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---George Drohomirecki photo

THIS AIN'T WHISKEY JACK but it may have a touch of the applejack about it. At last, The Gateway has exposed the plot behind the plot of the Italian winejacks. When they feared the public might discover their grapes actually came from boycotted California, they switched to B.C. rosy reds. This whiskeyjack weekending it at Jasper demonstrates that one picture is worth a thousand birds.

# Pensioners' bus fares unfair—labour council

### Council comes out in the pensioners' corner, if battle of the buses commences with city

By JUDY SAMOIL

A recent recommendation by city commissioners to cancel courtesy bus passes to senior citizens is to be protested by the Edmonton and District Labor Council at the next meeting of Edmonton City Council.

City service groups have been contacted by the council and their support requested to rally public opinion against the commissioners' recommendation, Doug Tomlinson, chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Labor Council said Tuesday.

Mr. Tomlinson sees the com-

missioners' move as a probable result of wage increases to city transit workers after their summer strike. "We feel the attempt to

economize should not be brought to the most voiceless group—the

The commissioners' report claims

it is unfair for certain pensioners,

who qualify for the provincial supplementary allowance, to receive

free passes while those just above

the necessary poverty level cannot obtain them. They have therefore

suggested not giving passes to any-

one. The labor council petition suggests any unfairness could instead be corrected by giving these

The labor council also says the over-riding consideration should be the treatment of the aged. "They need not only the care but also the respect that is theirs by

right. Council is being asked to re-

ject them as citizens, who after a lifetime of work now need a help-

Mr. Tomlinson says the process which pensioners must go through

in order to qualify to get these

"To get the extra \$30 they must go through an exacting and rather

numiliating means test to prove

they don't own property. Then they can apply to the Social Services Department for passes."

When the pensioners go to City

Hall for their passes they have to line up in the main floor where

they get their pictures taken. "Surely to goodness they could at least have a room for that," he

said. "Many people, I've been told, won't apply for passes because they have to submit to having their pic-

borderline cases passe

ing hand.

passes is degrading.

old and the poor," he said.

# Students Union raps parking, supports EG&G

By BETH NILSEN

Students' council Tuesda ynight endorsed an Edmonton and District Labor Council brief protesting city commissioners' recommendaiton to cut old-age pensioners' free bus passes.

Council also supported changes in campus parking priorities now based on rank and not need.

Points brought up about need weer the handicapped, the number of persons using a car and the number of times the car goes to and from the university.

and from the university.

Ed rep Graham Begg said the president and vice-president of the university as well as deans should also be granted top priority on the parking list.

"I feel that these people deserve this because of the fact that they have other obligations outside the university and they must have a car available to them at all times," he said.

However, said Mr. Leadbeater, "if these people prove that they have the need then they should be placed on the priority list just like everyone else and take their chance."

Council also said GFC committee meetings should be open to the public. "This way more business would be discussed and the meet-

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#### Poli Sci students stand against SFU

The political science undergraduate society here has endorsed its department's official condemnatio nof the Simon Fraser administration.

At a meeting last week 60 political science students voiced full support for a resolution passed Tuesday by the faculty committee which called for a boycott of SFU by students and faculty until the SFU administration agrees to negotiate with the striikng PSA department.

department.

Representatives to sit on departmental committees were also elected at the meeting.

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Meanwhile about 20 anthropology undergraduates also supported the condemnation at a meeting last week.

#### Dinwoodie social for thanksgiving

SUB will again hold a social this Thursday in Dinwoodie Lounge. The Thanksgiving social will begin at 8 p.m. at a cost of \$1.50. This includes food. Proper ID must be presented at the door.

Three more social functions will be held before Christmas

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These will be the Hallowe'en Social on October 31, the Fourth Anniversary of the Sod Turning for the New SUB Social on November 20 and the Christmas Social on December 11.

#### Simon Fraser ignores its problems

BURNABY (CUP)—The administration at Simon Fraser University has discovered a simple solution to the problems posed by approximately 700 striking faculty and students in the university's Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology. Ig-

Administration President Kenneth Strand announced business as usual officially began in the department Tuesday with the dissolution of an administration trusteeship over PSA and the restoration of power to the department's chairman.

But according to Strand, the PSA department now consists of five professors who did not join the strike by students and faculty which began September 24, and which continues right under the administration president's windows

In a statement isued Friday (Oct. 9), Strand also announced the impending appointment of one of the five, Robert Wyllie, as department head, and declared he would take over the duties of the trusteeship.

It's the second time in less than six months that Wyllie has held the post of department chairman: he resigned during the summer when faculty in the department—16 of them—declared they would not bow to administration demands that students be removed from their parity position on committees governing faculty appointments and tenure.

This time, he apparently received a unanimous vote of confidence from the department—which consists of himself, Herbert Adam, Don Barnett, Gary Rush and A. H. Somjee, all opposed to the strike and all technically "scabs."

The rationale for Strand's an-

nouncement stems from an administration ultimatum which set a deadline of October 1 for PSA professors to return to their classes. When the deadline was ignored, Strand declared that nine striking faculty were suspended pending dismissal procedures: effectively making them "non-persons in the department.

The five "official" faculty have declared they elected Wyllie chairman "in order to facilitate the lifting of the trusteeship" imposed by the administration to clamp down on the total student parity operating in the department.

The five also cited "a number of pressing problems" which figured in their decision, including unresolved difficulties with curriculum and budget, and "the general malaise existing in several sectors of the department."

In its petition, the labor council questions the reasoning behind the commissioners' recommendations. It points out that the brief claims "the present system of issuing free passes . . . is costly to administer and . . . subject to abuse" but immediately comments that such abuse "is certainly minimal."

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The brief also suggests that replacing the free passes by special ticket rates of 8/\$1 and then paying the difference "could amount to about the same as the present subsidy to ETS of \$185,000." The labor council wonders, "What, exactly, then will the city save by the new method? And does it compare to what an old age pensioner will have to pay out?"

"We are surprised that the city commissioners would act on a form of hate literature which singles out the Ukrainian and Polish people," Mr. Tomlinson said. "Why council considers hate literature as part of decision-making is beyond me."

#### Nomination notice

Nomination deadlines have been extended for the following students' union positions:

 Students' union representative on the Board of Governors.

• Chairman of the University Athletic Board and president of men's athletics (one position).

Nomination forms may be obtained at the students' union offices and will be accepted on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the receptionist's desk, SUB. The election will be held on Friday, Oct. 24.

Further information is available from the returning officer, room 264, SUB.

-Frank MacInnis returning officer