

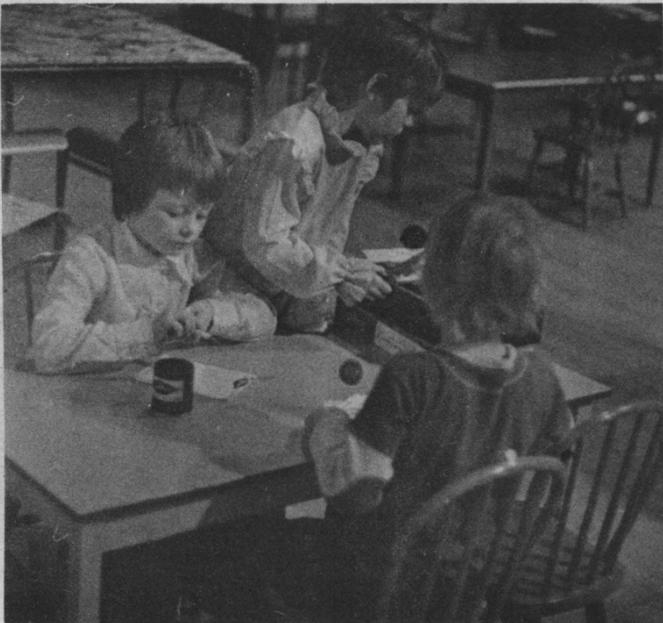
"Tis the season  
to be jolly...

# The Gateway

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The centre - a place where kids can hang out for the good of the parents.

## Day care centre in danger of closure

by Greg Neiman

The day care centre now housed in the North Garneau United Church is in danger of being closed in January due to a lack of children, and Mrs. Kathy Platt, manager of the centre fears it may be permanent.

The centre caters to children in elementary schools who cannot go home for lunch or immediately after school because parents are either students or at work.

To operate successfully on a break-even basis (almost a prerequisite for Students Union organizations here) the centre must have a minimum of 20 children, whereas at present there are only 16.

"I am confident that next year we will be full, but the Board (Day Care Management Board) doesn't think we can hang on that long," says Platt.

She adds that children who

are presently enrolled in the HUB Day Care Centre (a licensed organization catering to preschool children of student and working parents) will likely be using the Garneau Centre next year.

She also points out there have been calls from people in Michner Park who would like their children to attend next year, promising a good future enrollment, but she fears the Board will not likely reopen the centre should it be closed in January.

"There is a real need for a centre of this type, especially in a community with student parents who cannot pick their children up immediately after school, or must bring them in before school opens."

Platt mentions that there are five other centres of this type in Edmonton, but they are fully enrolled right now, some

probably with a formidable waiting list.

Students at the U of A often enroll their children at the Garneau School on 109th street so their children can go for lunch and after-school activities to the centre while the parents complete their classes.

"The only way we can make this a viable service is to be cheaper and better than a baby-sitting service," says Platt. And it is.

Minimum costs are \$10 per month to a maximum of \$60 per family per month.

The centre could hold a maximum of 25 children, but it needs 20 to break even.

"We get a certain amount of money per child per day from the City, and when we approach them for more, they tell us to revamp our budget but we're

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## Rent hike in North Garneau

Rents in renovated houses in the North Garneau area will soon be going up.

At its meeting last Friday, the Board of Governors accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to raise the per unit rents on renovated houses to \$48.00.

Rents on nonrenovated houses will remain at the present rate of \$43.00 per unit per month.

The recommendation was made in reference to recent appraisals by three Melton Real Estate consultants for the North Garneau Management Committee.

The consultants recommended that a per unit rent policy of just over \$60.00 a month would put rents on the other houses in North Garneau on a par with those of other communities.

The report added, though, that Melton's had included land costs in their recommendation, thus the reduced figure.

The report also contained a recommendation to increase the rent in houses that have had new fridges and stoves installed. An increase of \$17 a month was recommended in order that the new appliances could be paid for within their expected lifetime.

