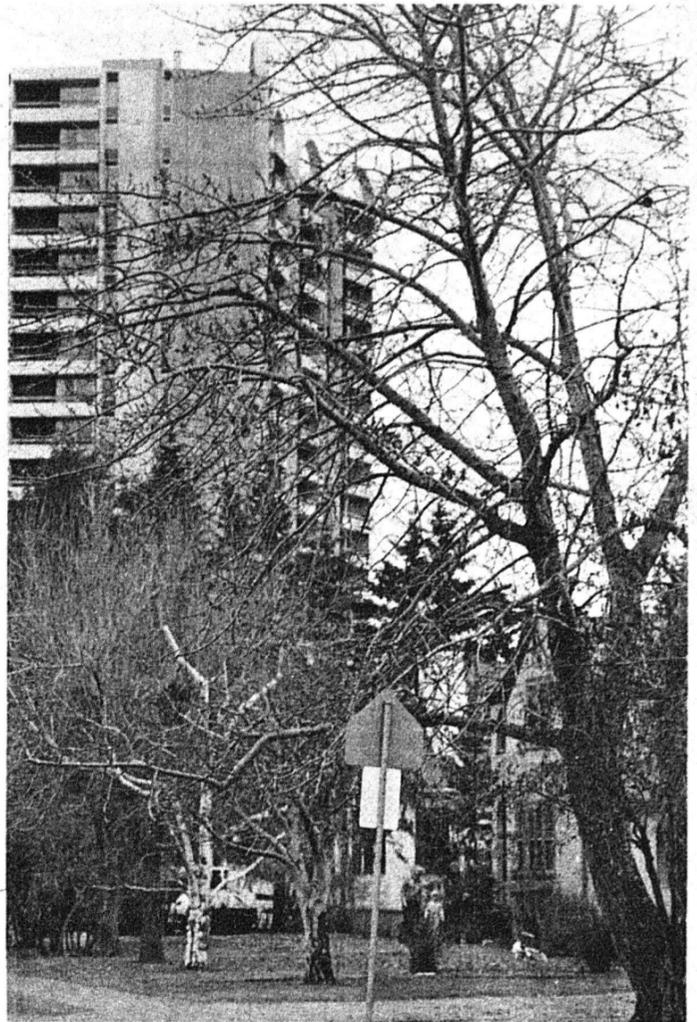


U farm spared; track for Garneau



In the past, Garneau residents have objected when their homes were threatened by University encroachment



Now they will have to make complaints at city hall, too.

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four-year programmes needed?

To what extent is the length of a programme of study related to the quality of learning in that programme? This question will be studied at the U of A as a result of the Worth Commission report and a submission to the GFC by Gary Draper, GFC undergrad arts rep.

Only two degree programmes at the U of A, the general B. A. and the B. Sc., are less than four years in length.

In his submission Draper observed that "the two most recent proposals before the academic development committee (B.A. in Canadian Studies and the B. A. in Dance were both 4 year programmes) raise the question as to whether some people consider the four year programme the norm. If so, they are in direct conflict with the views of the Worth Commission."

"When I ask why pre-professional programmes need to be so long, I get platitudinous answers," Wyman complained. He suggested that the faculty of law, for example, might experiment with accepting students straight out of high school into first year law, basing admission decisions on a reading level, rather than on the number of courses taken.

Despite the objections of F. B. Cookson, medicine, who observed that his faculty was continually reviewing the length of its programmes, the matter was referred to the academic development committee which will decide how the study should be undertaken.

marks consultation urged

On the recommendation of the university ombudsman, D. B. Scott, GFC executive voted last Monday to underscore the need for consultation between students and professors in the determination of final examination marks. At the same time, they admitted that it was impossible to make the policy workable.

Scott argued that the existing regulations (which require that final marks be posted and allow professors to show students their final exams) "work only for students with exams at the beginning of the exam period."

Others are unable to stay at the university until after their papers are marked because of summer jobs. The deadline for posting marks is May 15.

M. J. Huston, pharmacy, predicted that "a lot of academic staff would not want it to be a policy that final marks should be a matter of reconciliation between student and teacher. It would appear to be a meeting of equals when in fact the student hasn't read all the other papers and doesn't know the subject as well."

