

COUNCIL WEATHERS STORM

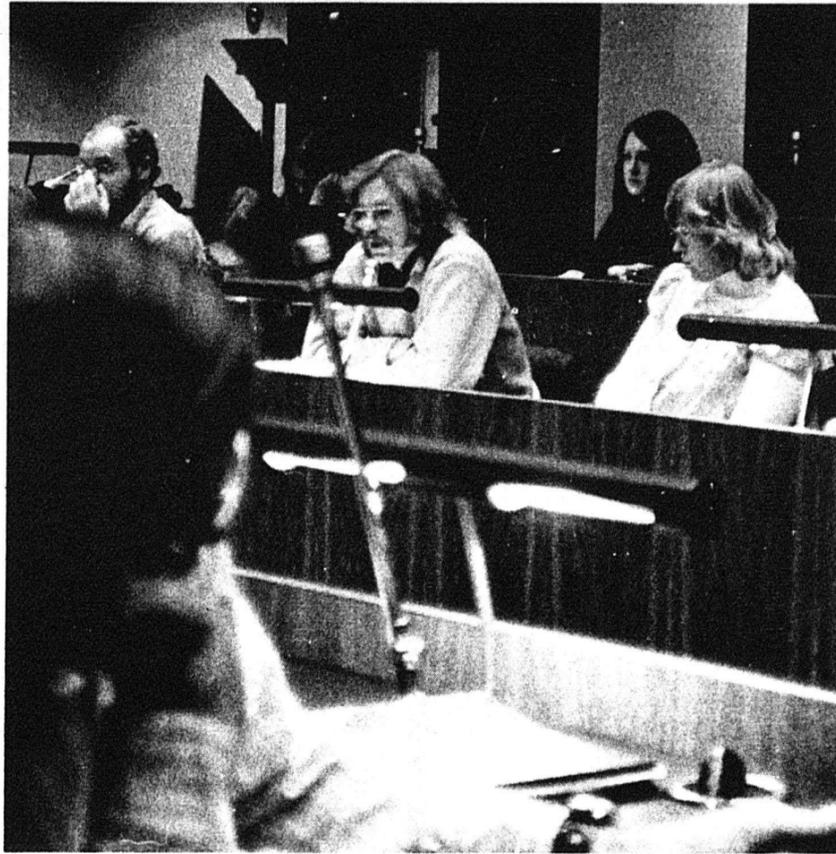
"I do believe that the motion is nothing short of an incredulous political move on the part of Mr. Delaney to publicise his 'holier-than-thou' manner in dealing with Students' Union money."

In making this statement at Monday's student council meeting Daryl Grams (science rep) indicated his disapproval of Delaney's motion to impeach Riskin. Grams went on to say that Riskin has served the students in his attempts to find parking for Law students and in his recent negotiations with Famous Players Theaters. Grams also stated that Riskin has not spent \$2,000 on these items as was the case with the tenure study which is now a worthless document. He concluded that all members of council have to accept some responsibility for the defeat of the referendum but that the executive must assume more responsibility since theirs was the major role.

Pat Delaney (VP Academic) stated that much of the reasoning behind the motion could be found in the articles which appeared in the Gateway and Edmonton Journal. He went on to say at great length that it was not the expenses incurred by Riskin that are at issue, it is the principles underlying them. Delaney said in closing that if council did not pass this motion then they must support Riskin and his lack of respect for the governing bodies of this University, lack of responsibility, refusal to be accountable, and a generally poor administration.

Gary West (VP Finance) said that the other members of the executive were not trying to absolve themselves of student criticism since he was not aware of any criticism being levied against them. He supported Delaney in that he felt that the money which Riskin has spent is irrelevant to the true issue which is that of principle.

Chris Bearchell (arts rep) introduced an amendment which included all of the executive in the non confidence motion. She cited the result of the fee referendum as indicative of a general lack of



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confidence in the leadership and executive of the students union. She insisted that the executive should not sacrifice Riskin as a scapegoat since they also are held in low esteem by the student body.

Howie Christensen (engineering rep) suggested that the whole students' union be disbanded and reorganized in a loose federal system consisting of faculty associations. Under this system Christensen feels that out of the \$31

student union fees, \$12 could be given to the faculty association which would give the engineering faculty association an operating budget of about \$10,000.

Rob Spragins (executive vp) said that whereas he supported the letter in the Gateway calling for Riskin's resignation, he would not be willing to support a vote of non confidence. In his subsequent address, Spragins suggested that the student body has no confidence in its union but that this situation was

rectifiable. He proposed a motion that asked for a special meeting of Student Council at which time council would only concern itself with delineating a course of action for Students Union which would best serve the students and a definition of the aims and purposes of SU. He offered that during the Christmas vacation he, and others who share his opinions, would get together and draft a set of By-laws which would give council some guidance.

Saffron Shandro (commerce rep) suggested that council should get expert guidance from those with more corporate experience since it is his opinion that Students Union is a corporation. He also suggested that a new set of By-laws be drafted by a firm of lawyers so that the wording of those By-laws would be concise and not subject to lengthy debate.

Other members of council spoke to the motion but raised few other points of debate.

It was only after the defeat of Bearchell's motion of non confidence in the executive that Gerry Riskin rose to speak.

In his somewhat impassioned address, Riskin said that he could not forgive those responsible for the irreparable damage which has been done to the good name of the SU of Alberta across the nation. Riskin also thought the manner in which his resignation was asked for was despicable. Apparently the first he knew of the call to resign was when he was approached by a member of the Edmonton Journal reporting staff who asked for his comments. He admitted that some of the responsibility for the lack of credibility with the student body falls upon his shoulders and that he accepts that responsibility. He concluded by saying that he thinks the executive can work together despite their differences but that personal animosities will have to be put aside.

