

# Older students suffer



by Mike Walker

University life can be confusing and frightening for older students returning to school after a few years away.

"Mature students have taken what amounts to a risky step," says Fran Trehearne, director of the U of A Student Affairs Office. "They assume they're going to be quite out of place."

Often, at least at first, they are.

"Since most have been away from educational institutions for some time, they're pretty rattled sometimes by the demands made by instructors and administrators," Trehearne says.

Mature students' problems are far different from those of younger students, according to Trehearne. One of the most serious is money.

"I don't think our finance board (which administers student loans) has recognized com-

pletely the incredible difficulties that a mature student with a family and maybe a mortgage is going to have," Trehearne says.

Alex Eliuk, president of Continuing University Education (CUE), a campus organization of mature students, agrees.

"There are some people having some terrible financial problems," he says. "Some of our people are single parents... they have to not only do all their schoolwork, but create a family atmosphere at home... and perhaps even have a part-time job."

If these students manage to get student loans, Eliuk says, "they're just making it, they have to cut down on absolutely everything."

"If they can't (get loans), they're just out of luck... they have to drop out."

The real heart of mature students' difficulties at university, though, is that they are treated not as adults. They are continually affronted by the treatment they receive from the university, the Students' Union and professors.

"The adult coming back expects to be treated like an adult," Trehearne says.

Eliuk agrees: "Students coming out of high school are used to being institutionalized... lining up... doing as they're told. The mature individual isn't used to being graded all the time. They don't have to be given an eight to know they're doing a good job."

The requirements for entrance into most faculties are not always fair to mature students either, Eliuk says.

"Perhaps they should take a better and longer look at a person's experience and use that as a basis for enrolment" rather than concentrating on academic performance, he says. "Anybody who... can do it should be able to get a degree no matter what their background."

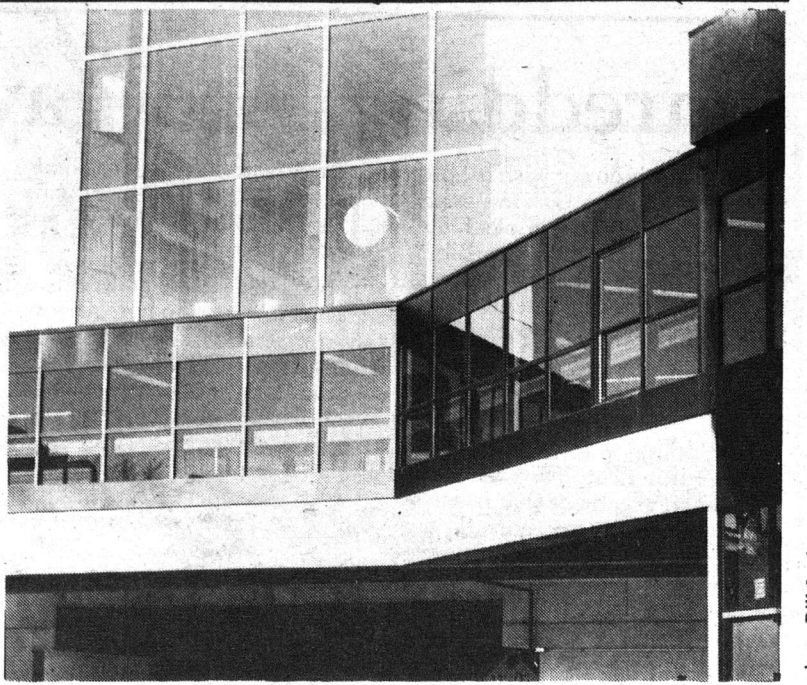


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# Still waiting for HUB overpass

by Peter Michalyszyn

If Papernik Construction doesn't finish the HUB-Fine Arts overpass in two weeks, the university will move in and finish it for them.

"We've had a great deal of trouble with the contractor (Papernik)," says Blake Pratt of Campus Development.

Construction on the overpass, which includes a main HUB entrance, started about 14 months ago. It should have been a six-month job, according to Pratt.

Papernik says it was held up waiting for materials like special doors to match the Fine Arts building doors, and a dome for the overpass skylight, which hasn't arrived yet.

Papernik also say they think

they will be finished within the next two weeks, however.

Pratt isn't so confident.

"I think we're going to have to finish it ourselves," he says.

According to the "owners right to work", the university can give Papernik notice, move in and do the work, and charge Papernik for it.

Aside from the dome, all that's left to finish is a little painting, a leak in the roof, and a few light fixtures before the overpass can open.

The HUB merchants, however, aren't expecting much progress on the overpass they've been waiting for since 1972.

"It's a total bungle. I honestly haven't seen people working on the overpass steadily," says one HUB merchant.

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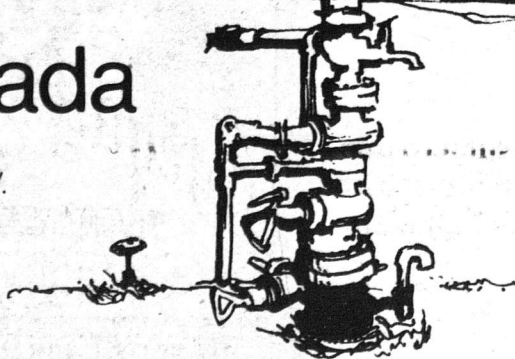
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