

# NASA wage hike

by Greg Neiman

A 15% across-the-board wage increase for university non-academic staff was ratified at a closed meeting held March 10.

The increase, effective April 1, will be in addition to the \$60 across-the-board increase the Board of Governors granted NASA last fall.

Also, a number of fringe benefits increases were agreed upon ranging from increased maternity leave benefits, to increased subsidies for safety footwear, to agreements to further pursue other benefit increases.

One portion of the

NASA Board of Governors negotiations that was not ratified at the meeting was a series of selective adjustments for special work areas. Pathology and Bacteria Technologists, nurses, nursing team leaders, and assistant supervisors, food service and housing workers, switchboard operators, power plant workers, and building service workers, each will have separate meetings to work out different settlements, subject to later ratification.

Phil Arnold, NASA executive secretary, said some members at the meeting did not

feel qualified to vote on salary and working condition settlements at that time and that they would be satisfied to see further individual negotiations with the workers in these areas.

Negotiations must be completed in these areas by April 1, the end of this fiscal year.

Both Arnold and NASA president Geoff Williams said they were pleased with the new agreement especially since some areas which were not agreed upon have been left open for further investigation and negotiation.

A copy of the agreement is in the Gateway office for interested persons to review.

## Student For A Month

*How to survive as a student on \$225 per month. That's the 30-day assignment of a U of A professor, working as a special correspondent to the Gateway, with only the equivalent of an average student's income from a government loan to get by on. The Gateway is carrying a twice-weekly account of our prof's experience.*

Day 7, Monday, March 17

It doesn't seem like I've been on assignment as a student for a whole week. All the new discoveries I've made about student life have kept me too preoccupied to keep track of time.

I appear to be bearing up pretty well under the pressures, the first of which was brought about through the injustices of the university administration.

In keeping with my role as a student I decided to register in a couple of courses. I was sent a timetable on a computer print-out and it seems I am registered

in both courses at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Getting up that early is bad enough, but going to two classes at the same time before my eyes are even open ...

I went to the Administration Bldg. to complain so they sent me to the 6th floor of the Humanities Centre. Then I got sent to 11th floor Tory Bldg. where they sent me down to the 5th floor. Nobody there knew what to do so they sent me to the basement where one of the janitors sent me back to the Administration Bldg. By the time I got there the deadline had passed so it's too late in the semester to change classes now.

The top of the day off the Gateway sent me another letter saying they can not give me my \$225 expense money yet. Apparently the normal procedure of the Students' Finance Board is to turn down applications for loans and force applicants to appeal.

I'm doing alright for money though. I traded my collection of "Fat Furry Freak Brothers" comic books to one of the English profs for \$10 and "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare."

I sold the Shakespeare collection to some people at a party I crashed on Friday night. They gave me \$15 and then spent all night rolling enormous, sweet-smelling

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## US Senate presses Council in insight race

(ENS) - The recent attempt in the Senate to end the filibuster over the filibuster rule was widely reported in the nation's press, but nowhere so eloquently as in the *Congressional Record* of February 24th.

From the *Record*: The Senate "was voting on a motion to table a motion to reconsider a vote to table an appeal of a ruling that a point of order was not in order against a motion to bring to a vote a motion to call up the resolution that would institute the rules change."

Now you know what it was all about.

results may be challenged if a submission is made to the Board, since this election was committed under BACUS constitution.

The second issue concerned the validity of transfer of *continued on page 2*

## BACUS, DIE Board

Last Thursday, DIE Board met and ruled on a complaint against BACUS submitted by Gary Croxton. The two issues raised concerned BACUS elections and the validity of transfer of Student Union funds.

The first issue, the elections, revolved about whether they were governed under By-law # 300 (Nominations and Elections By-law) of the Student's Union. The Board found BACUS not within Student Union powers and therefore could not rule on the matter.

BACUS is an entity only partially dependant on the Student's Union and was not set up by their authority. As a separate entity, BACUS internal workings to not come under DIE Board jurisdiction.

It was noted, however, that the election of a Student's Council Rep. is under the authority of By-law # 300. The

## Editor predicts overthrow by Red scourge

by Judy Hamaliuk

"Does history repeat itself?" was the question examined by Mr. S. R. Manor, senior editorial writer of the Winnipeg Free Press, in his discussion entitled: "Trends of 1975: Some Historical Parallels."

Inflation, lack of defense from the Soviet threat and changing priorities of society were discussed in reference to previous historic situations.

