



Who needs the mathematics, and the physics, all you have to be is creative. Editor Greg Neiman explains how we intend to build a Planetary Soft Lander which will be dropped seven storeys in the Engineering Building March 23 and 24, as part of the Mech E 360 term project contest. Engineering students, do it for marks, we do it to prove its easy. Entries will be marked on weight, speed of descent, slightness of deceleration, slight impact on touchdown, and cost. We do have a ringer, though. Kimball Dey, an engineering student, will help on some of the unimportant technical details. But one really doesn't need to be an engineer to solve engineering problems, does one? Photo Greg Hoosier.

News comment

More of a crisis for single parents

by Kevin Gillese

The housing situation in Edmonton is not situation - it's a dilemma. And it's a desperate dilemma if you're a single parent.

Last month Edmonton Housing Authority had a waiting list of one thousand families; 620 of those were single parents. Canative Housing reported 1,197 single parents and children on their waiting lists.

It came as a shock, then, when the city recently handed down the decision to tear down the old YWCA and it is no surprise whatsoever that various community groups have come out in vocal opposition of the move.

NOT deductible

Income tax time is here again and there are a number of students phoning the SU general office wondering why they are not issued deduction slips for their \$34 in annual union dues.

The reason is quite simple: because students' union dues are not deductible.

In 1974, the National Union of Students (NUS) recommended that the Income Tax Act be amended to allow the deduction of SU dues and text books. John Turner, the minister of finance at that time, replied that "these were the types of expenses inherent in university attendance which were meant to be covered by the \$50 per month deduction allowance granted to post-secondary students."

When NUS then asked for the \$50 allowance to be adjusted upwards to reflect inflationary trends, Turner replied that the allowance was not an "indexing" item and therefore would not be so adjusted.

A Housing For Single Parents Committee has been struck, with various members of local social, community and housing services sitting on it. Committee chairperson Myken Duggan says that the committee has urgently asked the city to use the old YWCA as "a transition place for single parents who need immediate housing on a larger term basis than just one night to three weeks."

"Some people seem to think that we're only doing this in response to unwed mothers," she said, "but of course this is not true. We see a housing problem and see at least a partial solution to that problem in the use of the old Y as a temporary place of transition."

The Committee will have another meeting tonight (March 9th) at 7:30 p.m. in the YWCA and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Hurtig visits U

Local publisher and outspoken Canadian nationalist Mel Hurtig will be speaking on campus in Tory Lecture B1 tomorrow (Wednesday, March 10th) at 8:00 p.m.



His lecture is open to the public and will be on the subject, "The Defeat of Canadian Nationalism." It is sponsored by the Canadian Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts.

Hurtig was born and raised in Edmonton. In 1956 he opened a small bookstore which grew into one of the largest retail book operations in Canada. He sold his three bookstores in 1972 in order to concentrate his business activity on publishing Canadian books.

During the past five years, Hurtig has frequently spoken in all ten provinces on the future of Canada and Canadian natural resources. He is one of the founding members of the Committee for an Independent Canada and is past National Chairman of that organization. In 1975 he helped found a national public interest group, the Public Petroleum Association of Canada.

The Canadian Studies Committee urges students to attend the lecture. Professor G. Dacks, of the department of political science, says that Hurtig's remarks "promise to be a major statement ... from this leader of Canadian nationalism."

Provincial standards for credit transfer set

by Greg Neiman

Students who intend to transfer from colleges in Alberta to universities in Alberta will now find it easier to obtain credit for college courses in the universities.

Following a proposal from the Committee on Admissions and Transfer of the provincial education department, transfer credits between the province's post secondary institutions will become more standardized.

The Board of Governors received the committee's brief with comments from the articulation committee of General Faculties Council (GFC) at its meeting Friday.

In an interview on the subject, Dr. Willard Allen, associate vp (academic) said a booklet, outlining specific courses' credit transfer status will be printed, hopefully by June.

College courses that have applications to university programs throughout the province will be listed, detailing the amount of credit that can be given in the university for them, should the student wish to transfer.

"It's the result of about one and a half year's blood, sweat, and argument," said Dr. Allen, a member of the transfer committee.

Historically, college students have had difficulty getting credit for their college courses when they transfer to a

university. At present, courses given credit at one university may not be given the same credit at another, even though the programs and requirements are roughly the same.

The recommendations of the committee will see the universities negotiating with the colleges, aiming toward agreement on what college courses can be given credit toward which degrees.

Mount Royal College and the University of Calgary have had such agreements in the past, and the provincial booklet will be modelled on a course guide they have been using.

Credit will only be given toward degrees where the courses fit the program, though, said Allen. Students who take arts courses which would give credit in an arts program could not get credit if they would be applied to arts courses in an engineering program.

The proposal does not apply to credit given in transfer cases where marginal passes apply. In these cases, it is still up to the institutions themselves, as each institution sets its own standards for admission.

Response to the proposal has been positive, said Allen, although most institutions have advocated word changes for clarity.

The proposal to be effective here has yet to be adopted by GFC.

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