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...of who they are.  
-Anonymous

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Proud winners of a cumulative \$4,500 in scholarship awards these Food Sciences students were honored at a banquet ceremony Tuesday. A \$1000 scholarship from General Foods went to Lori Sullivan, and Glen Kilback received \$1000 from Molsons and ITC. Griffith Laboratories bestowed \$1000 on Mary-Ellen Funnell and a \$1000 ITC scholarship went to Brenda Brindle, while Ivy Chung and Pat Olson each won \$250 from N.A. Larson CADP. Congrats!

Photo by Ron Fitzsimmons

## Computers blamed for money mixups

# Payment out of STEP

Interdepartmental mixups and computer errors resulted in the delaying of payment for most of the 6,371 students who participated in the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) portion operated by the Department of Agriculture.

Many students who had been working on the program had not received pay before school began in September, and according to one MLA, some had to wait as long as October 15.

Fred Mandevill (Bow Valley) said in an interview that hundreds of students had phoned either him or the department complaining of inefficiency in the program.

A spokesman for the agriculture department concurred, but added that when asked, all agreed the program should be continued with improvements.

The STEP program was designed such that students would work for the province's farmers for \$400, per month, half to be paid by the farmer, half by the province. \$6 million was set aside for the program, which later proved inadequate due to an unforeseen high number of participants.

Money transfers from the manpower department to the agriculture department took inordinately long, he said, adding computer disorders, and late registration of work reports from farmers to the list of complications.

The system and program are under review at present, and if the employment situation looks the same as for this last summer, the program will be continued.

Measures will be taken, said the spokesman, to ensure that farmers submit accurate work reports early, and other parts of the plan will be more carefully set up and policed.

Examples of what happened this summer report farmers paying students for a summer's work with "\$25.00 and two weiner pigs", or "sending in work reports while the student was in Europe", or simply waiting to send reports in until August, although the work was completed in May.

As well, some students were not paid until they had completed a farms safety program, designed to lessen farm accidents.

Next year, a cut off mark will probably be established including a rule that farmers who have already benefitted from the program would be given a lower priority than farmers who have not.

## Changes slated for election time

Only 28 days will be allowed to candidates running in the next provincial election if a bill given first reading at Tuesday's sitting of the legislature is passed.

Bill Purdy, in introducing the bill said proposed amendments to the election act will shorten the allowable campaign period by 11 days and makes changes in procedures

governing advance polls and enumeration for voting purposes.

Outside the house, Purdy said Alberta's previously allowed campaign period was the longest in Canada, exceeded only by the time allowed in a federal election, and seeing that other provinces manage to complete adequate campaigns in less time, he felt our politicians are not being penalised.

The system of advance polling will undergo changes in that four advance polls will be set up in rural ridings to equal

urban ridings, but the time allowed people to vote in advance will be shortened to the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday preceding the election.

It will be easier for a person to register for advance polling. New legislation allows people to appear at a polling station, where they can be sworn in by affidavit by the person in charge, he said.

As well, enumeration will now be made by geographical area instead of by alphabetical order of names.

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## Zionism labelled racist

OTTAWA (CUP) - "I was chased out of Israel because I am not a Jew - that is Zionism."

And that is why, according to Shafik Al-Hout of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the UN last month condemned Zionism as a "form of racism and racial discrimination."

Al-Hout, a native Palestinian born in Jaffa, told a partisan but divided audience here on November 17 that Arabs and Jews were "living happy till the Zionist doctrine came to our

land" and turned 800 thousand Arabs, including Al-Hout into refugees.

The vice-chairman of the PLO delegation to the UN, and a PLO executive member, Al-Hout, said the PLO is the "sole representative of the Palestinian people" and defended the PLO and UN position to a packed meeting at the Ottawa public library, organized by the Ottawa chapter of the Voice of Women.

"We represent the oppressed and fighting for what has been taken from us by brute force. By real terror. We are freedom fighters and we identify ourselves with the national liberation movements of the world."

The Zionists, he contended, have been condemned by the progressive third world and developed countries, but "have best relations with the reactionary nations which have in the past practised anti-semitism", citing the US as the prime example.

"But the will of the people is more important than the will of the reactionary forces," he said, predicting that the PLO and the Palestinian people would achieve "ultimate victory."

What does the PLO want? "We want to go back to Palestine and live in peace more RACISM,  
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## Taylor slams nude ping-pong

In an effort to "give municipal governments the necessary muscle and authority to deal with and control body rub parlors" Independent member Gordon Taylor introduced a private members' bill legislating their control.

He cited businesses offering nude ping-pong, nude meditation, dancing, and photography as serious problems in Canadian cities, and said municipal governments lacked such power at present.

## U landmark reopens

One of the links to the U of A's past has been strengthened markedly.

Pembina Hall, a students' residence which dates back to 1914, has undergone extensive interior renovations and will be officially reopened Friday at 3:30 pm.

Once again an integral part of the on-campus living operation, Pembina Hall also serves as a strong visual reminder of the university's formative years.

A four-storey red brick building on the Quad near the center of campus, it had seemingly been consigned to closure on more than one occasion, the most recent being in the spring of 1973 when it was determined that the building had depreciated below modern fire and safety standards.

However, diligent lobbying by its residents and funding by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the

provincial government resulted in its return to prominence.

Student and provincial government representatives as well as representatives from the university's administration and alumni sectors will be present at the reopening ceremony in the main floor rotunda. The public is invited to attend.

A tour of the building will be conducted following the brief ceremony.

Renovated at a cost of \$780,000, Pembina Hall contains 136 fully furnished rooms that have been rented to senior men and women full-time students. Prior to being closed for renovations April 30, 1974, Pembina Hall was an all-women's residence.

Although it was the third university building to be constructed (following Athabasca Hall in 1911 and Assiniboia Hall in 1913) Pembina Hall was the first building to be constructed under university planning. The Board of Governors had en-

countered difficulty in attracting contractors to tender bids on university construction because of the university's distance from the city.

However, the Board persuaded the government to permit the university to hire its own architect to carry out the campus plans which had been approved by the Board.

Financial constraints brought on by the 1914 depression and then the First World War delayed completion of Pembina Hall until 1915 when it became a teaching building and residence.

During an influenza epidemic in 1918 Pembina Hall was converted into an emergency hospital. The Royal Canadian Air Force used it for training purposes from 1941 to 1945.

With its restoration completed Pembina Hall again becomes a university landmark valued for its contribution to the sense of community.