

Students fast for freedom

by Bruce Cook

A day of fasting and prayer was held Wednesday in SUB's Meditation room. The day was coincident with, and in support of, the United Nation's Day of solidarity with Political Prisoners in South Africa. The event, sponsored by the U of A Chaplain's Association, supported not only South Africa, but all countries in southern Africa which are embroiled in political and military strife.

This included the buffer-state of Namibia, sandwiched between the battles of Angola and South Africa.

The day of fasting and prayer also maintained the spirit of a worldwide church campaign titled "Standing for the Truth." This campaign believes Apartheid is a heresy and a sin, and that it means poverty, unjust incarceration, forced removal, torture, and slaughter to the South African oppressed.

The campaign's stated purpose is to put pressure on the South African regime to abandon apartheid and participate in a negotiated settlement. South African churches have already boycotted race-based municipal elections.

The South African government has hindered or shackled 55 popular leaders and 32 democratic organizations since 1988. In its Biblical tradition, the church has stepped in and sided with the poor and the oppressed, and churches worldwide are asked to take personally the wrongs committed against the South African people.

In Canada, one of the missions of the church is to deliver the message to the government that Canadians will not put up with the situation in South Africa. During Wednesday's fasting and prayer, letters made out to Joe Clark, External Affairs Minister, were supplied for participants

to sign, expressing the wish for comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa.

Reverend David-Lee Thompson, of the U of A Chaplains' Association, stated "Canada has imposed some sanctions but they weren't comprehensive enough. Even the South African citizens, who stand to lose the most of anyone economically, want comprehensive sanctions brought against their own government".

The "Standing For The Truth" campaign takes action in Ottawa on Saturday, October 14, with a day of solidarity with the South African oppressed, taking the form of a march to Parliament Hill, a rally, and an ecumenical Christian service. Reverend Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, and church leaders from across Canada will spearhead the day.

Chrome and commercialism in HUB

by Colleen McKenna

After all the construction last year, the burning question is - What is HUB International like a year later? Now that most of the major construction is done, the new look is on display for students.

So, what do the students think?

Most of the students in HUB were delighted with the new brighter, cleaner look.

"It's the same but with chrome," said Jody Korchinski, a fourth year arts student.

But an almost equal amount of

students were found to have mixed feelings favoring the new comfortable lounge areas but disliking the layout as commercialism of the mall.

Only a small minority opposed the changes.

"It's a commercial pariah," said Antony Enache, a fourth year business student.

Margaret Schneider, operations manager for HUB said, of the new look, "we're hoping to offer students a comfortable area to do complete shopping."

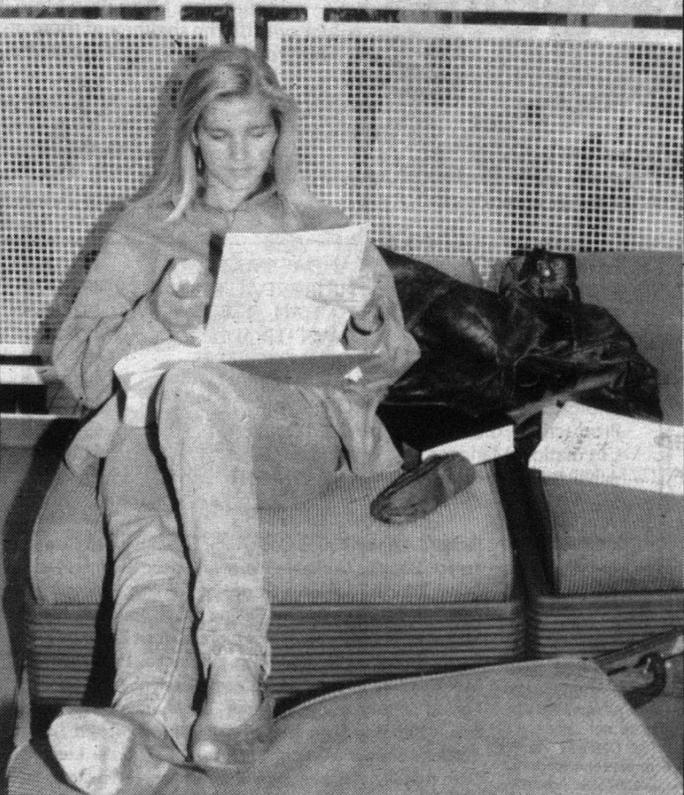
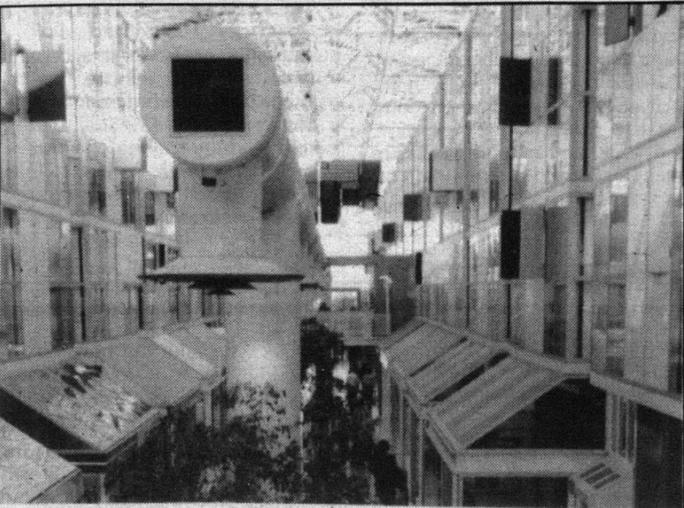
According to Schneider, this shopping is going on as tenants are reporting that their sales are up.