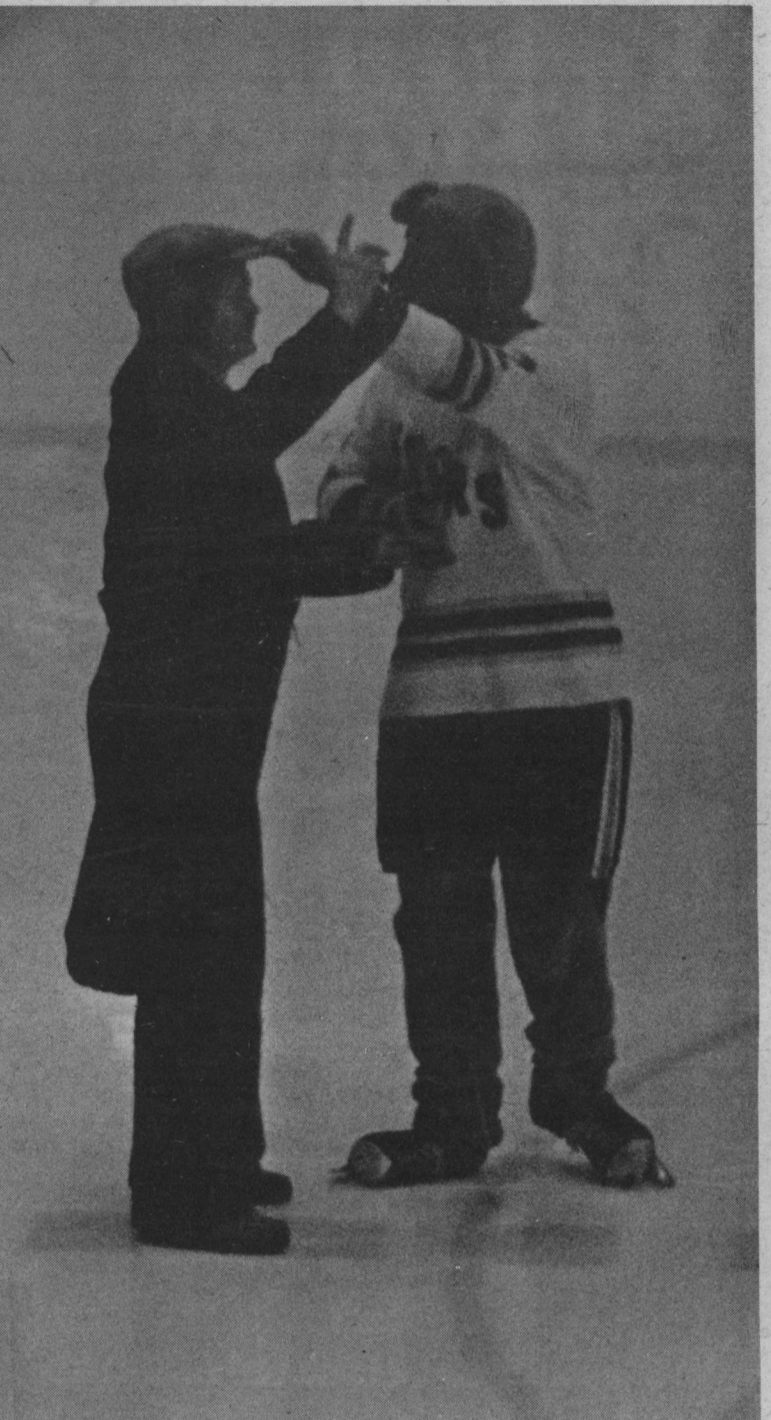
Since 1975 was predicted as the "Year of Catastrophes" and nothing has happened as of

yet, Manor was inspired to suggest some rather pessimistic possibilities for the remainder of the year.

"Are we not witnessing the agonizing situation which existed before the fall of Rome?" Manor specifically dealt with the problems of inflation which plagued ancient Rome.

"Price controls were a failure in ancient Rome, the citizens lost faith in the state and the barbarians were quick in taking over."

Manor related this situation to that which existed in Ger-



Guba's not too bad a sport at all, even if he does have bad ankles. Pictured here is one of the campus's most fondly recalled personalities, The Great University Bear of Alberta, playing with a fan between periods during the national hockey finals last weekend.

## "Blind Pig" shows Council's insight

by Bob Blair The Blind Pig - that's what they are going to call it. Students' Council has finally selected a name for the licensed restaurant in HUB.

After a contest failed to turn up a single name that council could find fitting, the pub in HUB remained nameless. So at last night's Student's Council meeting, finance and administration v.p., Jack Redekop, moved that council vote to choose from a list of names.

The names suggested by Redekop included The Bear Pit and The Bear Parlour.

The motion was seconded by Tony Melnechuk. However, before seconding it, Melnechuk insisted that an appendix be added saying that if no name were selected, The Blind Pig would be accepted by default. Melnechuk subsequently decided that his suggestion was as good as any of Redekop's and had this other name officially added to the list on which council would vote.

After councillors had voted, ballots were collected and turned over to SU general manager, Burt Krull, to count. Since the ballot was preferential, it was some time before Krull had the results, but when they were in, the council speaker announced that The Blind Pig had won by a snout.

Redekop was somewhat concerned with this result and tried to move to reconsideration, but when council speaker informed him that the only thing that could be reconsidered was giving council the power to vote on the name, he decided to drop the matter.

Manor further claimed that we have neglected the freedom to safeguard our existing freedoms. He says that today the West has no defense from *continued on page 2*