



Solar event

by Emma Sadgrove

On Friday, October 3 a partial eclipse of the sun will be visible from Edmonton. This will occur approximately from 11:13 a.m. to 1:09 p.m. Less than half of the sun will be blocked by the moon dur-

ing this time.

The Campus Observatory on the 7th floor of the Physics building will be open to view the sun with two telescopes. Weather permitting, it will be open from 11:00 to 1:15.

This event should only be viewed using #14 or darker welders' glasses, a pin-hole camera, or by projection.

NDP strikes back

by Alex Miller

Pam Barrett and Peter Holbein minced no words in their condemnation of Gainers owner Peter Pocklington and the government.

Barrett, New Democrat MLA and Holbein, a representative of the Canadian Food and Commercial Workers (CFCW) union, spoke at a labour law forum held last Thursday afternoon in SUB basement.

"There is nothing accidental about the way legislation has gone in the last decade," said Barrett.

Under current law the employer can have the old contract declared null and void after 25 hours of a walk-out or a lock-out.

The employer is then free to hire new workers. They are not required to rehire the old staff.

Barrett believes such laws are unfair — that they undermine the collective bargaining process intended to allow management and workers to bargain from an equitable position.

Barrett says the New Democrats have sponsored various bills that would render strikebreaking illegal.

"Our responsibility right now is to make sure that it remains a constitutional, recognized and upheld right for all employees to bargain collectively," Barrett said. "I wish I could say that I thought that the Tory government was respectable in this regard — but I can't."

While Garrett condemned the Tory government for their labour policies, Holbein complained Gainer's management was too ready to make use of the laws.

Gainers behaviour is an example, says Barrett, of the "legal strikebreaking that can go on, which immediately and instantly takes away the basic bargaining chip from any side . . . the economic incentive to be at a negotiat-

ing table."

According to Holbein Gainers workers agreed to roll back starting wages by almost five dollars per hour in 1984. They are on strike now for a 51¢ per hour raise.

"They want to get rid of unions — the Alberta Government and Peter Pocklington both have the same ideas," said Holbein, "If we lose this (strike) . . . every working person in Canada will be affected."

...in the planning stages

SUB Dome

by John Watson

The S.U. wants to dome the open court in the centre of the Students' Union building.

"It really is in the planning stages," said Barb Higgin, SU V.P. Internal. No final plans exist for the enclosure as yet, but it is intended to be common space.

It will not be more office space said Higgin. "It will be an open atrium — space for people to sit and eat their lunch."

The SU has heard a number of different price estimates ranging from \$750 thousand to \$3 million.

"We have no idea (how much it will cost)," said Higgin. "We've

heard a lot of prices from miniscule to ridiculous."

According to SU president Dave Oginski, the university administration agrees there is need for more common space in SUB and may help with the financing.

If the university builds the enclosure, then the SU can chip in a portion of the cost. Any amount the SU provides is matched by a provincial government grant.

Only preliminary work — decisions about exactly what is wanted — is currently being discussed.

The decision to proceed with the dome will not be made until at least January.

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- b) The second pizza 73 are going to cost you just 73 cents with purchase of one at the regular price?
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