

Spring Session Ends, so do Extra Buses

On Sunday, April 28, Edmonton Transit will make the following adjustments to bus service in the University of Alberta area:

Frequencies Reduced:

Route 8 Bonnie Doon-University During peak hours in the morning, will run every 10 minutes. During afternoon peak hours, Route 8 will run every 15 minutes.

Route 39 Lessard-University During morning peak hours, Route 39 buses will operate every 15 minutes going to U of A, but every 30 minutes leaving campus. During afternoon peak hours, Route 39 buses will operate every 15 minutes leaving U of A, but every 30 minutes from Lessard to campus.

Route 139 West Jasper Place-University During peak hours, Route 139 service is reduced to operate every 30 minutes.

Extra Routes Cancelled Because passenger demand is substantially lower during the spring and summer, Edmonton Transit will cancel the following routes until September 1, 1985: **Routes 119, 136, 137, 152, and 169.** For all affected routes, alternate transit service is available:

Route 119 NAIT-University is cancelled; use Route 19 instead.

Route 136 Kaskitayo-University is cancelled; use Route 36 or 68 instead.

Route 137 Westmount-University is cancelled; use 37 instead.

Route 152 Capilano-Aspen Gardens is cancelled; use Routes 36, 51 or 52 instead.

Route 169 Lakewood-University is cancelled; use Routes 68 or 69 instead.

St. Albert Route U-1 is cancelled until September; use other routes to Downtown and transfer to Edmonton Transit routes to University.

Sherwood Park Route 404 is cancelled; use other routes to Bonnie Doon and transfer to Route 8 or 63 to the University.

Other Changes on April 28:

To assist Saturday shoppers, Route 10 will operate every 7-8 minutes mid-day Saturdays, from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Route 18 schedule westbound from Abbotsfield Transit Centre has been adjusted to make connections with Route 2 which will also have a minor schedule adjustment on Sundays and holidays.

For Northlands racing fans, extra trips on Route 1 will travel to the South Entrance weekdays and Saturdays at appropriate times of day.

Route 32 buses coming from the Garage in the afternoon will start service at 97 Street/102A Avenue westbound to better serve patrons boarding in the Downtown.

Discovery Ring Route 123 Effective May 19, Edmonton Transit resumes Sunday and holiday operation of **Route 123**, providing service from Government Centre to U of A and then across Whitemud Freeway to Fort Edmonton, then to 149 Street and Valley Zoo. Not only does **Route 123** add Sunday afternoon service to campus from Downtown, but it is our "Discovery Ring" for visitors to enjoy the tourist facilities along its route.

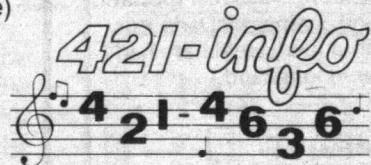
Summer Student Pak Post-secondary students are entitled to purchase a discounted package of 4 Edmonton Transit monthly passes sold as a **STUDENT PAK!** Enjoy unlimited travel in Edmonton from **May through August** for only \$115. Bank on the savings over cash fares. Remember the monthly passes in your **STUDENT PAK** are completely transferable, and the more you use them, the more you save!



Purchase your **STUDENT PAK** at any of these outlets:

- The Bookstore, SUB
- Campus Drugs, 8623 - 112 Street
- Customer Service Centre, Churchill LRT Station (below Sir Winston Churchill Square)

For route and schedule information, call Edmonton Transit's skilled information operators at **421-4636** any weekday between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.



Watch for Your Spring/Summer 1985 Transit Guide

Edmonton Transit's Spring and Summer 1985 Transit Guide will be available **free** before the end of April. It will show up-to-date routings of the city's 100 routes, and details of downtown changes in a new City Centre map. Watch for it—at SUB, Lister Hall or at any Edmonton Public Library.



Edmonton transit

Course guide

by Pat Sytnick

To help students choose their courses and instructors, the SU is considering publishing the results of student course evaluations.

The resulting course evaluations would allow students to see the opinions of previous students regarding a particular course or instructor.

The proposal for the guide is being assembled by Kerri Kamra, the SU Academic commissioner.

