



Photo Don Tapscott

The 'Edmonton 61' were arrested on charges of assault by trespass and obstruction of police officers after trying to halt the match between the English cricket team, 'The Robbins II', and the Edmonton district cricket team.

The protestors were released on bail early Sunday morning and appeared in provincial court Monday,

where they were remanded until Mon. Sept. 27, when trial date will be set.

Last night, U of A Students' Council resolutely waffled on the issue, passing a motion saying that 'because it is questionable whether the issue of apartheid in South Africa is within the terms of reference of the Students' Council', they could not ask that the charges against the Edmonton 61 be dropped.



Photo Keith Miller

They 'forcefully' added that, even if apartheid was within their 'terms of reference', they could not condone what is possibly an illegal act, regardless of how laudable some people may feel the demonstrators' motivation may have been.

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...and into the picket.

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## Library hours hassle

The university and the Students' Union are squaring off for a fight over library hours which officials say will never be resolved until further funding is found.

But even if the money is produced, says Bruce Peel, librarian to the university, it is very unlikely hours will be increased to handle the "small number of students who want to study Saturday nights and Sundays."

Ken McFarlane, vp academic for the SU, says the university is neglecting its obligation to provide students with the widest possible access to the multi-million dollar library facilities on campus.

And he doesn't agree with librarian Peel's statement that only a few students want the campus libraries open longer.

"I had so many complaints over the summer, I know there is a real demand for longer library hours, particularly on the weekend," says McFarlane.

"That's why we went to the trouble of working out a new, financially-realistic schedule for library hours, which we sent to Mr. Peel.

"But the schedule was rejected outright."

Peel says the SU requests were like the demands placed on a 24-hour operation convenience store.

"This library is like a Safeway store — geared to a large volume of business during regular hours," Peel says, "and the SU wants us to be like a 7-11 store.

"But if you compare Safeway prices with 7-11 prices, the 7-11 prices are quite a bit higher."

Peel says his budget not only doesn't allow for increased hours of operation, even if further money is provided he would like to see other library problems, such as understaffing, solved before expanding operating hours.

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## SU Subverts library

The Students' Union is attempting to "subvert" increased library revenues because the library won't use increased funds to increase its service to students says SU vp services Jan Grude.

During the summer, the library raised its photocopying fee from five cents per copy to 10 cents and Grude says administrators expect the increase to bring them another \$60,000 in revenue.

"They're talking about an extra \$60,000," Grude says, "yet they refuse to use any of that money to increase their service to students by extending library hours."

To counter the university's move, Grude says the SU has installed new photocopying facilities on the ground floor of SUB, still for only five cents per copy.

But he says the SU photocopier will not break even unless 16,000 copies are made on it each month and encourages students to use the SU machine.

## Rodriguez blasts gov't

OTTAWA (CUP) - A federal MP has called on the government to finance post-secondary education for low-income students with the money saved by the elimination of summer job programs.

John Rodriguez, NDP member for Nickel Belt, said in a press release that the \$36 million saved when the government cut the Opportunities for Youth (OFY) program this year should be awarded as grants to poor students who could not find work this summer.

Without some form of government aid, many students will not be able to return to classes this term, the MP said in an accompanying statement.

Rodriguez also echoed the demands of student organizations in calling for the elimination of tuition fees as a "long term" solution making post-secondary education accessible to students from low-income backgrounds.

He said his demands are a response to the federal government's "uncaring attitude towards student unemployment and its inability in creating student summer jobs."

Student unemployment ran 15 to 20 per cent this summer he said, repeating figures from his summer study, subsequently used as background for an

Opposition document on summer unemployment. (The exact number of unemployed students is impossible to

calculate this year because the department of manpower and immigration refused to fund a special Statistics Canada survey to determine that figure.)

Rodriguez said a soon to be published Secretary of State study shows that students from \$15,000 per year income families are three times as likely to attend a post-secondary institution as those from families earning \$6,000 yearly.

A government study last year showed students from the latter income bracket had only a 25 per cent chance of attending university if they were unable to find summer work, and a 47 per cent chance of attending other post-secondary institutions, according to Rodriguez.

## Rights for Students

Students may become a protected group in tenancy discrimination under provincial human rights legislation if proposed amendments are carried in the fall sitting of the Alberta Legislature.

Although the Alberta Human Rights Commission now receives "numerous" complaints from students refused housing because of their student status and/or because they are young and single, commission personnel say they

cannot take legal action against such discrimination.

"We can't make any formal charges for such discrimination," says northern Alberta investigation supervisor Jennie Atkins, "but we do talk to landlords and have a fair rate of success in stopping their practise.

"We're hoping to have the legal

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