The motion of non confidence was then defeated 14 to 8. ds

G.F.C.— may debate marking

Protesting that he doesn't want to wait "for G.F.C. to wait for a committee to do something sometime," law rep Rob Curtis has asked for a special meeting of G.F.C. to discuss alternatives to the nine point grading system.

At last Monday's meeting of the G.F.C. Executive, Curtis argued that because there is "total discontent amongst students with the nine point system" it should be changed.

He said that a questionnaire circulated last year in the faculty of law showed that wide-spread dissatisfaction with the present system does exist.

Grad student rep David McMurray expressed doubts that a special meeting would be useful because the particular marking system doesn't really matter. "They are all administered by human beings who will make the same kinds of judgements regardless of the system," McMurray said.

Max Wyman cautioned Curtis that because of the "investment in the nine-point system" it would take at least two years after a decision was made for any change to be implemented.

Wyman also warned that unless the special meeting were "structured" it might just be an "opportunity for people to say false things about the present system," Curtis said that he is prepared to present a specific motion for debate should a meeting be called.

G.F.C. discussions of marking were tabled this fall after the ad hoc committee on the nine-point grading system presented a report which was unacceptable to G.F.C. because it failed to examine any alternatives to the present system.

Curtis' motion was forwarded to G.F.C. proper for consideration without comment.

The Executive also decided not to comment on a request for information placed in Folio by a committee studying G.F.C. itself. Describing the committee's questions as "vague", F. B. Cookson

(medicine) predicted that if the committee gets any "sensible response at all, they'll be darn lucky. They're trying to do a survey of participatory democracy." The committee has asked for opinions on such matters as representation by constituency, the relationship of the G.F.C. to the Board of Governors and the efficiency and effectiveness of participatory democracy.

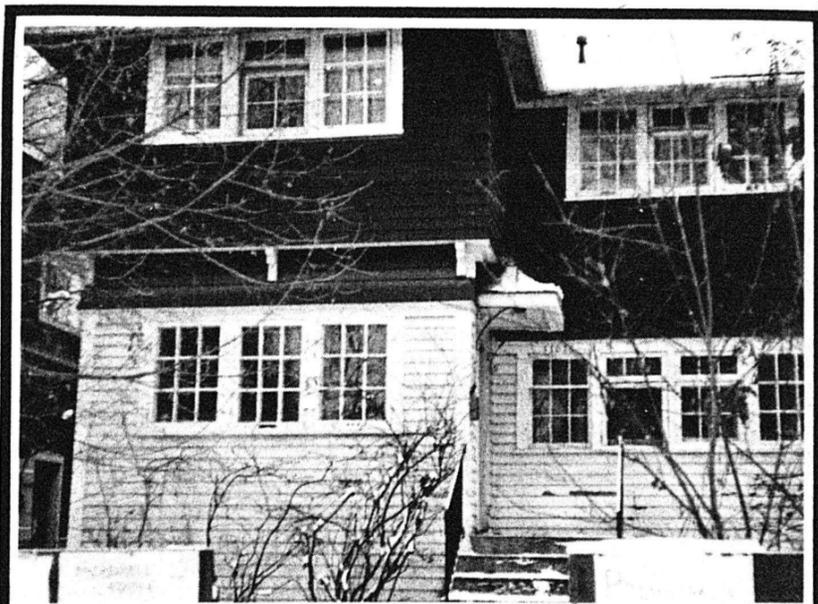
ed prospects gloomy

The student placement service on campus predicts increased employment for this year in science and engineering but a decrease in the field of education.

According to a spokesman for the placement office, the majority of companies have increased personnel requirements this year but they are meeting their requirements with fewer interviews. By pre-screening applicants on certain criteria (unknown to the placement office) companies are able, they say, to find better personnel in less time.

Estimates from school boards, however indicate a decline in the number of openings for most teachers, particularly high school and junior high. Teachers with special training, such as in industrial arts, remedial reading, household economics, etc., are not as severely affected by these declines.

It should be noted that estimates by school boards of their requirements are extremely tentative since they only receive notice of resignations at the last minute in May. Teachers are so wary of jeopardizing their present jobs that they conceal their intentions of resigning until they are absolutely certain of their job.



Although its peaceful exterior belies its history, this house has harbored controversy for more than half a century. It was probably about 1910 that Emily Murphy and her family moved to 11011-88th Avenue. That was before women won the vote in Alberta and before Emily Murphy had put Edmonton's name on the map by becoming the first woman magistrate in the British Empire. Now it shelters such notables as Jim Tanner and Don Jaque, both candidates for the Arts seats on G.F.C. this fall.

And it is widely rumoured that a certain nefarious newspaper issues from its Stygian cellars each week.

But Emily Murphy's old house may not last much longer. It's one of those in the way of the proposed Commonwealth Games bicycle track.

Garneau meeting Thursday

On Thursday, December 7 there will be an open meeting between the North Garneau Tenants Association and the Garneau Community League. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Garneau Community Hall. The two groups will discuss a position paper drawn up by a committee of North Garneau residents dealing with University encroachment into the Garneau community. Committee members hope that the discussion of the position paper will set the basis for the

formation of an alliance between the community league and other groups more directly in the way of University and Commonwealth Games encroachment. In addition, handouts will be circulated throughout the community via a door-to-door campaign encouraging residents to write letters of protest to such authorities as the Board of Governors, the City, and the Commonwealth Games Federation.