She said the guide isn't intended to pressure professors or start popularity contests among them, but will merely be another source of information for students when choosing courses.

Completed course evaluations are presently the confidential property of individual professors and their faculties. Before these evaluations can be published, professors or their faculty representatives must agree to let the SU use the evaluations.

Kamra has already sent a letter to all deans asking for permission to use the evaluations, but the response has not been favourable. Although she has not yet received all the replies, more deans have said no than yes.

In answering her request, S.R. Munro, professor and chairman of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature gave several reasons for not being in favour of publishing the evaluations.

He said such evaluations were meant to help professors improve their teaching and using them as Kamra proposed wouldn't improve teaching, but might encourage professors to be more concerned with their popularity rather than how course material should best be taught. According to Kamra, many of the deans she has contacted share these concerns.

Dr. A. Zelmer, Associate Vice-President Academic of the university thinks these are valid concerns.

"There is a danger in relying too much on student evaluations," said Zelmer, "because they can encourage popularity contests and they are extremely subjective. What is good teaching to one student may not be good to another

student."

Evaluations are affected by things like timing, Zelmer said. For example if a professor has just handed back assignments on which students did poorly, (this situation typically happens only in first year english classes) it might adversely affect his evaluation. Kamra agrees the concerns are well-founded, but said her proposal contains suggestions which attempt to deal with such problems.

For one thing, most evaluations contain a section where students rate their course on a five point scale and another section where they add written comments. Kamra said the SU would only publish the statistics showing how students rated the course and would not include the written comments. "This arrangement should help keep the guide more objective," Kamra said. She is inviting suggestions from professors on reducing subjectivity in the guide.

The idea of publishing students' evaluations isn't completely new to the U of A. In the 1960's the Students' Union published a guide similar to the current proposal. However the guide was discontinued after several years because of its expense and complaints about subjectivity.

Kamra thinks the updated guide can avoid these problems by learning from past mistakes.

For example, she proposes to omit students' written comments (unlike the 1960's guide) and thereby increase the guide's objectivity. The earlier guide became expensive because it attempted to provide copies for all students. The new effort will produce "only a limited number of guides — about thirty will be available," Kamra said.

Her plan would locate these guides in strategic locations around the university, such as the in-person registration areas and libraries.

Kamra is hoping her proposal for the guide will come before Student Council in the next few weeks. She would like to hear what students think about the guide and can be contacted in room 272 SUB or at 432-5068.

Charter conference

by Judy Au

Last October, a conference entitled "Charting Our Rights" was held at the U of A to explore how certain sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms dealing with equality affected the status of women. At that time, a resolution was passed to have a follow-up meeting with Alberta Attorney General, Neil Crawford, in April 1985, when Section 15, the "Equality Rights" clause, was to come into effect.

This meeting, which is open to all members of the public, will be held on Saturday, April 13, in the Edmonton Room of the Centennial Library. An information session will take place from 1:30 to 2:45 before the expected arrival of Crawford at 3:00. Coffee will be served.

The main purpose of the meeting is to give the public a chance to find out in what ways the provincial government has changed the statutes of Alberta to conform with the new charter. It will provide an opportunity for all people to see just how the charter affects them directly.

Section 15(1), which becomes law on April 17, states: "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex,

age or mental or physical disability.

Presently, Alberta is the only province that has a law preventing affirmative action; that is, a law against any programs which make it possible for "developing" groups to "catch-up" with those groups who have the main access to jobs. The meeting will give the public the chance to question Crawford about the future status and the government's stand regarding this law.

In addition to Crawford, other speakers at the meeting will include Ann McClellan, teacher of constitutional law at the U of A, and June Ross, an Edmonton lawyer substituting for-scheduled speaker, lawyer Halyna Freeland, who will be unable to attend the meeting.

For additional information, contact Susan Jackel at 432-5086 or the Women's Centre at 432-3093.

For Steve

After three days of collecting and counting, the Steve Fonyo Cancer Research Fund is approaching \$5000 in contributions from the staff and students of the U of A.

Phase two of the campaigning is now underway with fund collection at points of major campus traffic. These include SUB, CAB, HUB I (Humanities end), HUB II (Rutherford Overpass) Education Lounge (First Floor), Lister Hall lobby.