



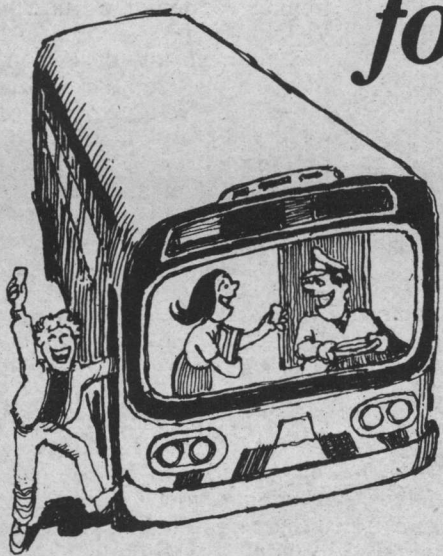
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8:00 P.M. "WIZARD LAKE" (\$3.00)

Student Pak All You Can Ride for \$65.00



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Edmonton Transit's autumn Student Pak is back! Full-time post-secondary students are eligible to obtain in advance four convenient Edmonton Transit Monthly Adult Passes. Save over the cost of individual monthly passes, yet get all the conveniences—no fumbling for change, or looking for parking, or boosting a frozen car motor.

A great gift idea—the gift of travel. Your cheque for \$65.00, and the student's presentation of course registration or a post-secondary school I.D. card—means the gift of unlimited Transit rides from September through December. And each pass is transferable to other adults. From mid-August on, Student Paks are on sale at the U of A Student Union Box Office in H.U.B., at the N.A.I.T. Student Store, at all bookstores of Grant MacEwan Community College, at the Alberta College General Office. Or come to the Edmonton Transit Administration office at 10426 - 81 Avenue.

At registration time, remember your Transit Student Pak, all you can ride from September through December!

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The best buys in basement books

by Peter Michalyshyn

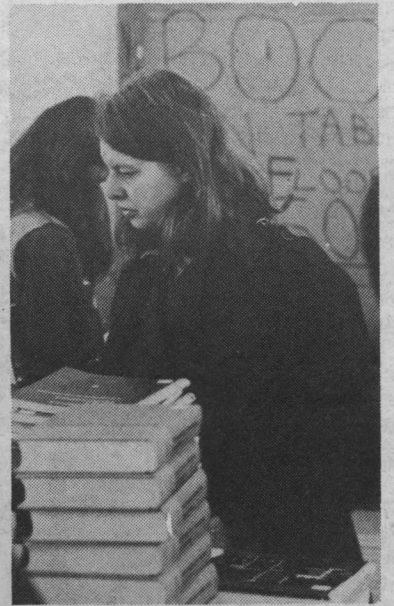
For new students and old, the cost involved in buying textbooks is usually an unpleasant surprise. There is a cheaper way to get those books, however — through the Varsity Christian Fellowship's (VCF) annual book exchange.

Located in the Bearpit, west of the curling rink in the basement of SUB, the VCF book exchange offers textbooks on almost every subject for substantially reduced prices.

The VCF receives used books from anyone wishing to sell unwanted texts, operating on a consignment — commission basis. This means that prospective book sellers bring in their books and set their own prices.

With the Bearpit, the VCF provides a large-scale and practical setting where texts may be sold, thus freeing book-owners from the hassles of selling their books privately. For this service, the VCF takes a 20% handling charge from the price of the book, which goes toward an overseas program sponsored by the VCF.

Although it is difficult to give an example of an average selling price for any book, Exchange Manager Bryan Butler says the book exchange market operates on the principles of



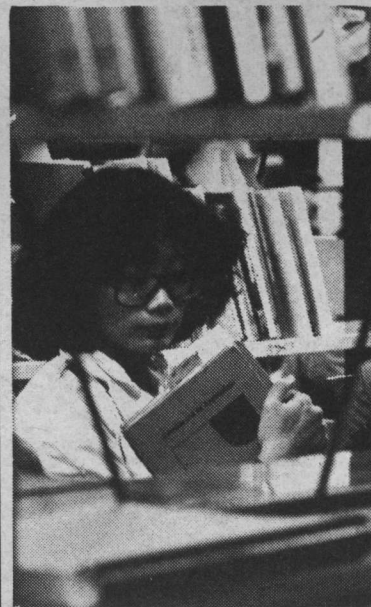
supply and demand. Price competition is fierce, especially subject areas as History, English, and the Sciences, where many copies of texts are available.

Books for consignment will be accepted only until today, but Butler expects to have at least 12,000 books available for sale, based on last year's exchange. The VCF also operates an exchange in January for the second term, but it is not usually as big as the fall exchange because of full-year courses.

The VCF made about \$7000 in last year's book exchange. To reduce costs, they operate with the help of about 30 volunteers from the VCF. The operation of the exchange is mostly self-serve, but if confusion arises, people are available to help.

Additional help also comes from the U of A Bookstore this year, which donated a large number of books, and from the U of A library, which provides the shelves for the books.

The book exchange will be open for business until the end of the week, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but for those who don't like crowds, the best times to shop for books are between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Arbitration for NASA employees

Negotiations between the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) and the University Board of Governors over salaries and benefits for the period of April 1979 to April 1980 are expected to go to arbitration at the end of this month.

The negotiations are a result of a "reopener clause" in the present contract, which was supposed to cover the period from April 1, 1978 to March 31, 1980. The contract, the first for the 3,200 member NASA, was awarded in July of 1979 under the Public Service Employees Relations Act, after a six-month dispute.

Now NASA wants an across the board increase of 11%, with other special adjustments and benefits. These would bring the total increase to approximately 15%. Benefits asked for include several employer-paid schemes, one being a dental plan similar to that of the academic staff.

During the negotiations, which lasted only one day, the Board of Governors offered NASA an increase of 5%. NASA refused the offer. Arbitration is the result.

Manager of NASA George Walker is now happy with the present Public Service Employees Relations Act. He recently sent a letter to that effect to Minister of Economic Development Hugh Horner. It outlines problems which he says the act has caused for several groups operating under it.

"The present act is unfair, cumbersome and riddled with defects and anomalies" he says. He asked the minister to review the act.

Under the act, implemented in September of 1977, NASA members are treated as employees of the government. Before the act was implemented, NASA operated under voluntary recognition by the Board of Governors of the University.