

No immediate plans to lower thermostats, says physical plant

by Greg Neiman

If you've been feeling cold on campus lately, it isn't because the thermostats have been turned down. In fact, it's probably due to the warm weather we've been having these last few days.

Ron E. Phillips, Director of the Physical plant says that no plans have been made in his department to lower thermostats.

Phillips said that the heating coils that are used to heat the university work best when the weather is cold, and they are being used close to capacity. When it warms up outside, and the coils are not used as heavily, problems with the coils begin to arise.

Appeals of promotions, salaries up

Appeals of decisions on promotion and salaries at the University of Alberta have increased three-fold, an executive meeting of general faculties council was told Monday.

James Haddow, chairman of the appeals' committee thinks that this trend will continue as staff members, like students, are becoming more aware of their rights.

"Maybe, people are not as willing to accept decisions made by chairmen or faculty salary and promotion committees," Haddow said later in a telephone interview.

Another reason for the increase is the common problem of salaries not keeping pace with the standard of living.

He stressed that these were his own opinions and not those of the salaries and promotion committee.

A majority of the appeals come when staff are awarded less than the normal increment given to them each year, he said.

He declined to reveal the number of appeals, but noted "If you had to process all appeals, like I do, and sit on a committee to give fair hearing to appeals, it's a large number."

The present committee is composed of deans, department heads and faculty heads, plus members of the administration and students.

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"It's risky, we believe at this time," said Phillips, "especially if something should dangerously go wrong with the coils, it could cost the university a bundle."

A committee has been set up to observe the university's fuel consumption rate, and to suggest methods by which fuel consumption may be decreased. Steps taken by the university so far include: the lowering of lights on parking lots, turning off of floodlights in different buildings. Signs have also been put up near light switches reminding people to turn them off.

The SUB Flame was not turned off as a result of the impending energy crisis, but due to a malfunction of the nozzle.

This is expected to be repaired soon.

"We get howls right now..." from people (mostly women) who feel that thermostats have been turned down when really something has simply gone wrong with the coils on a "warm" day. Phillips said "Women feel the cold much more than men" even when the temperature goes down to only 70 degrees.

As to the fuel shortage, Phillips' department has not yet been told that one exists. He says that thermostats will only be turned down because of the coils if the energy crisis becomes a real thing.

November bus passes extended

Edmonton Transit Wednesday announced that November adult bus passes will be honored for the first two full days of service at the end of the current transit strike.

More than 18,000 November passes have been sold, ETS reports.

December passes sold may be returned for a \$10 refund to the City Hall Treasury wickets or to the South Side collection office at 8247-104 Street. December passes may also be exchanged for a January 1974 pass by mailing it to the

accountant, Edmonton Transit System, 10330 - 84 Avenue.

For the remainder of the month during which the strike ends, all bus riders will be required to deposit exact cash fare.

Fall term university passes will continue to be honored until dec. 31, 1973.

Students may return these when spring term passes are sold, and receive either a credit on the price of a spring term pass, or a cash refund. The amount of the credit or refund will depend on the length of the strike.

Faculties oppose student reps on tenure committees

Faculties at the University of Alberta oppose a move to have mandatory student representation on tenure committees.

The faculties were asked to comment on a motion presented to General Faculties Council by Peter Flynn, graduate students union president.

However, two faculties, business administration and commerce and agriculture and forestry, supported having a fourth-year undergraduate or

graduate student on these committees.

Donald Ross, dean of science, reported that his faculty, at a meeting Nov. 1, rejected Flynn's motion by a 33-4 vote.

Ross pointed out that students attend the meetings of most departments and in the case of one department they "were doubtful whether they would be able to contribute anything to a tenure decision

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Law courses for everyone

Law courses at the university level should be available to anyone who wants to take them says a third year University of Alberta arts student.

Arthur Yates, in a brief to the Kirby Commission, said the provision of law courses would result in better-informed juries and courts running more smoothly.

The Kirby Commission was established to review the administration of the lower court system in the province.

"Law is an important in business and industry or commerce as any other type of course which the universities can teach," Yates commented in the submission.

Law courses should be offered to university students whether they count towards a law degree or not. And Non-credit extension courses should be offered to those who don't attend university.

This "would do much towards destroying a rampant monopoly known as Law Elitism which is nurtured in the faculties of North American universities and which is the damnation of the legal profession.

He asks how many qualified persons are turned down by faculty selection committees which decide who can enter the faculty.

"It is a sure thing that great writers of the Enlightenment

would not have been the successful candidates had the selection been made by selection committees," he said.

"Law studies for the ordinary citizen at university level should be a right, and the provision of law courses for all who want them a requirement, he said.

Yates went on to criticize the City Council tried which maintained that judges should not criticize police officers publicly.

Such criticism, rather than being detrimental, would reassure the public that "we are not living in a police state." The brief will be presented to the commission when it returns to Edmonton in April.

Yurko raps companies

Three lumber companies operating in the Crowsnest Pass area of southwestern Alberta as well as the Canada Safeway Ltd. store in the Meadowlark Shopping Centre in Edmonton, were recently given emission control orders Environment Minister W.J. Yurko announced recently.

The companies involved are: Natal Forest Products Ltd. of Coleman; Timberline Ranch Ltd. of Frank and Revelstock Company Ltd. of Senteni Sentinel.

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