

"The weather outside is frightful/But the fire is so delightful..."

# The Gateway

"And since we've no place to go/Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow."  
— Bing Crosby or somebody

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**Alaska be damned.** This photo of 89 avenue at 2 pm Monday is a grim reminder of the storm conditions that prevailed this week, closing campus and leaving students stranded.

The skier in the corner experienced much difficulty even with skis. Soon after the photo was taken, he fell down, took off his skis, and walked the rest of the way.

## Ooks, Bears raise cash for McDonald House

by Michelle Lazorko

"When my three year old son was diagnosed as having cancer two years ago, I was shocked, but now, it's not so much the cancer, it's the treatment."

Matthew is undergoing painful chemotherapy treatment.

Mrs. Valerie Durda and her five year old son Matthew stay at the Ronald McDonald House (here in Edmonton), a temporary residential facility that serves as a home away from home for the parents and families of children being treated for a serious illness.

They fly down from Grande Prairie, leaving at home Mr. Durda and eight year old daughter Megan.

The Ronald McDonald House will be the beneficiary in Tuesday's hockey game between the U of A Golden Bears and the NAIT Ooks. Fifty cents from each ticket goes to the Ronald

McDonald House. The game begins at 7:00 pm with an expected attendance of ten thousand people.

Al Hollett, operations manager for McDonald's marketing says in the past several years approximately \$7,000 per game has been raised. This year they hope to raise as much.

Sharon Hill, Corporate Communications Division Manager, said the money raised goes into the overall operating fund for the Ronald McDonald House, which totals over \$120,000 per year.

Ronald McDonald House has three floors, with private bedrooms for the families, a common kitchen, (they must purchase food), a sitting room, and a video games room to make the visit as comfortable as any home. There are a lot of donations, one of those being Palm dairies, who supply milk for the visitors.

Durda said she enjoys the Ronald McDonald House.

They've used it for a year, and still have another year to go since Matthew's treatment is two years long. "It's a fantastic place," she said.

Matthew attends kindergarten for the other three weeks in Grande Prairie and really enjoys it. His mother keeps herself busy reading and trying to remain positive.

"You have to have a positive outlook and attitude, you can't be moping around, there's people worse off than Matthew," she said adding, "People don't say anything because they don't know what to say. That really hurts, it would be better to say anything. It's been hard being away from my husband so much, but even harder on my daughter Megan; we forget that she needs attention too."

All the patients' mothers trade phone numbers, developing a support system.

"There are all these things we can't do anymore, it's a big adjustment. We used to go swimming every week, as a family, but Matthew has a main line catheter now in his chest so we can't do that anymore. It's really a big adjustment."

## Award for extra Activities

by Winston Pei

The Students' Union will be introducing a new set of undergraduate scholarships this February, for which extra-curricular activities are the primary criterion.

SU has set up an endowment fund for areas not covered by scholarship awards currently available, all of which are primarily academic, according to vp academic Charles Vethan.

At this time, award specifics are still in the planning stage, but categories under study include outstanding contributions to volunteer organizations or athletics, mature and foreign students who participate out of class and outstanding undergraduate professors. To further assure that deserving students are recognised, a certain number of these awards are also to be given out by nomination.

The Academic Affairs Board has been placed in charge of the selection process and is working on setting guidelines for the award. But, volunteer work will be the

primary thrust of the fund.

"I would like that to be the biggest category by far," said Vethan.

He adds that he does not want the fund and scholarships perceived as one designed solely for "hack politicians," but instead

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