

# English prof fights drunken fraternity parties

by Shannon Taylor

Over 100 angry Garneau residents are protesting the vandalism, drunk driving and loud noise they claim are results of wild fraternity parties in the area.

"The neighborhood has been abused long enough," says Jennifer Kelly, vice-president of the Garneau community league.

Jennifer and her husband Gary Kelly, an English professor at the University of Alberta, are circulating a letter of protest in the Garneau area. So far over 100 residents have signed the petition which states "We demand action to end the regular and frequent disturbing of the peace, drunk driving, littering and acts of vandalism which are direct results of parties, and the illegal sale of alcohol, held at Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon,

and other fraternities."

Alex Drummond, president of the University of Alberta Interfraternity Council (IFC), admits these activities do occur during some fraternity parties. "There are problems, but sometimes we are painted with a brush that should be applied to other groups on campus ... We take the flak for them because we are identifiable.

"It's hard to live down that animal house image," Drummond says.

In an effort to stop the disruptive fraternity activity, the IFC is working with the U of A Dean of Student Services to develop guidelines for fraternities conduct, Drummond said. "The University has recognized frats as unique student groups, and we have drawn up guidelines which we will be bound by."

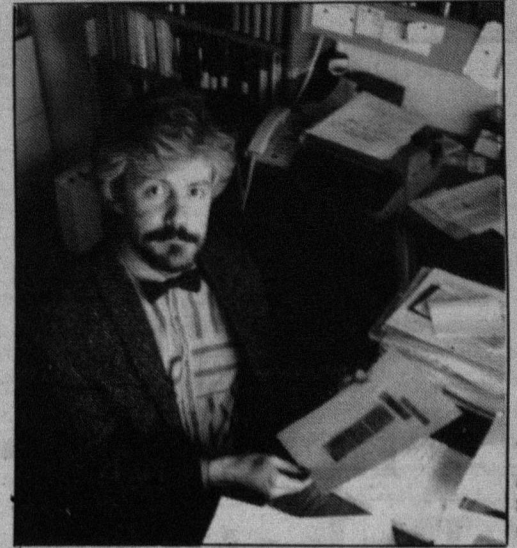
The new guidelines will be in place by next September.

Despite Drummond's comments, other members of U of A fraternities are denying the Kellys' allegations. Members from three different groups say the petition is a non-issue as Kelly has a personal vendetta against campus fraternities.

But Kelly says, "My wife has been sworn at in the street, my car has been vandalized ... During these parties you see people pissing in the street, throwing up in the parking lot and the next morning a growth of used condoms lines the streets."

Members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity - one of the groups singled out in the petition - responded by saying they do not condone this activity. "During a party someone is at the door at all times. They

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Kelly leash for "Animal Houses"

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## Student Help soothes exam anxieties

