



Houses along 87th Avenue, between 111th and 112th Streets were torn down in August and cleared before registration week. Trees and shrubs will be planted to spruce the area and provide a screen for adjacent parking lot. The houses were used as classrooms, which were moved into the new Humanities and Fine Arts buildings.

## North Garneau

### future topic of meet

A public meeting to discuss the future of North Garneau will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers in University Hall. The meeting was postponed until September because many students in North Garneau were out of during the summer.

Jim Tanner, president of the North Garneau Tenants Association, said he expects at least six submissions will be made to the Board of Governors building committee and the campus development committees.

"I think the meeting will be important in determining the board's policy in North Garneau," said William Neal, Vice-president, planning and development, who has prepared a report for detailed study by the committees.

Further demolition of old homes in North Garneau and creation of a community park is recommended in the report, released in June.

Copies of the report were mailed to community groups, the city, and members of the senate task on physical planning.

In a Gateway interview, Neal said reaction to the report from North Garneau residents has been vocal and he expects more at Thursday's meeting.

It also called for underground parking and recreation facilities, including soccer fields and tennis courts.

The report suggested a survey be made of North Garneau. Sub-standard housing would then be torn down and replaced by landscaping with an overall community park concept.

While he stressed the importance of preserving the character of North Garneau, Neal said some houses must be upgraded and better maintained.

Many of the buildings in the area have poor insulation and electrical wiring and no furnaces, he said.

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## No registration headaches for law, med students

For the first time freshmen students in Law and Medicine have been spared the hassle of registration week through advance registration.

The 297 first-year students were sent course material and registration forms at the end of June and by Aug. 15, most had registered. They had until today to turn in their forms or they won't be accepted into either faculty.

The implementation of advance registration in these faculties is another step towards total advance registration, which is scheduled for next fall.

The initial step came last year, when both faculties instituted the system for all but their freshmen students. So far, there haven't been too many complaints, said Sandy Darling, assistant registrar.

The registrar's office is handling advance registration for all Law students and first-year Med students. Medicine registers its own students.

Second and third-year students in Law were mailed course information in mid-August. In special cases registration forms will be accepted after today.

"We've been trying out some of the ideas we're going to use for advance registration rather than having to implement them all at once," said Darling.

Advance registration has several advantages, he says. One is that faculties will know before September what student enrollments will be in each

course and can assign teachers accordingly.

Darling noted that the English department had to reassign teachers only a week before classes began last September because of unexpected shortages of students in some courses and surpluses in others.

These last-minute changes in teaching assignments would be eliminated by the new system.

Another advantage of advance registration is the elimination of much of the routine of the present system, hard on both patience and shoe leather.

Instead of having to walk between buildings to sign for classes, Darling said, a trip to the mail box would be required.

Advance registration has been desirable for several reasons, said E.W.S. Kane, assistant dean of Law.

Law students must take required courses, which complicates the registration procedure, said Mr. Kane.

"I wish we could mail information by the end of April, but we're understaffed and couldn't nail down teaching assignments until June."

However, one problem that surfaced last year, noted Kane, was that students who have changed addresses might not receive course material.

"But generally, students knew the forms were coming, so they were looking for it."

An increase in course changes appears to be another drawback. This has been the consensus of Canadian university registrars, said Darling.

Students have more time to change their minds, he explained.

Advanced registration is an anomaly for those who want a change in the present system because it is impersonal.

However, this may be one case of 'dehumanization' some of us would gladly accept, he says.

Instead of encountering several counsellors and teachers during registration, under advance registration you might meet a postman on the way to the mail box.

"The thing that lacks personal contact in the present system is in counselling students on what courses they can take."

"And with advance registration, students could talk to counsellors during spring and summer."

It will cost \$70,000 to implement and another \$20,000 to maintain advance registration at the U of A.

Other universities comparable in size to the U of A with some of advance registration include Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Waterloo, Western Ontario, McGill and Sir George Williams.

## 'Old' look for new Gateway

soul to keep our spirits from flagging when the composing equipment breaks down at 3 am with half the copy still to come out, and someone with lead feet to pull the rest of us back down to earth every so often.

The Gateway offices are, of course, as modern as next Wednesday. The editor-in-chief, veritable picture of charity that she is, provides the staff with chewed up pencils and yellowed newsprint for notetaking, and with several typewriters, none of which work, and all of which should have been donated to the Provincial Museum and Archives several years ago. The office fairly wallows in tradition.

Occasionally we do find time to relax. The coffee is free and hot (when the percolator is working), and the company is good. If this sounds like the kind of life you were meant to lead, come and see us.

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