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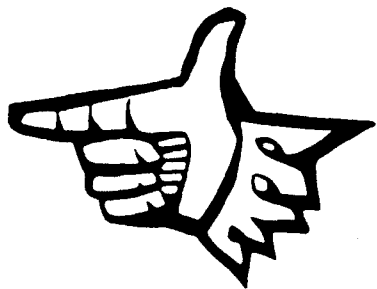
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Other institutions given special consideration include low-income housing and senior citizens' homes.

Another way to deflate the deficit would be to attract convention delegates to stay in HUB during the summer, when the occupancy rate is down to about 60 per cent.

Ness hasn't ruled out the possibility of increasing rent in HUB.

"Our purpose was to build low-cost apartment units for students, but we're not ruling out the possibility of looking seriously at increasing rents," said Ness.

Financial woes lie with the reluctance of retail businesses to locate in the innovative housing complex, the only commercial venture of its kind on any Canadian campus.

Commercial rent amounts to \$34,000, far below the projected revenue of \$150,000. At present, only 52 per cent of total commercial space is occupied.

"Retailers seem to be watching the businesses in here," explains Fulton Frederickson, HUB manager. "Also, many retailers feel this is a radical

### This conference will put you to sleep

Various topics in Anaesthesia will be discussed at a refresher course in anaesthesia being held at the University of Alberta beginning Wednesday.

The course, for medical doctors, is being jointly sponsored by the department of anaesthesia and the division of continuing medical education of the university's Faculty of Medicine, along with the committee on education on the Alberta Medical Association.

On Thursday and Friday, the morning sessions will be held in the operating rooms of various city hospitals.

Among other topics, new drugs, cardio-vascular changes during anaesthesia, and anaesthesia for the dental patient will be discussed.

approach to have retailing on a campus."

Frederickson, who has developed several shopping centres in Eastern Canada, says retailers are reluctant to start new businesses anywhere in the city.

In fact, some retailers, particularly in the clothing industry, are cutting back.

Compared to other shopping malls, HUB is not doing too bad, Frederickson insists.

McCauley Plaza, for example, which runs under Jasper Avenue, hasn't achieved full occupancy in its four years of operation.

The shops rent on a sliding scale, determined by the portion of commercial space occupied. Once that figure reaches 80 per cent, shops will be assessed full rent.

Negotiations are under way to lure new shops into HUB. Ness reports that three shops small shops, including a hobby shop and cafeteria, and a large importers' store, may locate along the 920-foot mall in 1974.

"We're at the point where things could break quickly," says Ness. "Once commercial space is filled, from there on in, we'll be having no trouble."

Frederickson maintains that rent charged shops in some shopping centres is double the most expensive rent charged in HUB. In smaller shopping complexes, rent is slightly lower than in HUB.

He says the future is bright for retailers in HUB, with several connections to Tory, Arts, CAB and other campus buildings

planned.

"If the buildings are connected, it would increase the traffic and the shops would get more exposure," he said. "Some day this will truly be the HUB of the university."

Other efforts are being made to bring more potential customers into the complex. Already, HUB is opening up to such activities as flea markets and dances.

"HUB is open to anyone who wants to play a musical instrument," provided he has permission," says Frederickson.

## Friday's food day at RATT

U of A students will now be able to have RATTburgers with their beer on Friday nights at Room At The Top.

Vice-President Services Randy McDonald says they'll see how response to this move is before expanding food sales to six days a week.

If sales are brisk enough for the operation to break-even, McDonald plans to sell hot dogs, soup, and the other snack bar staples.

The kitchen will be staffed by U of A students.

McDonald plans to buy a few more records, adding to RATT's present selection heard on weekends.

Also, SU will be bringing in some 'name' entertainers to RATT, once the SU budget deficit is straightened out.

## Pot unsuited for surgery

(ENS) - Some of the most intensive research yet into the effects of massive doses of THC-the active ingredient in marijuana-has determined that it is unsuited for use as a surgical anaesthesia.

University of Pennsylvania anesthesiologist Dr. Robert Johnstone injected eleven human subjects with doses of THC that equalled 200 marijuana cigarettes. These are the largest doses ever recorded in medical studies involving human patients.

Dr. Johnstone found that

the drug did not achieve anaesthesia or loss of feeling. In fact, it caused a dangerous increase in the subjects' pulse rate, and was not able to be counteracted by any other drug. Two of the research subjects-one of them a doctor-dropped out of the experiments after having a bad experience on the massive doses of THC.

Dr. Frank Murphy, who withdrew after the experience, said he suffered extreme anxiety. "Nameless terror," he said, "is a good enough name for it."

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