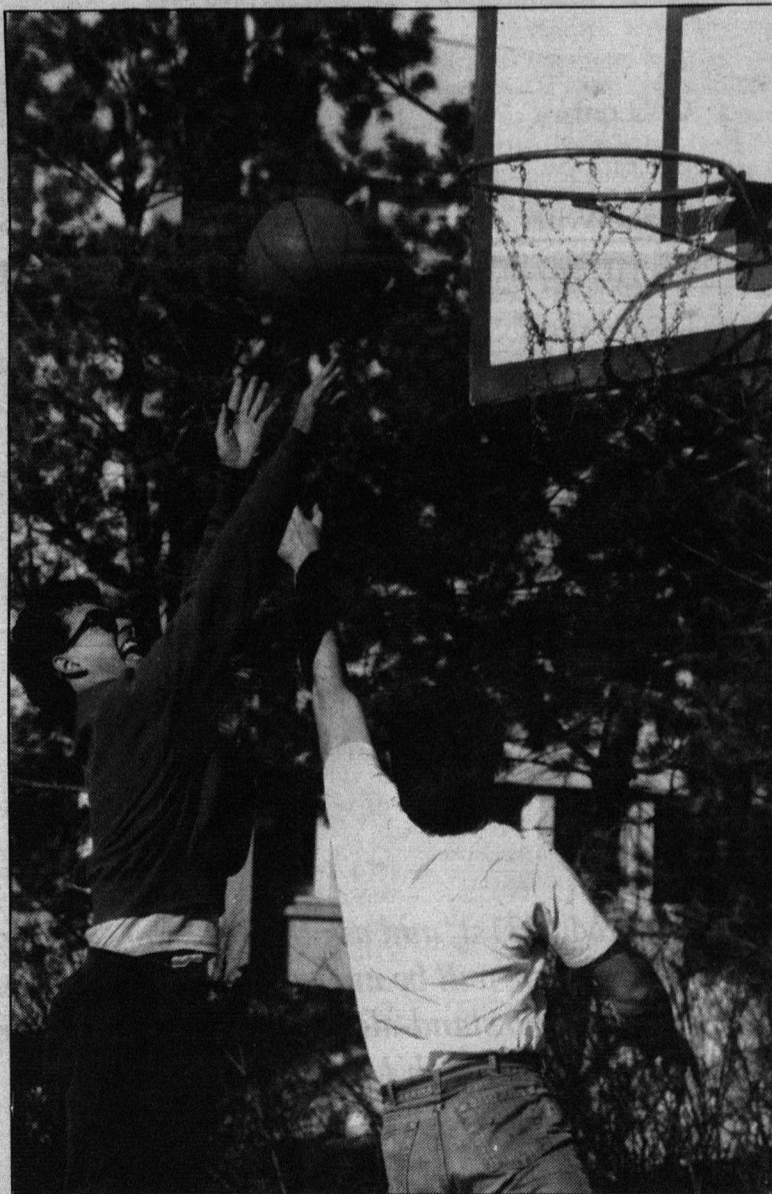
by Kevin Law

The Alberta Mental Health Association is trying to increase suicide awareness, naming this week suicide prevention week, and Student Help on campus wants people to know they are here for students when needed.

Student Help director Andrea Lenzion noted that students sometimes reach a crises point more often during exam time. "Our crisis line has had several attempted suicides from students on campus at this time of the year," she said.

Lenzion said Student Help is available for people to phone or drop by if they need someone to talk to. "We help people look at their options and if they are trying to hurt themselves, we will try to take them to an agency." Student Help staff will refer people to Student Counselling Services if necessary, or if they are in serious condition, they will take them to the psychiatric walk in clinic at the U of A.

Lenzion wants students to know there is help there if they need it, even if you're having trouble with exams and you just need "someone to bitch at."



Clive Oshty

Pat Mollard (left) and Guy Wylie (right) take advantage of the spring weather to shoot some hoops behind the Butterdome last weekend.

Although it sounds like a cliché, Lenzion said it is often true that "things always look better in the morning."

Student Help wants students to

be aware of the existence of the service and not to hesitate to call or drop in if they need help. They are located in room 250 SUB and their number is 492-4266.

## Union talk splinters Grad Students' Assoc.

by Shelby Cook

Divisions are forming in the Graduate Students' Association over unionization.

There are many problems in specific departments. Some instructors "expect students to work more than twelve hours per week," said GSA president Stephen Downes.

"There have been three votes by the GSA concerning unionization," said Downes, referring to graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants.

The second vote, on February 13, passed to rescind the first motion of unionization. This "was a fluke by people attempting to stop unionization," Downes added.

However, the third vote, to form a committee to investigate unionizing finances and options, passed on March 20, by a wide margin.

Downes called the unionization issue "divisive and fractious. There is a lot of ill feeling. It is a controversial issue, an Arts-Science rift; Science students are generally treated better."

The new committee formed on March 20 will be looking at options such as "forming their own union, joining with a larger organization, such as the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Canadian Union of Educational

Workers, or simply reporting that unionization is not an option," said past GSA president Dwayne Barber.

The next step would be a membership drive, to sign up a majority of the 1,322 GTA's and GRA's.

"Out of the 3,800 grad students, only those people would be affected," Barber said.

After the member drive, which could last until the end of this year, the union must pass through certification by the Public Service Employee Relations Board. Barber is "doubtful if the union will be ready before 1990."

In his annual report, Barber wrote that the "threat of unionization is an excellent negotiation tactic."

Barber added that "a small percentage (of grad students) will be disadvantaged (with unionization), but it's not really a contract; it's more for protection."

Downes said "one way or another, the grad students would be unionized. No matter which way this turns out, the University of Alberta administration has to take the grad students' concerns seriously and listen to what they say... they have to be fair."

Peter Meekison, U of A vice president academic, will be negotiating with the GSA. He said he is "not in a position to comment at this time."

GTA's and GRA's are unionized at other Canadian universities, including the University of Toronto, the University of Manitoba, Athabaska University, and the University of British Columbia.

At U of T, the GTA's who are members of CUEW local two were on strike from February 21 to March 13, 1989.

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