

12.2 percent increase for AASUA approved

Members of the academic staff at the University of Alberta will receive an increase in salaries of approximately 12.2 per cent.

The increase is part of the settlement announced last Friday following negotiations between the Board of Governors and the Association of the Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA). The settlement is for the period from June 30, 1975 to July 1, 1976.

A portion of the adjustment - a \$750 across the board scale increase -- will become effective three months prior to the end of the present agreement on April 1, 1975 and recognizes inflationary pressures during the present agreement, said Prof. L.C. Leitch, vice-president (finance & administration).

The balance -- a seven-and-one half per cent scale increase -- will become effective July 1, 1975.

Galbraith award for journalism increased

The monetary value of the Dr. F.P. Galbraith Award in Journalism, which annually gives an Alberta journalist the opportunity to attend one session at the University of Alberta, has been increased.

As a result of a decision at a Board of Governor's meeting last Friday, single recipients of the award will now receive \$5,500 and married recipients will receive \$8,000 -- an increase of \$1,500 in both cases. As well, all tuition fees are paid.

The Galbraith Award was instituted in 1971 to give Alberta journalists the opportunity to attend the university for one academic session, September to April, as either full-time or part-time students to either study or audit courses of their choice. One award is made each year.

To qualify, an applicant must have been a working journalist in Alberta for at least three years and, at the time of application, be working in the news reporting or editorial area of a daily or weekly newspaper or a radio or television station or a bona fide news service.

The award is made in the memory of the late Dr. F.P. Galbraith, former publisher of the Red Deer Advocate and chancellor of the university from July 1964 to May 1970. In the past, Galbraith Awards have gone to Gordon Keith, editor and publisher of the Sedgewick Community Press; Gary Park, a reporter with the Calgary Herald; and Michael Braithwaite, an Edmonton Journal reporter.

Agreement was also reached on improved fringe benefits such as an increase in the face value of group life insurance by 25 per cent; an increase in the professional expense allowance from \$170 to \$200 annually; and an increase of \$75,000 in the leave replacement fund.

The estimated total cost of the package -- including normal increments -- will be about 16 per cent, Mr. Leitch said.

Plagiarism plagues U again

The General University Disciplinary Committee passed judgement on another case of plagiarism early this month, deciding that help in the form of Student Councillors would be better than a severe punishment.

The student, whose name is being withheld was discovered submitting a term report which was written by someone else.

As well as counselling, one year's academic probation was levied on the student, which means that if the student appears before the academic council within the time period, his past offense will also be taken into consideration.

Although specific facts regarding the hearing are unobtainable, it should be

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New illicit drug on the Canadian market

Ottawa - The Department of National Health and Welfare yesterday warned Canadians of the existence on the illicit market of a new hallucinogenic amphetamine. The drug has been identified in laboratories of the Health Protection Branch as 2,4,5-trimethoxy-amphetamine. It has been offered for sale as a yellow or beige powder, possibly containing dark specks. It may also be sold in capsule form. The drug is currently known to be distributed in Central and Eastern Canada and could



Rent-a-Thief

Toronto (ENS) - A firm in Toronto is cashing in on the shoplifting boom by renting out professional shoplifters for \$100 a day. Called "Rent A Thief, Limited," the company places actors and actresses in department stores with instructions to steal everything in sight.

The hitch, of course, is that part of the job includes getting caught by store detectives, who create a humiliating spectacle in front of all the other shoppers. The "thief" is then ushered to the manager's office to await the police.

Rent A Thief manager Les Cohen explains, "The whole thing is a put up to show everyone present what is in store for shoplifters."

The company, a subsidiary of College Marketing and Research, is considering franchising the idea to other cities.

Noted authors to visit U

A conference on the Canadian short story will be held at the University of Alberta from January 27-31. This conference is sponsored by the Department of English, U of A, the Canada Council and the Province of Alberta and will feature such writers as Clark Blaise, Mavis Gallant, Ken Mitchell, Alice Munro, Ray Smith, Kent Thompson, and local writers. Editors will also be heard from.

Everyone, from the University as well as the Edmonton community, is welcome to attend all the activities. The schedule of events is as follows:

Everyday at noon (except Wed. Jan. 29) the writers will be at HUB Cafeteria for lunch and will be available to answer questions.

Tues. Jan. 28 at noon two films will be shown in the Lecture Theatre 1 AV Centre in the Humanities Center. These are "Cornet at Night" by Sinclair Ross and "The Red Kite" by Hugh Hood.

Readings will also be done every day at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre 1 - AV Center in Humanities.

Mon. Jan. 27; 2:00 - Brian Moon and Helen Rosta; 3:30 - Alice Munro.

Tues. Jan. 28; 2:00 - Merna Summers and Glen Huser; 3:30 - Ray Smith.

Wed. Jan. 29; 2:00 - Ken Mitchell; 3:30 - Mavis Gallant who has lived in Paris since the early '50's and will make her first appearance at a Canadian University.

Thurs. Jan. 30; 2:00 - Catherina Lo Verso and Frances Itani; 3:30 - Kent Thompson.

Fri. Jan. 31; 2:00 - Open session to local writers; 3:30 - Clark Blaise.

A reception will be held Mon. Jan 27 at 5:30 p.m. in Tory 14-14. Refreshments and food will be served and everyone is invited to attend.

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Quotas problem reaches B of G

by Greg Neiman

The Board of Governors has also begun to grapple with the intricacies of the quotas problem at the U of A. In keeping with the activities of other university bodies in this area, the Board simply acknowledged the complexity of the problem and decided it needed more information.

The Senate Task Force on the Problem of Quotas report was requested as well as minutes of an October meeting of GFC containing a discussion and a motion concerning

quotas, and another GFC report, on University size.

During the short discussion on the motion that came from GFC, it was agreed that no final decision could yet be made, and the implications of the quotas problem could not possibly be discussed at one single meeting, therefore the whole matter was deferred.

In an interview held after the meeting, Dr. Harry Gunning, University President, said both the Department of Advanced Education and the University administration agree, that this is an area "in which

we should make haste slowly."

It will be quite a while yet before the student population reaches the protracted limits of 24 thousand, and essentially we have until that time to come up with some definite legislation in the area.

Until that time, each individual faculty which already has more qualified applications than it can allot space and time for, is imposing its own arbitrary system of regulations to decide who get in what.