider alternative proposals such as Technocracy paying extra rent.

When reached for a statement on Wednesday, Bookstore Manager J.C. Malone refused to comment on either the eviction of Technocracy or Fryer's charge that the university would not deal with his organization.

Fryer argued that despite

Technocracy's low retail returns, his organization has a place in the mall.

The university, with its "atmosphere of freedom" is an "appropriate place" for Technocracy, said Fryers.

The university has acted as a "conventional landlord, not as an educational institution," charged Fryers.

According to Fryers, the university's conduct in this matter is an indication that "George

Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* began on schedule."

Technocracy was originally served an eviction notice for the end of September, but Fryers refused to vacate. The University took Technocracy to court, and after two postponements, managed to get the tenant thrown out.

Technocracy's new offices are located at 8340-109 st.

No one has yet occupied the now vacant office at the North End of HUB Mall.

Planning groups named

University President Myer Horowitz and VP Academic George Baldwin have named four planning groups for the newly adopted long-range planning strategy.

Planning Group I deals with the University capabilities and capacities.

Headed by Dean of Education R.S. Patterson, this group will try to reach conclusions on topics such as:

- size of the University
- faculty service roles
- existing quotas
- overloads in Arts and Science

- first year instruction and curriculums
- the University's role, with respect to colleges

The second planning group is headed by Dean of Dentistry G.W. Thompson and deals with computing. Topics include:

- computer literacy
- administrative-library computing
- computer-assisted instruction
- resource needs

R.G. Glassford, Dean of Physical Education and Recreation heads the third group, which deals with graduate studies. Topics include:

- graduate student funding
- graduate student profile

Cutbacks hitting hard No new programs

by Mark Roppel

Due to lack of special government funding, the University may change its policy on funding new programs, effectively admitting that no new academic programs will be established in the near future.

"The University has finally realized that new programs are not going to be financed - we're going to be lucky to get money for the operating budget, let alone extra," says Students Union Vice-president Academic, Barb Donaldson.

The General Faculties Council Executive Committee decided Monday to place a proposal before the next GFC meeting on January 30 to abandon the present system for obtaining funds for new programs by applying to the provincial government for special funds.

"Accommodation of new initiatives has heretofore been based to a large degree on the availability of special government funding," says a memo from University Vice President George Baldwin.

"There are increasing indications that the special fund belongs to an earlier time... there is the need to address the changed funding circumstances - in effect, to find ways and means of making do with existing, and perhaps depleting resources."

The proposal which will go before GFC states "That new program initiatives continue to be encouraged, but that their

development and assessment no longer be in isolation from the claims on existing resources.

"That... the appropriate faculties be invited to reexamine their submission (s) to determine whether in the event of an attachment on their existing resources the proposal would indeed have a high priority, and if so, to consider whether new life could be breathed into the proposals at the local level, say, for example, via some kind of "tradeoff" with existing offerings..."

In other words, if a department or faculty wants to establish a new program, it will have to cut back on existing programs, or on professors. But ideas are still welcome.

In the past, when a faculty or department wished to establish a new program, they could tell the university administration and each year the administration would submit a list of proposed programs to the Provincial Government, ranked in order of priority.

The Provincial Government would then grant special funds to implement the programs.

Last year, funds were only approved for one new program, a Ph.D in Business.

A computing program was ranked first in priority in the list last year, but for some reason, the government financed the number two proposal instead.

The proposal before GFC would only be an interim step until the Strategic Planning Groups (see story page three) can come up with a long range plan.

"They call it strategic planning; I call it planning for cutbacks," says Barb Donaldson.

Donaldson says the proposal merely acknowledges that there will be no special funding this year, but she fears the new policy.

"By saying 'we've planned for no new programs,' they (the administration) have given (Advanced Education Minister) Johnston an excuse not to provide funds."

**\$262,500
a head**

Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister, and Secretary of State for External Affairs, recently announced that Canada has orally conveyed a diplomatic note to the ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

MacEachen asked for the amount of \$2,100,000 for damages arising out of the loss of life of eight Canadian citizens on the Korean Airlines 747 shot down on September 1, 1983, over the island of Sakhalin.

The Soviet ambassador stated that he had no authority to accept the text of the note. The Government of Canada takes the position that the amount of Canadian claim has now been formally communicated to the Soviet authorities and that it expects that the matter will be resolved by diplomatic negotiations.

The amount of the Canadian claim was arrived at after careful review of information submitted to the Department of External Affairs by next-of-kin of the victims. The figure is based on calculations by lawyers and actuaries in the light of both recent awards in fatal accident cases in Canada and principles of international law. The amount of the claim is quite separate from any recovery which next-of-kin may obtain in private legal suits against Korean Airlines.

University conserves

The U of A has saved approximately 13 million dollars since 1975 as a result of energy-saving measures.

Superintendent of Plant Operations Kevin Moodie outlined some of the programs in the 10.2 million dollar undertaking.

"Sixty percent or 28 of the buildings on campus have had their systems (air movement, water temperature, etc.) computerized," says Moodie. "It allows us to control temperatures more closely as well as regulating ventilation. Now the system compensates itself so there is less fluctuation."

Moodie expects the remaining 40 per cent of the buildings on campus to be hooked into the

computer system within the next few years. Moodie says another program was the replacement of many incandescent lights with fluorescent, which cost about one quarter as much. Many of the lights on campus now are also time regulated so they don't burn all the time.

The entrance to the Fine Arts Building is now lighted with high-pressure sodium bulbs which are much brighter as well as more cost efficient.

"We have improved the aesthetics as well," says Moodie.

The program has been expensive in the short-run but in the long term, Moodie expects to save even more money.

Newswriters Meeting.
Today at 3:30 in SUB 282

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