

Peter Chen displays a letter he wrote to Nancy Betkowski.

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dents. "The thing that bothers me," said Dwayne Barber, Graduate Students' Association president, "is the fact this procedure appears to have come from the government without any consultation even within their own administration, i.e. Advanced Education, and there appears to be no consultation with anybody on this campus. We're talking about students who pay taxes to this country where these students have no vote."

The Grad Students' Association, The International Centre, and the Students' Union are trying to arrange a meeting with the new Health Minister Nancy Betkowski but, according to Barber, they were told she is tied up for three months. The campus groups were then asked if they wanted to go on a waiting list.

Dave Tupper, SU vp external, has met with Liberal and NDP education critics to "see what they can do from their end and exert some pressure." Tupper said the two opposition parties were interested in raising the issue in question period during the next legislature sitting in November.

## Students shocked

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ing to Allen, "the amount asked for by Immigration is below this guideline. What's happening, particularly for married students, is a sudden \$430 plus charge without warning."

Bruce Caldwell, Coordinator of Services at the HUB International Centre, concurred with Allen's concern, adding, "our biggest concern is this is going to go unchallenged. Are we going to wait two years to find out more students will not be provided health care under any circumstances?"

Peter Chen, vp external of The Friendship Association Of Students From China, explained if a foreign student's taxable income "was not over net \$5,000, we got the subsidy. Now, they changed the policy and did not give us notice. The never sent a letter to any student. I found out myself by phoning the Health Care office after receiving a bill. I feel it's inconsiderate and unreasonable."

University president Myer Horowitz echoed that sentiment. "My general reaction is one of horror and annoyance," he said. "When the Government of Canada de-

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cides students can come here, the government should take responsibility for them. They have enough difficulties with the extra fees they have to pay. A more honest approach would be to not have international students."

Although seemingly a small issue, Brian Evans, University vp academic, sees it in a larger context. "It's one of those things that makes it very difficult for us to maintain our reputation as an institution very much interested in international education." Evans has written to the Minister of Health expressing his concern, but has not yet received a response.

Foreign graduate students at the U of A are affected by the policy change as well. Of the approximately 2,200 full-time grad students on campus, 27 percent are the international stu-

# \$11 million renovation

by Jon Romalo

Corbett Hall will undergo extensive renovations, with an estimated price tag of almost 11 million dollars.

The building, opened in 1929 and originally intended to be a public school, has "no major problems," according to Eric Neilsen of the University's Planning and Development Department. Neilsen added, however, the renovation work will make the building space "more useful for everyone" who uses it.

Upgrading of the building's mechanical systems will bring such things as heating, air and wiring in line with modern building codes," said Dr. Peter Tait, Executive Assistant to the University's vp administration. "There are many functional requirements of today's building space that did not exist when the building opened in 1929," said Tait, "such as the special atmospheric needs and complex wiring of computers."

The philosophy of the University administration regarding older buildings such as Corbett Hall is "a desire to restore the outside appearance of the building to its original quality," and to obtain "maximum efficiency and comfort" on the inside.

The projected cost of the work is \$10.7 million, for which the provincial government has already earmarked \$3.7 million in formula grants for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

The money is part of the \$43 million in Capital Construction projects funding that the U of A received this year. According to Tait, the total cost will be spread over two or three years of provincial government funding.

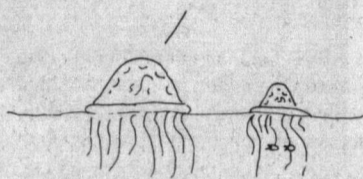
The occupants of the renovated Corbett Hall will be the faculty of rehabilitation medicine and part of the drama department, both of whom currently share the building with the faculty of extension.

Although a permanent home

for extension is yet to be found, the faculty is currently negotiating with Planning and Development to find a temporary location while the work is done. According to the faculty's Administration Officer Robert Smyth, Subway, Campus Towers, and the Garneau trailers (east of the Law building) are among the locations under consideration.

Michael Schilling of Planning and Development said work is expected to begin in the late summer or early fall of 1989 and is expected to be completed between December 1990 and April 1991.

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