

The hardest part about doing nothing...

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...is knowing when you're finished.

U policy may decree destruction of North Garneau

## Housing or future buildings?

by Mike Walker

The fight over the future of university-owned North Garneau is heating up, with student and resident groups forming battle lines against the university.

But these groups are fighting against a long-term university policy stating that North Garneau is to be used for general university expansion, and not just student housing.

"That property was purchased for university expansion in accordance with a long range policy," said U of A vice-president of facilities and services Ron Phillips yesterday. "The planning we have been doing is in accordance with a Board of Governors-approved long range plan."

In practical terms this means the plans being turned out for new housing in North Garneau put all the new housing in one area or one block rather than spacing throughout the entire three and a half blocks owned by the university. These plans leave about two thirds of the area in one parcel still available for future expansion.

Phil Soper, SU president-elect and North Garneau Tenants' Association (NGTA) executive member, thinks the long range policy that dictates this type of plan should be abandoned.

Soper proposes 'cluster housing' throughout North Garneau, rather than redevelopment of entire blocks. This would see new housing built on vacant lots, and

replacing houses currently beyond repair. This would tie all of the area into student housing permanently, as well as preserve all houses in good condition. (See map page 9).

But, said Soper, "None of the plans presented (by the university's architects) called for clustered housing... They all called for block-long developments or fringe housing (along the eastern, southern and northern boundaries of the area)."

The NGTA, the Students' Union, and the Campus Co-operative (which co-operatively owns or rents a number of houses in the university area and North Garneau), this week all sent letters to two university planning committees and to the Board of Governors asking that North Garneau be devoted permanently to student housing and preserved as far as possible.

An 1,800 name student petition asking the same things was sent with these letters.

University planners are currently convinced the Board of Governors would not accept a plan for North Garneau that did not include both a parkade and a large piece of land left available for academic expansion.

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## U, staff miles apart on contract

by Peter Michalyszyn

The Board of Governors has responded to a request for a 20 percent salary increase from the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) with a general offer of 6.14 percent.

"They tabled an offer in response to ours for a general increase of 6.14 percent, and then a special adjustment of 2.36 percent to bring it up to 8.5 percent," says Ian Fraser of NASA.

"The total figure of 8.5 isn't much of a surprise," Fraser says. "The 6.14 was a bit tougher to take."

Before Christmas provincial treasurer Lou Hyndman announced 10.5 percent wage guidelines for provincial employees; however, non-academic staff bargain with, and are paid by, the university. About 89 percent of the university's budget comes directly from the government operating budget, and the university has asked for a 15 percent increase in the operating grant.

That's less than the 20 percent NASA asked for, and less than the 16 percent the Academic Staff Association of the U of A asked for.

Dr. V.G. Gourishanker, president of AASUA, wouldn't say how his negotiations were going with the Board bargaining committee, but did say something concrete might surface next week.

In the meantime, Ian Fraser says he "isn't wildly optimistic" about NASA's chances of reaching

agreement with the administration.

"The Board of Governors really makes no bones about the fact that they base their (response) on the available funding," Fraser says. "We base ours on what is happening in the outside world."

Because they are governed by Bill 41, NASA can't strike; the only alternative is binding arbitration, where one appointee from each side, and another chosen by the two appointees, continue the bargaining process.

Last year NASA and the administration agreed on an 8.6 percent increase, but the two years previous they went to binding arbitration.

And Fraser says, "In the last two years, I can't remember offhand the opening positions being so far apart."

## Axe swings; students protest

Though it was offered four committees to axe, General Faculties Council only felled one at its monthly meeting Monday, leaving the others standing for future action.

The Parking Appeals Committee - subject to GFC nominating procedures which ensure student representation - was addressed first and eliminated in a 53-36 vote.

Two others - the Housing and Food Services Advisory Com-



...and we thought that putting out a newspaper was complicated. Dave Bernstein of CJSR campus radio seems to know which switch is which to make the rock roll.

## Student DJs want FM

by Jens Andersen

The SU Building Services Board voted Tuesday to recommend giving space in SUB to CJSR campus radio for its planned expansion into FM broadcasting, contingent on university funding for the project. The recommendation goes to Students' Council next Tuesday night.

Under the plan, CJSR would take over the Gateway office space adjacent to the station this summer; the newspaper would be relocated elsewhere in SUB, probably in Student Orientation Seminars (SORSE) offices, among others.

University funding for the FM station is still being negotiated. The estimated cost is \$100,000 over one to two years to upgrade facilities and prepare an application to the CRTC, another

\$100,000 to purchase transmission facilities upon FM licensing approval, and a \$25,000 per year operating subsidy when FM broadcasting commences.

CJSR now receives about \$10,000 per year from the Board of Governors and will receive over \$20,000 this year from the SU (\$10,000, however is the FM projection). The remainder of the approximately \$55,000 budget this fiscal year will be made up by advertising and service revenue. CJSR expects about \$85,000 from ads and services if it goes FM.

To become an FM station would also necessitate CJSR becoming an independent corporation. CJSR's plan is to become a non-profit corporation, and apply to Revenue Canada for Charitable Status.

mittee and the Conference Funds Committee - were tabled; the Computer Facilities Committee was deferred to GFC executive.

The rationale for elimination was "streamlining," according to a letter from special assistant to the president Ms. M.M. McCaughan.

But Students' Union vp academic Darrell Rankin and Martin Kratz, chairman of GFC student caucus, argued against cutting any committees. They

said the alternative - placing the committees under respective university vice-presidents, did not ensure student representation.

Student rep Chanchal Bhat-tacharya disagreed. He said he could not believe that the vice-president, under whose discretion the new committee members' selection would lie, would drop student representation.

"Even if they did," Bhat-tacharya said, "they wouldn't get

away with it for long."

On top of that, university president Myer Horowitz assured Rankin and Kratz that the vice-presidents would strike representative committees, as was his own practice with president's committees.

But Rankin persisted: "There would be a loss of morale," he said, adding that McCaughan's report was not well prepared and lacked sufficient details.

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