

University placement office helping find jobs

by John Watson

The U of A has created a student placement service intended to help students find employment. The new office is going to work in conjunction with the Canada Employment Centre (CEC) on the fourth floor of SUB.

Negotiations between the director of the university office, Jennifer Yip Choy, and the manager of the CEC, Donna Beech, as to how the two organizations will work together are going on now.

The two offices plan to assist each other. "They want to complement our services," said Beech, "not duplicate them." Yip Choy agrees. "We are really going to consider ourselves one unit though we are funded by two separate bodies," she said.

Renovations are planned. Dean of Student Services Peter Miller is the force behind the new centre. "We hope, and we're confident, that within one year we'll be able to renovate and refurbish the fourth floor of the S.U.," he said.

According to Miller, the new office has a number of purposes and serves a number of functions the CEC cannot.

Primarily, the placement office will be able to market U of A grads in ways the CEC cannot.

The CEC, being a federal agency, cannot claim grads from one school are superior to another; they also cannot attempt to attract employers from other parts of the country to recruit on the U of A campus.

The placement office can and will visit employers all over the country, espousing the merits of the U of A and its graduates.

According to Yip Choy, the U of A, the third or fourth largest school in North America, has a lot to be

proud of. "You start thinking about it (the university's programs) and it blows your mind," she said.

Marketing will not be limited to Canada, though. Foreign students on campus and Canadian students who have considered working abroad have had little placement help through the CEC.

The CEC does not look for employers outside of Canada. The placement office plans to initiate a program to do just that.

According to Yip Choy, the new office will also offer resume writing and interview techniques. Both services are offered by the CEC, but currently the number of sessions are limited.

The university alumni has been supportive of the office as well. As Miller sees it, the office could act as a liaison between the university and its alumni from the time they graduate.

"They (the graduates) should

believe the institution itself has cared enough to prepare them for their careers." As Miller sees the operation, alumni would be able to return to the university years after graduation and make use of the placement office.

The office has about \$100,000 of funding for the first year. Thirty thousand dollars of that total was donated by the Students' Union. Because funds donated to the university are matched by the provin-

cial government, the SU donation actually amounted to \$60,000. Because of it, "We will be able to do some things we thought we would not be able to," said Miller.

"We are operational," said Yip Choy, but the placement office is still in the process of setting up — no one has been hired as yet.

"They (students) should go to the CEC, that is still where the jobs are posted," said Yip Choy.

LRT to cross the river, serve university

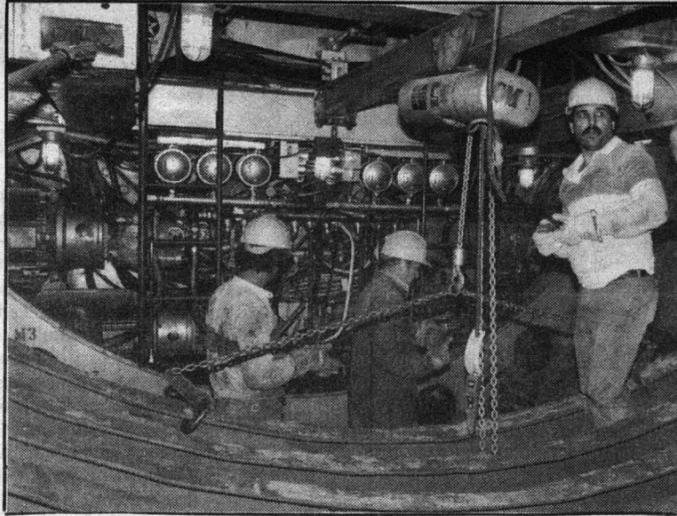


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by Glenn St-Germain

You can see it from the University campus, if there aren't any trees in the way. Below and to the left of the High Level Bridge, on the north bank of the river, is a large round hole. The LRT is coming.

Edmonton's Light Rail Transit is expected to reach the University of Alberta by 1992, said Hassan Shaheen, Senior Transportation Engineer with the City of Edmonton.

Presently, a tunnel is being bored northward. A new station, Grandin, will open in 1989 near the north end of the Bridge. From Grandin Station, the LRT line will

cross the river on a bridge to be constructed, then proceed to the University.

The University Station will be located on 89 Avenue, below the current bus terminal. A second station in the U of A area will be located by the University Hospital, near the Nurses' Residence.

From there the LRT will continue south along 114 Street. Whether it will be above ground or below ground is a controversial matter still to be decided.

In the meantime, over the next half-dozen years, we can watch the LRT come to campus.

ATTENTION GATEWAY STAFFERS

Just a reminder to attend the weekly staff meeting Thurs. Sept. 25, 1986

- On the agenda is:
- election for Entertainment Editor
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 - post mortem
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