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## HUB alarm annoying

by Kabir Khan

Frank Niscak did not evacuate his apartment the last 50 times the fire alarms rang in HUB.

Not that the alarms were not loud enough, in fact, residents often have to shut living room windows, close bedroom doors and slip under heavy blankets to escape from what Mohan Bajwa describes as "the almost daily mega-decibel hooting and wailing of those alarms."

The statistics of false alarms in HUB are staggering. The residents had become habituated to the daytime wailing of the sirens during the renovation work but the ultra high tech fire alarm system put in has made the late night false alarms unbearable.

The U of A Fire Protection Officer, Ray Richards, acknowledges the problem. "This has been a nuisance and a source of irritation to the tenants, our office and the Edmonton Fire Department," said Richards. "False alarms are very undesirable since they lead to complacency and a 'ho hum' attitude on the part of the building occupants and perhaps by the responding fire brigade."

Richards is not overly concerned about residents ignoring the evacuation signal. "The built in safety features of this building makes it one of the safest on campus," maintains Richards. "It is very unlikely that a serious fire

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Halloween DJ. You can count the ratings on one hand, CJSR disc jockey Mike Pastien seems to be saying, but it's still the best FM station in town. Pastien tried to attract attention to the CJSR raffle booth by wearing this mask.

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## SCROLL launched

by Jeff Cowley

The Getty government can no longer shrug off the decline of secondary education in Alberta, stated Students' Union vp external David Tupper at SUB theatre press conference Wednesday.

During the meeting, SU representatives officially launched SCROLL, a lobby campaign aimed at informing the provincial government about problems created by cut backs in university funding.

"It's up to us, the students, to confront the everyday symptoms of this crisis by presenting the minister with this call to action. This will be a message that cannot be ignored by the Getty government," said Tupper.

The coordinated effort of the Universities of Lethbridge, Cal-

gary and Alberta, the SCROLL has collected about 5000 signatures in Lethbridge and Calgary. Campaign organizers plan on delivering the petition to Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell in November. Approximately 1000 U of A students have signed the petition since Tuesday.

SU executives will also present the minister with a U of A report showing that the majority of Albertans are in favor of more university funding. "Students have had enough and now it also appears the public has had enough," said Tupper.

During his speech, Tupper attacked the provincial governments for curbing university funding, forcing universities to cut their staffing to the "lean", and allowing Alberta secondary institutions to fall behind other Canadian universities.

Provincial government contributions to the University have decreased for the last three years in a row.

"It's not just numbers we are talking about here," said Tupper, "There is a real, invisible deterioration of our University life."

"We've been cut back so much that our best and brightest are leaving us," said Tupper, noting that 22 academic staff members have left the University since 1983.

Tupper also blamed overcrowding in classrooms and problems

## Lubicon support

by Kevin Law

The Lubicon children are seeing their parents fight back after 48 years of government hedging on Lubicon land claims.

According to Sharon Lank, reporter for the University of Lethbridge student newspaper *The Meliorist*, who just returned from the blockade, support for the Lubicon's effort is high, and many are not impressed by Getty's intervention only two days before the blockade when blockade information was available for several months.

The Peace River entrance blockade is decorated with signs requiring permits to enter a land now declared sovereign.

The Lubicon reaction is a last stand against a government which had delayed almost 50 years in following through on its recommendations for a Lubicon land deal.

Supporters include church representatives. Lank talked to Reverend Menno Wiebe, director of Native Affairs for the Mennonite Control Committee of Canada, who said, "development of the mega-projects in Northern Canada are in the interest of southern

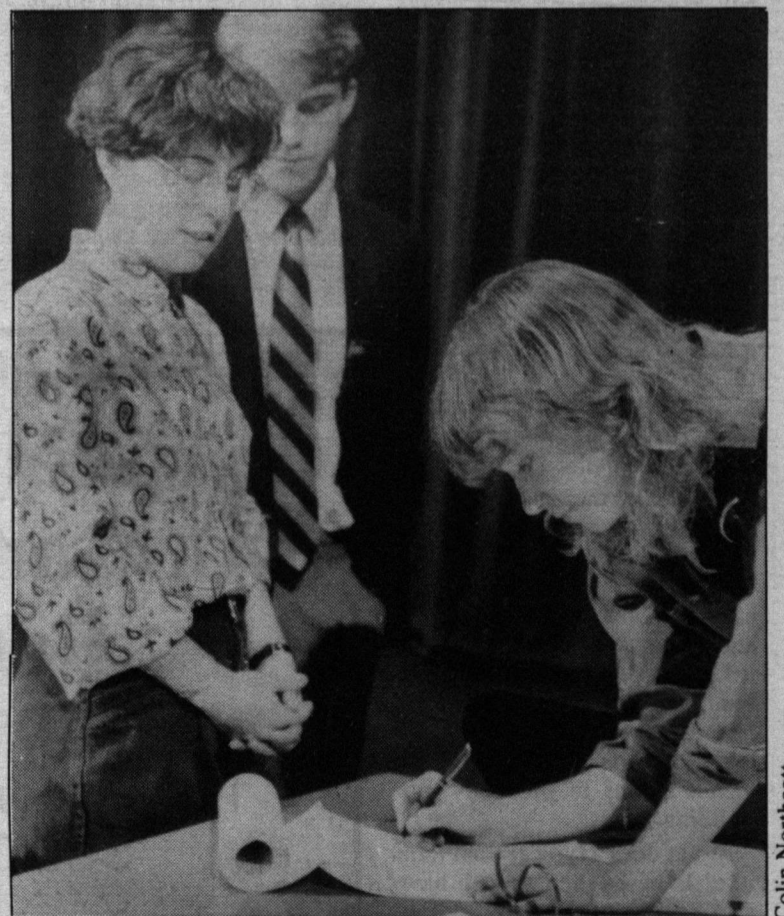
groups and often to the detriment of the local groups." Wiebe added, "The whole north is being treated as a warehouse for the south, and it's not fair."

Lank noted some supporters from Vienna, Austria, described how Canadian Customs had harassed them after finding Lubicon phone numbers in their telephone books.

There are five blockades on the settlement of Little Buffalo. Four belong to the Lubicons and cut off access to 10,000 square kilometres of land. A fifth blockade belongs to the RCMP, set up as an Alberta check stop.

Lank noted every car is stopped by the RCMP whether approaching or leaving Little Buffalo. Seatbelts, headlights, and registration is checked and names and drivers' licenses are written down in an "unofficial" notepad. Natives are asked for Treaty Cards.

When asked the reason for the presence of a 24-hour check stop, Lank was referred to the Media Liaison Department in Peace River. Upon follow up, it was found the Media Liaison Person was "occupied."



Agriculture student Andrea Sissor inaugurates the SCROLL petition for U of A students while Sherri Ritchie and Dave Tupper look on.

Colin Northcott

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