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... but trash remains.

Convention centre to move to U of A campus — mayor

In a surprise move, city council has announced that the site of the proposed convention centre has been shifted to the University of Alberta campus.

Mayor Cec Purves announced the new site, on Saskatchewan Drive west of the Biological Sciences building, at a joint press conference with university president Myer Horowitz yesterday.

"The Grierson Hill site has been abandoned," said Purves, "because of previously unrevealed stability problems." He said the new site is free from these problems and will still provide a "panoramic view of the city."

The convention centre will replace the Faculty Club, which currently occupies the site. "We've been planning this all along," said Purves. In the

slogan "No Means Go", the "Go" obviously referred to the site change," said Purves. "Through an oversight, however, it was not mentioned on the ballots."

University President Horowitz said revenues from the convention centre would make up for deficits in government funding for post-secondary education.

"Money, money, money, money," said Horowitz, wiping flecks of foam from his lips.

Horowitz said the revenues would be used to finance new programs in dentistry and pharmacy and to build a weight-reduction centre for university administrators.

"That'll show old Horseface who's trying to trim the fat," he added.

He also announced that Faculty Club facilities, including the beer vending machines,

roulette wheels and topless waitresses will be shifted to the basement of the Henry Marshall Tory Building.

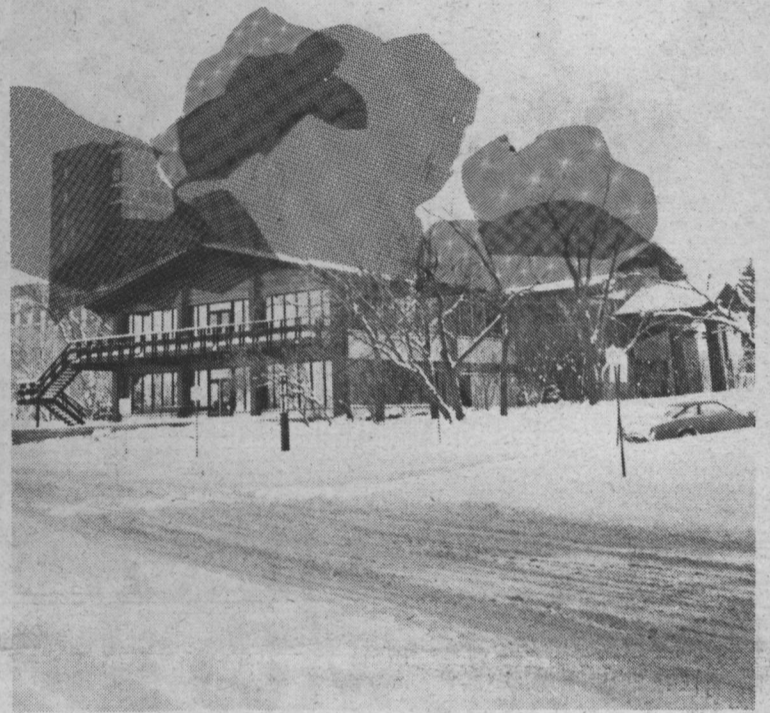
Meanwhile, the move has been opposed by a group calling themselves "Faculties for the Future".

Board of Governors chairman and group spokesman John Schloser said they would hold a drink-in to protest the centre's move.

"The whole idea is, hic — I mean sick," said Schloser.

When asked to comment, Students' Union president Dean Olmstead said, "I don't think we have a mandate from the electorate to assume a position that might not be truly representative of the opinions of the majority of students."

"Besides, I'm sick and tired of being forced to take stands on things I know nothing about," he added.



The Faculty Club disappears in billows of black smoke, a victim of the hot air emanating from the "Faculties for the Future" drink-in. Campus administration does not seem unduly upset the club is the site of the newest convention centre.

Cutbacks take their toll

Show over for arts

University president Myer Horowitz announced yesterday that the Faculty of Arts will be forced to close at the end of the current academic year because of government funding cutbacks.

"We've been expecting this for a long time," said Horowitz at a press conference, "but it only became inevitable when the province cut the faculty's funding by 99 per cent. I guess they just don't like artsy-fartsies."

Minister of Advanced Education Jim Horsman confirmed Horowitz's suspicions in

permanent. "Our studies indicate that by 1989 or 1990, the demand for arts graduates will catch up with the supply. At that time, we will seriously consider reopening the faculty."

Horsman also announced that the Henry Marshall Tory, Humanities and Arts Buildings will be put on sale. A memorial will be erected in the Arts Court Lounge in HUB to commemorate the late faculty. Memorabilia, including textbooks, apple cores, graffiti and roach clips.

Horsman concluded with a promise by the government to subsidize the transfer of arts students to petroleum industry technician and heavy-duty mechanic programs at NAIT.

Reaction to the announcement has been mixed. The Engineering Students' Society (ESS) is planning a march to the legislature to personally congratulate Horsman, but students in other faculties seem relatively unconcerned.

Former Dean of Academic Affairs, Roderick Reingold, now executive assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education, said, "At first, I was a bit annoyed at the announcement, but now I must admit that I really don't see what all the fuss

is about."

However, arts students approached by the *Getaway* expressed anger at the closure, and decried the government's insensitivity to the interests of students. "Where the hell am I supposed to get my dope now?" and "Omigod, does this mean I have to work for a living?" were typical comments.

To demonstrate their outrage at the closure of the Arts faculty, a massive protest rally in the arts quad is planned for this morning.

Hockey night in Garneau

Tema's baby bounces back

The SU Millionaires, the Garneau community mite hockey team, has a new owner-general manager.

Vp external Tema Frank announced at a press conference yesterday that the SU has acquired complete financial control of the hockey team. Their first change will be to move its base of operations from the tiny Garneau Community hockey rink to the 16,000 seat Northlands Coliseum, she said.

Frank also named herself team general manager at the press conference.

"I have big plans for this team," said Frank. "We've decided that a higher profile in Edmonton is not enough for the SU. We're taking this team on the road! By the time we're finished, the SU is going to be a household word even in Leichtenstein."

After the team smashes

local teams from Gold Bar, Calder and Millwoods, Frank said they would begin a major tour of European cities. "I've had it with this bush-league operation; we're heading for the big time!"

Frank also announced some management changes for the European tour. "Our new coach is Sharon Bell, and we've conned the other execs into taking a bunch of menial jobs — wait'll you see ol' Willie as a stick boy!" "Besides, you wouldn't believe how cheap those guys are willing to work."

However, the move has sparked an uproar among some Students' Council members.

"Some of us are wondering what happened to the Boat People Fund," said Science rep Steve Cumming. "We'd also like to know about rumours that the SU is selling SUB to finance the trip."

Frank denied accusations of financial wrongdoing. "I think what Mr. Cummings is ignoring is our television contract," she said. "Those babies are going to pay for themselves."

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