

Michener Park still number 2

By Dick Nimmons

The Housing and Food Services Committee has affirmed its previous decision to recommend development of the students' union housing project before Michener Park II.

The decision was reconsidered on request of the Michener Park Residents' Association and Board of Governors which felt the park had been excluded from presenting its viewpoint at the March 2 meeting of the committee.

The Michener Park group stated that in terms of people accommodated, their proposal gave greater space for the money available. However, they admitted that they would accommodate fewer students in their project than the students' union.

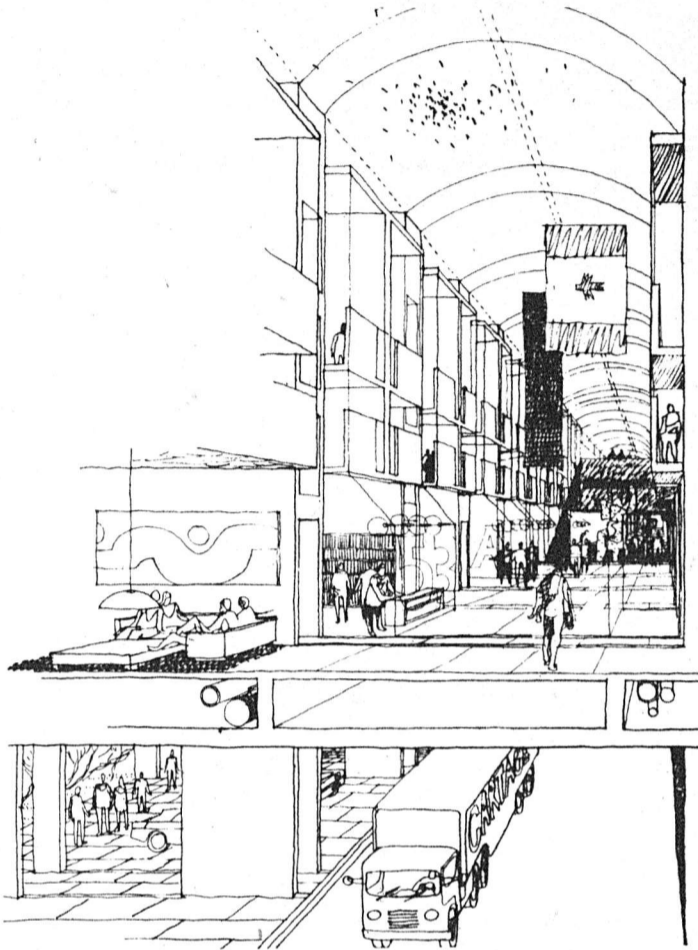
The basic point raised by Jim Humphries, chairman of the students' union Housing Commission, was that the student project would cost 30 to 70 per cent less per unit than the Michener Park project.

Another point raised during the meeting was that a great deal of construction will be going on in the 112 Street area of campus over the next few years. If the union project was delayed, an additional two years would be added to the time that the street would be torn up by construction.

Provost Aylmer Ryan summarized the situation by stating the students' union project would be generally more economical.

The committee recommended that accommodation in Michener Park normally be restricted to a maximum period of three years. On the priorities for admission, it was recommended that they be established on the following bases:

- No distinction between graduate and undergraduate.
- Childless couples with both partners attending university would have equal priority with



THIS IS STUDENT HOUSING in the future. The near future. Above is a view of the Circulation Mall within HUB (Housing Union Building) to be constructed on 112 Street. GFC's Housing and Food Services Committee this week gave the go-ahead to the plan, to cost \$3.3 million. The mall will feature services and lounge areas, with apartment units facing into the mall.

couples with children with one partner attending.

- One-third of the units would be reserved for students from outside attending.
- Childless couples would be restricted to Vanier House.

In addition, a further recommendation was made that no couple having an income of more than \$7,500 would be

considered for housing in Michener Park.

The committee decided to recommend that the Athabasca residence be abandoned as living quarters after August 18. The main reason for this decision was that the committee felt it would be too expensive to bring the building up to the living space safety standards.

University of Lethbridge first to withdraw from Alberta Association of Students

Lethbridge Community College has become the first "drop-out" from the Alberta Association of Students. The withdrawal became effective this week.

The association, which was founded in 1967 to give students in the province a united voice on matters involved with education, has 17 members among the universities, colleges and technical schools of Alberta. It is headed by Allan Stein of Edmonton.

The move on the part of the Lethbridge students' union surprised many of the other members of AAS.

"Too university-oriented"

The reasons given were that the association was becoming "too university-oriented" and "more

concerned with the problems of the world than with the problems of the ordinary student," according to Marion Snethlage, vice-president of AAS.

