

# Amnesty International on campus

by Greg Halinda

Amnesty International, the group committed to upholding human rights for prisoners of conscience in all countries, is organizing a U of A chapter.

Scott Robertson is trying to set up a campus group, and is holding an organizational meeting Wednesday, January 14 at noon in room 2023 Dentistry/Pharmacy.

Robertson was a member of an AI group at the University of Victo-

ria. There are two such groups at UVIC, yet none at U of A.

Judging by the interest shown by students at AI information tables on campus, Robertson feels there are enough concerned students to start a campus group of Amnesty International.

A major activity of AI members is letter-writing on behalf of prisoners.

AI's mandate is to secure the release of the prisoner, ensure fair

trials, and abolish torture and executions of prisoners of conscience.

When AI hears of a person arrested due to their beliefs, colour, or language, who have not used or advocated violence, group response begins.

A flood of letters and telegrams can be quickly sent to cabinet ministers and prison officials on behalf of the prisoner.

The letters can also help raise the spirits of prisoners and keep them

in touch with their families. Such lobbying become intense when reports of torture or possible execution are encountered.

Mary Trumpener of Amnesty International in Edmonton, said the group does not support or oppose any government or political philosophy. It relies on donations for financial independence.

"It is not a big time commitment for those involved," Trumpener said.



This is all that remains of SUB bowling... 2 by 4's.

photo Keith Zukiwski

## Campus bowling is now just a memory

by Jeff Cowley

The prospects of the U of A having a powerhouse bowling team came to an abrupt end over the holidays when the bowling alley in the basement of SUB was gutted and sold for scrap.

Attempts to drum up interest in bowling were made, such as free bowling nights and an inter-frat bowling league, but a general lack of interest spelled doom for the 20 year old bowling alley.

A somber employee of the SUB Games Room, who oversaw the eight lanes of non-stop bowling fun since its beginnings, explained that the bowling alley was "not being properly utilized" and the order came down after the summer S.U. session, that the lanes were to

be removed.

Even though the U of A lost an important piece of student history, not all was lost; the Students' Union sold the lanes for a whopping \$40,000.

But what to do with all that space? Future plans include a student Copy Centre, 12 self-serve machines, as well as a full service area. The idea is to provide top notch service at a discount price (about a nickel a copy). If all goes well, the Copy Centre should be open in about six weeks.

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He adds that the survey reveals why the differences exist.

"It's a foggy area," he says, as there has been little research as to why textbook prices are so high for students.

Cooper says he intends to take the report's suggestion and survey the instructors to find out how they choose textbooks.

Once the information from the second survey has been released the S.U. will take that data, and try to "educate" the instructors as to selecting economical textbooks.

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