

Battle lines drawn between Garneau and University

About 82 per cent of the residents of the North Garneau area have signed a petition requesting the University administration to halt plans to turn part of the backyards in that area into parking lots.

Only a few residents of the area refused to sign the petition, most of these residing in Algonquin Apartments on 111 St. and who are not affected by the University's proposal. Some residents were not at home when the petition was circulated and did not get a chance to sign.

The area is bounded by 87 Ave. and Saskatchewan Drive between 110 St. and 111 St. It is totally university owned and the houses are rented mostly to students. The university plans to take 15 feet on each side of the backlanes of the area for parking. This would entail tearing down the garages, fences, and trees, erecting a picket fence and graveling the 15 feet.

The university administration cites a desperate need for parking as well as the delapidated condition of many of the garages and fences as reasons for the parking proposal.

The petition was presented to Mr. Max Wyman, the President of the University, Mr. W.D. Neal, the University

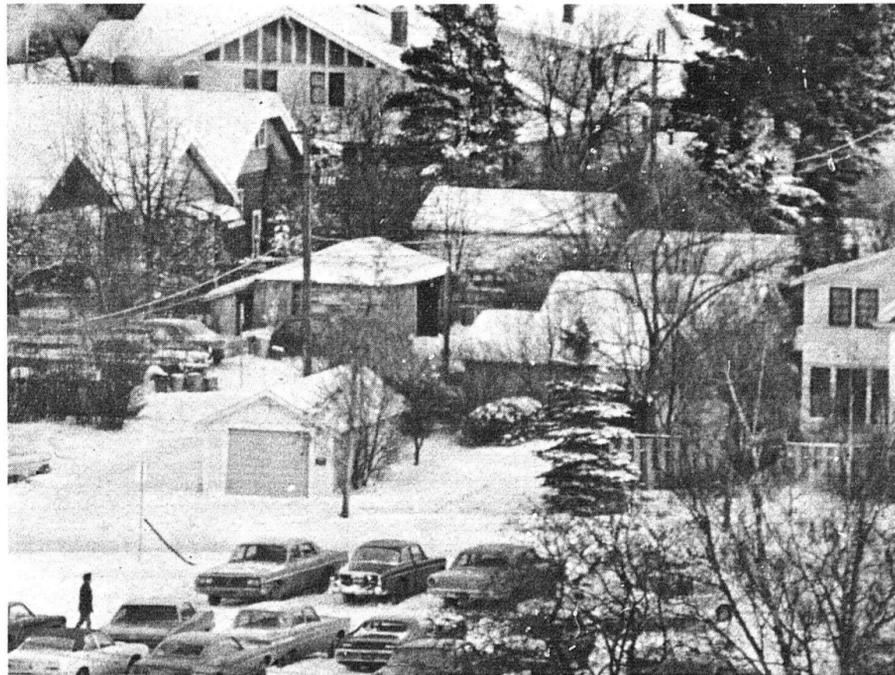
Vice-President for Planning and Development, and Mr. L.C. Leitch, the Associate Vice-President for Finance and Administration by two representatives of the North Garneau Tenants' Association, Bob Thomas and Guy McLaughlin both of 89 Ave.

The petition contained the signatures of 292 of the 355 residents of the area and states:

"We, the undersigned, as members of the North Garneau community hereby declare our opposition to any proposal that backyards, or any portions thereof, in our community from 87 Avenue to Saskatchewan Drive between 110 and 111 Streets be converted to parking lots or any other development now or in the future. We feel such proposals would adversely affect our physical and spiritual well being as well as despoil the aesthetic value of the community. We live in this community and demand the right, as human beings, to have a major voice in determining what shape our community shall take."

In an accompanying letter, addressed to President Wyman, the residents requested the

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The rapidly encroaching university is heading for another victim as you can see from this picture. The cars(alias cohorts of the juggernaut) are flanking the vastly under manned houses and garages of Garneau. This might be the last look anyone will have at the trees and garages of the area, that is if the imperialistic administration has its way.

Were the police....

....politically motivated?

Nine months spent investigating \$43 fraud

By Dave McCurdy

For some time now, Dr. David Craig, an Edmonton physician has worked at a clinic on 98th Street that specializes in helping the down-and-out residents of the surrounding area. Dr. Craig is a specialist in the treatment of heroin addicts, and prescribes methadone for many of his patients. As a result of his association with these addicts, his files contain much information about them.