Scott replied that "since many professors expect to do their final marking in camera, the university is left open to the claim that final marks are manipulated."

F. B. Cookson said that he thought the student as well as the professor had a responsibility to make himself available. The university was

fulfilling its part by making an opportunity for students to consult with profs.

Wyman remarked that "in the long run, marks are not important. They're important now to the student, who comes and wants you to add two marks—he'll say they're important to the university. But in the long run it doesn't matter if you had a 65 or an 80."

The executive also decided to reaffirm the earlier suggestion that the fee for auditors should be \$50 per course.

"You can argue that if a student comes into a class, it doesn't cost us a cent," Wyman admitted. "You can't analyze expenses to come up with a cost."

Comparing the necessity to justify the fee with having to make up a problem to suit an answer, Wyman joked, "justice must not only be done, it must appear to be done." He said that the university cannot afford to support auditors or part time students.

"The situation is rather humorous," Wyman said. "I can see a student sitting there quietly, and all of a sudden asking a question and the teacher saying 'I can't answer that unless you pay the university \$10.'"

The executive also decided that auditors should be issued a certificate saying that they had attended the course. In a letter of September 26, R. G. Baldwin, dean of arts, charged that "to record 'AU status' can only mean that the university is prepared to sell an 'AU' for money received."

by Allyn Cadogan

The University Farm is no longer being considered as a site for Commonwealth Games facilities. According to Hal Pawson, director of the Commonwealth Games Society, the Garm site would be too costly, running \$20-50,000 for the 80 acres required.

Other points taken into consideration were the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the University, community opposition and a displacement of the agricultural and forestry experimental arrangements which are now on the land.

Other sites still being considered for the proposed 45,000 seat stadium are in Mill Woods, Salisbury, and an area north of Mill Woods.

Pawson added that as soon as the proposal for the University Farm is officially withdrawn, the Games Society

will submit a new proposal for a cycling track to be built in North Garneau, on the land west of the Garneau Theater.

"A cycling track is a white elephant anywhere in North America," Pawson noted, and added that plans would be drawn up to allow for easy conversion of the track into a 10-15,000 capacity stadium for the University.

John Milligan, assistant athletic director, pointed out that the University has had plans for quite some time to eventually build a stadium on the North Garneau property.

The Games Society proposal, if approved, would merely make the plans a reality much sooner than originally anticipated, he predicted.

Athletic director Chuck Moser stated that the University's main concern is to have a stadium easily accessible to people living in residence. "They're our best fans," Moser noted.

U of C future in doubt

"We are very concerned about the future of education at the University of Calgary," stated U of C Students Union president McCormick in a telephone interview yesterday. His statement was made concerning recent refusal of the Universities Commission to give the University grants for students in their fourth year.

The Commission made the decision on the grounds that the U of C has no three year option program. "Some students don't need or want a four year program," Commission chairman H. G. Thomson said.

In a letter published last week in the Calgary Herald, Dr. A.W.R. Corrothers, U of C president, charged that the Commission's "action circumvents the spirit of the laws which

you are supposed to uphold and does so in a manner which is devious, sanctimonious, and petty."

Although the commission has the power to distribute funds, it can not determine the university's course of study. But S.U. president McCormick stated that, because of the actions of the commission, "If the University of Calgary does not cut courses at once (within the next month, since calendars will be out by then) we will lose \$2,000,000."

The president said the commission's directive, which is in agreement with a recommendation in the Worth report on education, is another reason for believing the report is "now accepted as a working document" by the commission and Jim Foster, Minister of Advanced Education.

New GFC reps

A total of 369 votes were cast. Many students did not understand the use of the preferential ballot. Ballots were to have been marked with a second and third choice. The last place candidate in each round was eliminated, and his votes went to the next choice, if marked.

Named by acclamation in a recent education faculty non-election were Murray Richmond and Dave Mahoney.

The two elected Arts GFC Representatives are Denise Guichon and David Ross.

Final results gave Guichon a total of 147 votes and Ross 108. Donald Jaque came in third with 77 votes.

Jim Tanner and Glen Pylypa were also candidates.

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