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"As a public institution, the university can't continue to allow substandard housing in that area."

Homes in the area were purchased by the university in anticipation of an expanded building program and the need for other university facilities.

"The boards policy of minimal maintenance of building is a waste of money," he said.

It would be cheaper to tear down the houses and build new ones. Renovations would cost an average of 8,000 a house.

However, in Neal's opinion, renovation of Pembina and Athabasca Halls should be top priority.

But a decline in student enrolment has forced the university to redraw its plans for expansion into North Garneau. The original plan made in 1968, was based on a projected enrollment in the late 1970's of 30,000.

The university is now planning for 20,000.

Several uncertainties test the accuracy of any planning by the board in North Garneau.

One involves fluctuations in student enrolment. Another is the status of the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

"So far, We've had no concrete proposals from the Games' People about development in North Garneau," said Neal. "But I understand they are still interested in using the residences and our athletic facilities."

Facilities which satisfy the needs of both the university and the Games could be considered for North Garneau, he said.

Neal hopes the board will form its policy on North Garneau by October. That policy should be flexible, he said, "so we don't lock ourselves into one scheme for 20 years."

STOP seeks funds

Save Tomorrow Oppose Pollution is trying to raise money for a film series on pollution in Alberta.

Consisting of four six-minute and two 20-minute films, the series will cost \$51,000.

Letters have been sent to oil companies, banks, breweries and other businesses for donations to the project.

The goal of the series is to show what has been and can be done to protect the environment. Also, how Albertans can work effectively with government and private industry to solve environmental problems.

Already, S.T.O.P. has received \$9,000 and the use of a helicopter for ten days from the provincial government for the series.

The films will be distributed free to schools and libraries in Alberta and will be sold for use outside the province. It is hoped they will be ready for distribution in September, 1974.

S.T.O.P.'s address is Box 1633, Edmonton.

Building persists despite freeze

While the construction boom of the late 1960s has subsided, there are several projects planned for the University of Alberta this year.

Even with the freeze in government grants for new buildings still in effect, the start of one project, completion of two others and a \$400,000 landscaping program are scheduled.

The \$700,000 first stage of the physical plant's services building is in the planning stage but government approval is expected soon and construction could begin before December.

Money for the project - \$500,000 are needed this year - will come from the university's contingency building fund and investment returns.

The site is south of the Jubilee Auditorium and west of the present physical plant. The building will provide storage space for ground crews and vehicles, carpenter shops and a small service station. It will also have washroom and changing facilities to two playing fields on its west side.

Currently, equipment is stored in several buildings around the campus, says Mr. Robertson.

under construction

Two buildings approved before the building grant freeze in 1971, Education II and Medical Sciences, are near completion.

First the elevator strike last spring, then the railway strike, have put Education about five months behind schedule. The rail strike has delayed shipment of finishing materials such as flooring, carpeting and even brass taps for sinks in labs.

"Much of these materials are made in eastern Canada and contractors can't get hold of them," said Mr. Robertson.

Meanwhile, work on the top three storeys of the Medical Sciences building continues. The bottom six floors are already occupied, with the rest to be completed by November.

landscaping

Approved and funded by the government, the landscaping program is spread over the campus the most obvious projects is the construction of ramps for pedestrians and wheelchairs under the Central Academic Building.

"In the past, you couldn't go under C.A.B. without climbing all those stairs, says Mr. Robertson. "The ramp will reduce the number of stairs by half."

Trees and shrubs are also being planted in the court around C.A.B.

Other landscaping projects are:

- New walks, and lighting and replanting of trees and shrubs on half the arts court, west of H.U.B.

- An outdoor theatre between the Fine Arts and Law Buildings.

- Replanting of trees and shrubs around the Medical and Mechanical Engineering buildings.

- A 75-foot wide strip of walks and trees and a playground for the day-care centre east of HUB.

- An elevated, covered walk between the Humanities building and H.U.B.

new buildings

Students returning to campus will see several new buildings in operation, including Chemistry II, The new Rutherford Library, the Fine Arts Building and Humanities building.

The six-storey Chemistry building is fully occupied and has office-labs for graduate and post-graduate students and undergraduate students' labs on the first two floors. There aren't any classrooms in the building.

The music, art and drama departments are beginning to move into the Fine Arts building, which should be in full use by December. Drama has small theatre, stage and speech rooms; music, rehearsal rooms and art, ceramic, print, photography, carpentry and other workshops.

The three departments share office space on the third floor.

Books have been moved into the new Rutherford library since August. The library is connected to the old Rutherford library and H.U.B.

Three other departments, English, classics and philosophy, share office space in the Humanities building, which was completed last spring.

Shelters ready by October

Construction of two bus shelters at the U of A will be completed by October.

Both shelters will be located on 89th Avenue, one in front of the Engineering Building and the other north of the campus security headquarters.

Made of pre-cast concrete, each shelter costs about

\$19,000 and has a capacity of 150. Benches and infra-red heaters will also be installed in the shelters.

The shelters were needed to accommodate an increase in bus passengers which has resulted from the extension last year of Edmonton Transit System routes to 89th Avenue from 87th.

DAILY EVENTS

BEER GARDEN 11am-3pm
(except Fri.)
on Quad

RATT
3pm on
Heartaches Razz Band
7 floor SUB

JOE COLLEGE DANCE
social in Ice Arena
Privilege, Seeds of Time
food, refreshments
\$2.00 at the door

AFTERNOON SOCIAL
at Dinwoodie 3pm-7pm
Great Canadian
River Race
\$1.50

STEER & STOMP
8pm-12pm
FREE admission
food

The Big Bust

SATURDAY SPECIAL

FRESHMEN INTRODUCTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday
8pm-1am
CAB
EVENING BEER FEST
Freeway \$1.50
Yellowhead

Wednesday
CONCERT
Tom Northcott,
Abraham's Children
\$2.00 in advance
from SUB info desk
\$2.50 at the door

FOOTBALL 2:00
Saskatoon Huskies
VS
Golden Bears
BEAR COUNTRY 8pm-1am
Ice Arena food, refreshments
Great Canadian River Race,
\$2.00 in advance
\$2.50 at the door

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