Schneider also said that the construction on the fourth bridge for the lounge in the old S.U. Records space has three weeks to go. So, in total, HUB will contain four upstairs lounges with one being reserved for smoking.

The other site under construction near the library, beside Hot Razor, Schneider confirmed, is the installment of two new bank machines from the Bank of Montreal to serve students.

No specific deals have been made Schneider said, but pointed out that HUB is looking for fashion retailers, specifically a sports apparel store. Also, a new used book store is hoped to be included within two months. Schneider noted the only confirmed move was of HUB Photo to a bigger store beside Alma Matter.

Schneider also mentioned a contest to be coming up soon for students to find creative names for the bridges to the lounges.



Ron Sears

Jodi Querengesser, a fourth-year science student relaxes in one of the new HUB lounges.

Installation week a big party

by Ben Kosman

The installation of the university's new president has been turned into a week long celebration.

This is a first, pointed out Public Affairs Director Meg Clarke. "No university has ever had a week long series of events," she said, adding the activities organized have tried to touch all areas of the University.

The purpose of the week, said Clarke, is to raise institutional pride on campus among students and staff, as well as promoting the University as part of the community. Anyone can attend most of the week's events.

The week's activities started Tuesday and run until "Super" Saturday. They included an art display and poetry reading by the Native Students association on Wednesday. The installation of Dr. Davenport was also Wednesday night.

There will also be a number of

speeches and presentations during the rest of the week, an open house at the Faculty of Extension, and a Bears' basketball game.

On Friday there will be a chili lunch served in Dinwoodie. For \$3.50, anyone can be served up a bowl of chili and more by President Davenport.

Also on Friday is a panel on teaching effectiveness. "We would really like student participation in this," said Clarke. Items discussed will include alternatives to the lecture format.

"Super" Saturday is the big day of events, said Clarke. All day there will be presentations, or "mini-courses", by different professors. "It's a chance for people to learn a little bit about something they're interested in," said Clarke.

The week will end with a performance of "Qui est le pere" at the Theatre Francaise at the Faculte St-Jean.

Rules will allow students to vote

by Leah-Ann Lymer

If you live in Edmonton only during the school months but are a resident of Alberta, you may be eligible to vote in Edmonton's municipal and senatorial election on Monday, October 16.

According to the Chief Electoral Officer, Patrick Ledgerwood, if you are a Canadian citizen, are 18 years of age or older, and have resided in Alberta for six consecutive months immediately preceding October 16, you are eligible to vote.

To do so, report to the polling station in the voting subdivision or ward in which you reside on election day.

There, you must fill out a form declaring your citizenship and residency, and whether you are a public or separate school supporter. Once signed, this declaration is the equivalent of swearing an oath. The election officer will issue you a ballot when you have signed the declaration.

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