

Ed students told don't worry

Education students have become progressively more concerned with the possible implications of the current dispute between the ATA and the provincial government.

The dispute arose when the new extended practicum came into effect for student teachers. The ATA feels that, since teachers are required to work longer hours to accommodate the students, they should receive extra pay.

The Department of Education has not, as yet, agreed to these demands and there is a possibility that ATA members will boycott student teachers from entering their classrooms.

Although a representative

of the ATA stated that the organization at no time had considered disallowing student teachers in their members' classes. *The Gateway* has received a copy of a letter dated September 9 from the executive of the Edmonton Separate School Local of the ATA, addressed to its teacher members.

In this letter the local says "it cannot be emphasized too strongly that the Executive's position is that teachers do not take any student teachers under any program until an acceptable arrangement has been concluded..."

The letter also related that officials from a number of locals

in the Edmonton area had met May 27 and agreed that if "adequate funding for practicum instruction time is unavailable by September 3, 1975, local(s) support for teacher participation will be withdrawn."

To allay the fears of student

teachers enrolled in the practicum program, Dr. A. MacKay, Chairman of the Department of Elementary Education, released a letter yesterday.

The letter assured students that there was nothing to worry about and that if necessary the faculty has emergency plans

that it could implement.

The possibilities include delaying the placement in schools during the first term or delaying Education Practicum courses until the second term.

The letter also promises to protect the interests of Education students.

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No housing solutions at forum

By Tom Baker

"Housing is an essential commodity, a public service that is desperately inadequate. Housing cannot be used as a

regulator of the economy - increasing mortgage rates, decreasing availability of loans, and raising the price of building materials when the economy

must be slowed down due to inflation; but doing the reverse when the economy needs a boost. These policies of the Liberal federal government and Lougheed's Conservative provincial government are immoral and must be rejected."

These were the words of the new vice-president of the federal New Democratic Party, Gordon Wright, yesterday afternoon at the campus NDP club-sponsored forum, "The Housing Crisis." Wright was joined on the panel by City Alderman David Leadbeater and Student Union representative, Terry Sharon.

All three speakers dealt at length with the extent of the present crisis - the non-existent vacancy rate, the precipitous decline in housing starts, and the soaring rents and house prices. As well as these problems the panel pointed out the rapid deterioration in housing standards, the "condominiumization" of apartment buildings and the practical non-existence of public housing.

Sharon, the SU rep, focused the discussion on housing as it directly relates to U of A students. He pointed out that, given the low fixed incomes of students and the rent hikes along with the absolute lack of decent housing, students this fall here and across Canada are facing one of the toughest

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Cutbacks at Capilano

VANCOUVER (CUP) - More than 1,000 students will be turned away from Vancouver Capilano College because of course section cutbacks, says college president Peter Spratt.

According to Spratt the estimate is a "safe one" as 53 sections have been cut from the college's course offering of last year.

The cuts came in response to what Spratt calls "a budget that did not adequately reflect inflationary pressures."

Although the B.C. education department was generous with its capital expenditures budget, allowing for construction, they granted only a 23 per cent increase in the operating budget of the schools, he said.

As maintenance costs of the newly constructed buildings must be taken from the operating budget, the college has been forced to make cutbacks in various areas to stay out of financial trouble.

"This is not a policy decision. It is a decision that was forced on us," Spratt said.

Originally, the number of sections expected to be cut was 98, but by slashing costs in other areas, the number has been reduced.

Student/teacher ratios in some classes will be going up to 32 students per teacher, the maximum allowed by the faculty contract.

"The most severe problem facing the institution is the students we won't be able to serve at all, that won't be able to get in," he said.

U of C to use own lecture talents

CALGARY (CUP) - The Students' Union at the University of Calgary is checking the feasibility of an internal lecture series featuring professors on campus.

"The talents are here," said Student Union president Dave Wolf explaining how expensive it was to import guest speakers from outside the campus which



The Board Building Committee toured Conn Hall yesterday. A general facelift has been in order for years. Photo by Brent Hallett.

Jocks want it all

CALGARY (CUP) - Battles have raged over the division of the campus athletics dollar, but none more heated than the one going on now at the University of Calgary.

The University Athletics Board (UAB) had for the past two years been the main combatant in the fight for the student dollar. Last year, as a result of student pressure UAB was abolished.

The prime contention during the UAB debates was "Why should 10,000 students pay 270 people to become elitist athletes?" The final decision was that the money should be used to pay for the use of facilities by all.

So, on the demise of the UAB, two athletic bodies were formed to share athletic funds; one for intramural activity and

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have had poor attendances.

He cited that last year Madalyn Murray O'Hair cost \$1500 and drew only 350 people, while the "Sex Week" packed them in.

"This speaks poorly for the university," he said.

Wolf said he was thinking of "Oxford-style debates at lunch-hour" to encourage extra-

curricular participation.

"There are people on campus who can deliver academic material in an interesting manner and stimulate people," he said.

By using local people, more money could be spent on promotion, said Wolf, and greater participation could be expected.

U of A enrolment increased to 24,000

For all those students, particularly those in Education, who registered in person and wondered why all their classes were already full, here are the answers.

Preliminary figures from the registrar's office indicate that the U of A has reached a record enrolment of 20,280 full time students. This is up from last year's figures of 19,448.

As well there are 3,508 part time students registered so far.

The largest increase was in the Faculty of Education, where enrolment increased from 3,728 last year to the preliminary figure of 4,120 this year; an increase of 392 students.

The Engineering Faculty gained 225 students for a

current total of 1,526, the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce is up 90 to a total of 1,875 students and there are 76 more students in agriculture and forestry than there were last year, which brings their total to 860 students.

Only two sectors of campus had decreased enrolments. The School of Library Science dropped from 58 students last year to only 44 this year and household economics students dropped to 352 from last year's 405 enrolments.

The enrolment figures for other faculties have remained about the same as last year.

Official figures for all faculties will be released by the first of December.