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Twas the night before Christmas and all through the SUB;  
Nothing was stirring, not even at HUB.  
All the tests were handed in with despair,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas would soon hear our prayer.  
Then what to my blood-shot eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,  
And a little old proff so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment, it must be St. Nick.  
And more rapid than eagles, his reindeer all came,  
As he shouted, "On Dalby", and each reindeer's name.  
And so to ROOM AT THE TOP the reindeer all flew,  
With all the papers, I'm sure it is true.  
Then down the stairwell he staggered a-haze,  
"I just gotta mark all those papers!" he says.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to work,  
And filling each paper, he turned with a smirk,  
For he had written on each student's test,  
Nothing but marks, and all were the best,  
And I heard him exclaim, as he wove out of sight,  
"Merry Christmas to all eased of their plight!"  
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by Mary MacDonald

## SU may rent 3rd floor SUB

Negotiations have begun between the Students' Union and the University Administration for the possible renting of the third floor of SUB to Administration for office use.

Joe McGhie, SU President, feels negotiations will be favourable to the Students' Union and renovations of the present suites will likely begin in January.

"There's no doubt in my mind that they'll be moving in," he says.

The Personnel Department of the university which does the hiring of university employees is expected to receive the much-needed office space.

The University has been camped for office space for a long time, and has even held offices off campus.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors last Friday, it was reported by the Finance Committee that the present lease the University holds in Campus Towers will be allowed to expire at the end of its present term.

The department will be needing upwards to 29,000 square feet of space for office use when the lease in Campus Towers expires.

## Horowitz on advance registration - a talk with the Dean

M. MacNeil and J. Ferris

At the November 25th meeting of General Faculties Council, Dean M. Horowitz, Faculty of Education, put forward a motion to abolish advanced registration at the University of Alberta. (see *Gateway* November 19th; and 28th)

*Gateway* later learned that Dean Horowitz did not intend to present the motion again at the December 16th meeting of GFC but felt that some of his reasons for initiating the motion deserved some explanation which had not previously been made available.

Dean Horowitz was emphatic that because his

motion had received a simple majority on November 25th it would serve no purpose to reintroduce it. His reasons for the motion were that, although he had supported the advance registration question two years ago when it was first conceived, he felt the problems that had arisen could not be resolved.

"It was my assessment," he continued, "that despite the increase in government funds, there would not have been enough to produce any dramatic changes in 1975-76."

He said he now proposes to provide any leadership he can so the '75-'76 advance registration is the best the university can have under the circumstances.

The problems the university faces in this question are

twofold, Horowitz said.

First: physical resources, in that there are inadequacies in computing facilities.

Second: human resources. "The registrar's office and larger faculty offices must have additional staff at certain times of the year. The Faculty of Education needs six non-academic staff members from March to October to properly process applications. It is my understanding that the registrar also needs six additional persons."

For the future, Horowitz stated: "GFC made a decision which any wise and fair person will support. It is the responsibility of the university to accept in a legal and professional sense the November

25th decision to continue advance registration. However, the entire university must therefore realize that more money must be made available to absorb the additional expenses that only some faculties will incur."

He particularly noted that in the professional faculties, advance registration is usually straightforward.

"In Law and Medicine, for instance, by virtue of their programs registration is a completely different exercise from that of Arts, Education, and Science. However, since these faculties participated in the decision, they must be prepared to absorb additional costs. Education should not have to cut back on its existing budget

to provide additional staff needed."

Furthermore, "the decision for '75-'76 should be looked on only for '75-'76. The spirit of that decision (to exclude first year students) should be that we've cut down numbers to achieve a more successful advance registration, but all students should be included as soon as possible."

In summation, Horowitz stated, "my responsibility is to see if we can't do more for freshman and transfer students. In the absence of computerized advance registration, is there then more that we can do?"

But, he concluded, "unless we have additional help, I am not sure the second time around will be any better."