On Monday, Dr. Craig was visited by the Edmonton city police, arrested, and taken to headquarters where he was charged with having defrauded the Alberta Health Care Insurance Commission of \$43 in April, 1970. At the same time, all his files were seized by the police as evidence in the case against him, an act they probably could not have performed legally without arresting Dr. Craig.

Not only that, but bail was set at \$150 plus a \$2 fee for the bailman; Dr. Craig had \$148 in his pocket, but was not allowed to go free because he was \$4 short. He was finally released at 8 p.m. Monday night after coming up with the extra \$4, but his files remain in the hands of the police. Yesterday he appealed for a court injunction which would force the police to unhand his files; however, the

appeal was denied, and the police remain free to use the files in whatever way they see fit.

Naturally, some people are very upset, especially the Alberta Human Rights Association. Dr. Doug Armstrong, a professor in the Faculty of Medicine at U of A who is also acting chairman of the Health, Housing and Welfare branch of the AHRA, had strong words for the police and their actions. "This is an intolerable situation," he charged. "First of all they took criminal action against him for offense so trifling that it would normally be settled between the doctor and the health care commission; then, despite the fact that he had all but \$4 of the required bail amount, they refused to release him until he had produced the entire \$152; proceeded to strip, search, photograph, fingerprint and jail him; and finally they seized all his confidential patient files."

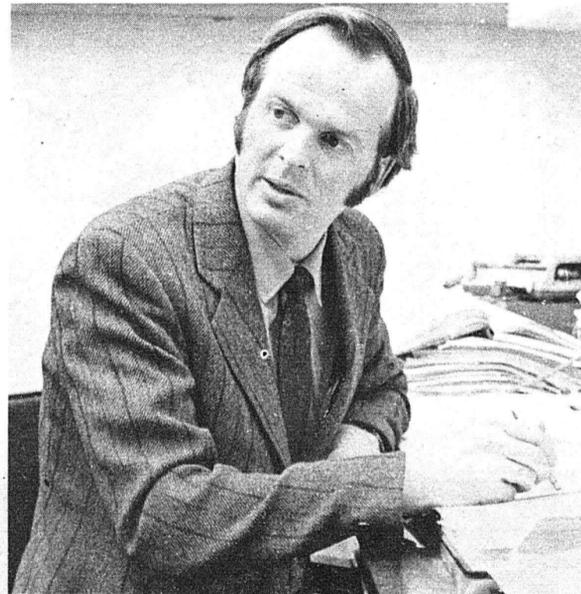
Dr. Armstrong continued, "The AHRA protests the police action on several fronts: first the laying of criminal charges for such a minor offense; secondly the refusal to release him on bail—this is incomprehensible in view of the new laws regarding bail procedure; thirdly the harsh treatment to which they subjected him at the station; and fourthly, and most of all, the

seizure of his confidential files.

"Their seizure of files violates the confidentiality of the patient-doctor relationship as well as the right to privacy of each of the doctor's patients. The AHRA is concerned that this case could set a very dangerous precedent regarding the rights of doctors and

patients."

Dr. Armstrong added that the AHRA demands an explanation of this affair. In order to be sure that an explanation will be forthcoming the association has contacted Premier Lougheed's office; Federal Justice Minister Turner's office; and the Attorney General's office. All



Dr. Doug Armstrong

photo Ken Bird

have been asked to launch an investigation into the matter.

"The police humiliated Dr. Craig," charged Dr. Armstrong. "We see absolutely no excuse for their actions."

Dr. Armstrong added that the effect on the addicts may be even more serious than the inconvenience suffered by Dr. Craig. "It will be much more difficult for these people to go about getting methadone now that they know the police have complete information on them. Also, it seems that Dr. Craig's days of prescribing methadone are at an end if this is the sort of treatment to which he is going to be subjected.

"There's another part of this story," continued Dr. Armstrong. "Dr. Craig treats transients, about 200 of whom have come to him for treatment without having medicare numbers, despite the fact that medicare is supposed to be universal. Dr. Craig treated them anyway, and \$12,000 worth of fees for treatment of these patients remains uncollected from the Health Care Commission. Yet Dr. Craig has not tried to pressure the Commission into remunerating him; and still they arrest and humiliate him for the sake of \$43."

"The police department spent nine full months investigating

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