

# LRT may ruin Garneau

by Portia Priegert

The possible demolition of houses during construction of the southern leg of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) has members of the Garneau community concerned.

"Any disruption of the houses will destroy the integrity of the last remaining part of Garneau community," says David Cruden, a member of Garneau Community League's Planning Committee.

The demolition of these houses may give the city reason to argue that the vacant area be rezoned for apartments, says Cruden.

"If one apartment is erected, then developers will argue for others," he says.

The city has proposed two alternative routes through Garneau to the university — one along 89 Ave. and one along 87

Ave. Both proposals call for a cut and cover construction method near the south end of the High Level Bridge.

Cruden says the city could tunnel underground without destroying the houses and without disrupting traffic in the area. Though this alternative would probably be more expensive, he points out that the city already owns the necessary equipment.

Garneau community is also concerned with the proposed permanent closure of 89 Ave. between 110 St. and 111 St. to accommodate the LRT. Cruden says this will allow residents of that area access to their houses only through the back alley.

The Garneau Planning Committee will be making a presentation December 4 at a public hearing held by the City.



This street's peaceful atmosphere may be gone by 1983. Looking east down 89 Ave, one of the proposed LRT routes through Garneau to the university.

photo Brad Keith

## Benzene ban

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The carcinogenic chemical benzene has been banned from use in University of Winnipeg laboratory assignments because of student pressure, according to chemistry department chairperson Fred Barth.

The move came after stories in the student newspaper *The Uniter* reported that the chemical has been suspected of causing leukemia and is banned in several places.

"Some might see this action as bowing to student pressure but if that's the way people want to look then so be it," Barth said.

But Barth attacked the *Uniter's* coverage of the issue and said the certain "inaccuracies" have harmed the U of W's

reputation.

Barth said suggestions in the paper that students were not being warned about the dangers of benzene were untrue. While admitting that students were not specifically told that benzene could cause cancer, he said they were warned to treat all chemicals used as if they were toxic.

The chemistry department chairperson also said the same story was misleading when it said students were working with "open face containers of benzene." Barth said the statement was technically correct but created the impression that large amounts of the chemical were being used when only a few drops were actually used.

## View in Chile disturbing

by Gordon Turtle

FAS executive officer Lake Sagaris has returned from a trip to Chile with some disturbing observations.

Sponsored by the Edmonton Chilean community, Sagaris spent two weeks in Chile, speaking with students and other young people about the political and social realities of their country under a military dictatorship. What she saw and heard supported the information

the outside world has been receiving.

"I wasn't surprised by what I saw there," said Sagaris. "I studied a lot of material on Chile before I went, and all of what we hear seems true. What did surprise me was the spirit and courage of the Chilean people."

Although visiting a country that has become notorious for its suppression of freedom, Sagaris never felt threatened or in danger.

## Campbell creamed

by Alison Thomson

The executive of the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) requested and received the resignation of fieldworker Ross Campbell last weekend.

The resignation was discussed for nearly an hour in closed session at the FAS conference.

The fieldworker is responsible for representing FAS to member campuses in Alberta and helping organize student associations.

Campbell was fired because, "he was incompetent as a fieldworker," according to Hamish Kerfoot, FAS president.

However, Campbell says he was given no job description when he was hired, and when his performance was reviewed, he

was handed a list of things he should have been doing.

"I was given three weeks to improve after they'd given me a job plan and discussed by resignation," he said. "It was just academic. They were intent on having me resign and didn't bother reviewing my three weeks performance."

Kerfoot says in spite of the fact that there was improvement over the last three weeks, Campbell wasn't doing an adequate job. "FAS doesn't have time to train people. We thought we had hired a fieldworker, but we didn't."

"I was dismayed with the way the executive handled my resignation," said Campbell. "However, I do want to say that I still agree with the policies and goals of FAS."

## Students get jobs

The provincial government's Hire-A-Student program placed more than 25,000 students in a variety of jobs this summer.

About 25,400 of the almost 40,000 secondary and post-secondary students who registered with the program found summer employment, announced minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Jim Horsman last week.

While placements for secondary school students (usually to 18 year-olds) increased 11 per cent over 1978 figures, post-secondary placements decreased

7.8 per cent.

"Placement increases among the younger students have been attributed in part to a greater effort at the business and community level to accept students into the work force, and the fact that fewer post-secondary school students needed the program this year," said Horsman.

Students returning to previous employers, those who found employment on their own, and the program's creative job search techniques seminars contributed to the decrease, said Horsman.

There was only a slight

increase in total students placements over last year's figures. In 1978, 25,273 students found jobs through the program.

Hire-A-Student is a summer youth employment program sponsored by local community groups, the Alberta Chamber of Commerce and the federal and provincial governments.

The program assists students in finding summer jobs by matching suitable students with existing jobs, providing information on job search techniques, and encouraging employers to hire students during the summer.

## Year of Child on campus too

by Janet Laddish

The university has had concern for the growth, development and education of children for the past seventy years, said university president Myer Horowitz at a Women's Cana-

dian Club of Edmonton meeting Tuesday.

Discussing the university's response to the International Year of the Child, Horowitz said a coordinating committee resulted in production of a film about learning disabled children.

He added that the Department of Sociology, together with the Faculty of Extension and Alberta College, also conducted seminars on children and their families this year.

Large numbers of children have been on campus participating in art programs for pre-schoolers and visiting the Early Childhood Center, he said.

Several departments such as the Education Clinic and the Mobile Dental Clinic also serve children in Alberta, said

Horowitz.

Horowitz continued that, as president of the university, his goal is the establishment of an institute of child study on campus. The institute would incorporate all areas in the study of children from the normal child to the handicapped child, he said. Such a program would be continuing "long after the International Year of the Child," said Horowitz.

From May to August 1979, seventy-five courses were offered at the university in relation to child studies. Research is being conducted in many areas of child study, he said.

"We at the university have the responsibility to prepare the professionals who will work with children and their families," Horowitz said.

## Refugees on campus

by Keith Krause

Two Indochinese refugees are now living in St. Joseph's College on the university campus.

The two men, Chieng Y. 21, and Chieng Thien, 18, arrived last Friday. They are being sponsored by the Basilian fathers, the group who run the college.

"We're paying the college what a student would pay for accommodations," said Father Pendergast, the priest in charge of the operation.

"We're in a position where they can stay as long as they need to," he said.

The two refugees are from North Vietnam, and came to

Canada from a Hong Kong refugee camp. Neither speak English, and the priests have enlisted the help of Chinese students to act as interpreters.

"Our big plus has been the Chinese community on campus," said Pendergast.

The two will live on campus "until they can function in our society," he said. "Our goal is to get them into a regular school program as soon as possible."

The sponsors also know nothing of the refugees' background, except that they are orphans.

"We're trying to treat them in a dignified way, without prying into their lives," said Pendergast.



Lake Sagaris

Next week the Canadian Red Cross is sponsoring an inter-faculty blood donor clinic with a trophy awarded to the faculty which donates the most blood. The clinic will be held November 26 to 30 in Room 142 SUB.