"I fail to understand this," she said. "We have done more for the colleges than any other group in the association." Representation on the Advisory Committee to the College Commission of Alberta—which is identical to the Universities Commission—was cited as the latest benefit to colleges obtained by AAS.

Also, AAS staffers have been available as "field workers" to assist members in the area of student government, said Miss Snethlage.

"The students' union at Leth-

bridge has always been rather 'services and socially' oriented," she said, but added that the withdrawal did not reflect the feeling of the entire student body. "No referendum on withdrawing from AAS was held," she said.

No fees paid yet

The college has not yet paid its fees for the year which amount to 40 cents per student. Constitutionally, they cannot drop out now, but must wait until the association meets in March to withdraw.

"We hope they will send a representative to the meeting, so that we can find out just exactly why they wish to leave AAS," Miss Snethlage stated.

Students rap prof for bias

But ten months after first complaint academic red tape entangles them

By Beth Winteringham

Almost ten months after registering her initial complaints with Dean of Arts Douglas Smith and the Academic Grievance Committee over what she considered to be poor teaching and biased marking, U of A student Marlene King appears to be thoroughly hung up in academic red tape.

Mrs. King, an honors psychology student, took Philosophy 468 (philosophy of the mind) from Professor D. Coder last year. At the end of the academic session she wrote a letter of complaint to the dean stating that Professor Coder had been abusive to his students, disdainful of their intelligence, and unfair in his examinations. Of the 18 people originally enrolled in the class, only nine wrote the final exam. Mrs. King believes that the others were intimidated by his attitude.

Coder "biased"

After receiving her final mark for the course in June, Mrs. King submitted a complaint to the Academic Grievance Committee. In her opinion Professor Coder had shown his personal likes and dislikes in marking the final examination, and had disregarded the true capabilities of his students.

Another student who was out of the city at the time wrote Mrs. King to tell her he wanted to go on record as supporting her charges. Mrs. King requested a re-reading of the entire class' papers by someone outside the philosophy department.

Mrs. Jean Holt, a student in one of Professor Coder's other classes, also requested a re-reading of her paper. This was immediately done, and her mark was raised one stanine (from 3 to 4). She believes that this was done to keep her quiet. "The dean (R. C. Smith, assistant dean of arts) asked me if I was satisfied. I had to be because there was no alternative," she says. This was her lowest mark in four years on campus, and she was refused admission to the faculty of graduate studies because of it.

Counter charges

Mrs. Holt and Mrs. King were also informed by R. C. Smith that counter-charges were being laid against them. He refused, however, to reveal the name of the professor who was doing so. Mrs. Holt contacted a lawyer immediately.

On July 9 Mrs. King received a telephone call from Dean Smith. He urged her to have her own paper re-read but she refused on the grounds that only if all of the papers were re-read would the result be meaningful to her. Dean Smith then asked her if she had

been exhorted by someone in the philosophy department to make charges against Professor Coder.

Who said what?

Dean Smith subsequently told Gerald Connolly, chairman of the Academic Grievances Committee, that Mrs. King had indeed agreed to have her paper re-read by the head of the philosophy department. Mrs. King was informed of this by Mr. Connolly, and reiterated her refusal.

In August two other students from Mrs. King's class sent grievances to the committee through a lawyer. The out-of-town student also sent a separate grievance to the committee and a letter to President Wyman.

In February of this year, Mrs. King had still not been advised as to the steps that were being taken regarding her grievance. She wrote to the committee (with a copy to President Wyman) requesting information. She has not yet received a reply.

At this time Mrs. King still has a "5" in Philosophy 468. The deadline for re-reading passed at the end of last June. Her other marks for the year were three "9's," two "8's," and a "7."

Coder resigned

Dr. Coder was on leave of absence this year, and was to apply for tenure on his return next year. Dr. Wyman told The Gateway

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Education reps in by acclamation Eng reps elected

Due to a change in ruling, all six candidates for the position of students' council education representative were acclaimed into office as of Feb. 27.

The ruling states that there will be one rep allowed for every 750 students or any part thereof, and so six candidates were allowed instead of five. Those now holding that position are: Ron W. Gilman, John Mason, Donald S. Fleming, Dennis Cebuliak, Erika Foerger and Ray Friedman.

In the engineering election, Don Brown and Dave Huber were elected reps with 275 and 254 votes respectively. The other two candidates, Tom Brown and Jim Carter got 106 and 50 votes respectively in the March 5 election.

One of the candidates for arts rep, Arthur Lachance, has withdrawn, leaving six candidates for the five positions.