



#### Homecoming '76 and Gateway supplement

Initiation to the class of 1913 could be a trial. The original Gateway cutline read "Dyde, White and Puffer administer the second degree. The first degree - come down the chute." Times have changed, however, as homecoming alumni will discover this weekend. But just to keep their memories somewhat intact,

Gateway has included a special pull-out supplement in the center of the paper with excerpts from the classes to be honored at this year's homecoming - 1916, 1926, 1936, 1951, 1956, 1966 and 1971. Also included is a list of Homecoming '76 activities. Welcome back.

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"We musn't make political decisions!"  
- Students' Council

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"Man is by nature a political animal."  
- Aristotle

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## Student teachers may be left out

by Richard Desjardins

Several hundred U of A student teachers could lose valuable classroom instruction time if a recent decision by Edmonton public school teachers to strike is put into effect.

Teachers voted Friday to walk off the job in protest of the Edmonton Public School Board's (EPSB) refusal to deal with collective bargaining items.

Some university students enrolled in Student Teaching Practicum have already begun their 10-week practicum, while other students will not begin until Oct. 18.

On Friday, teachers backed the strike with an 80 per cent vote of approval.

During the past three contract negotiations, EPSB teachers have sought higher wages. In a telephone interview with *The Gateway*, Bill Summerfelt, president of the Edmonton Teachers' Local, said: "Teachers are aware that 9.2 per cent is all they're going to get, and now we're concentrating on non-cost items."

The present dispute stems back six years ago to the introduction of Clause 13-1 by the board. "At that time," according to Summerfelt, "teachers agreed to spend a maximum of 1,400 minutes a week in their classrooms. This maximum has not become a minimum."

Summerfelt said there has been a decline in the morale of the teaching rank because of increased expectations. "Yet there has been no increase in

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## Ed faculty sits tight

by Gary McGowan

Student teachers may find themselves left outside classroom doors if a potential strike by Edmonton's public school teachers takes place.

But as yet the university's faculty of education has made "no specific plans" to deal with that situation, says Dr. R.K. Jackson of the education's department of field experience.

"We've made no specific plans with regards to the student teaching program should the strike take place," Dr. Jackson said in a telephone interview.

"I hope that the strike, if it does take place, will be of short duration because our programs allow enough leeway to make up some of the lost time."

However, Jackson added, if the strike takes place and lasts

longer than a week, several hundred students could be affected.

The situation is complicated because only one school system would be affected by the strike, said Jackson, and therefore some students will continue practise teaching in the separate school system and surrounding county school systems while those assigned to the public school system will not.

However, Jackson said there's a possibility that some students could be placed in the other school systems if a strike continued a long time.

"Not all student teachers could be absorbed by other systems, however," he said.

"For the moment, we've just got to adopt a wait-and-see attitude until the situation becomes clear."

## Throne speech

OTTAWA (CUP) - Fighting inflation and unemployment remains a federal government priority, but the liberals are just as vague about solutions as they were two years ago.

The Throne Speech opening the second session of Canada's thirtieth parliament reiterated government legislation that has been in the offing for years and promised little that is new.

"The continued reduction of inflation and the creation of many more employment opportunities for Canadians are and will continue to be the government's highest priorities," the speech says. But the government still cannot be more specific than that.

Government restraint is seen as the key to stopping inflation but the restraint continues to take the form of social service cutbacks.

All the contradictions remain. While the government will cut down on growth in the civil service through amalgamating departments like the unemployment insurance commission (UIC) and the manpower and immigration department, and therefore provide poorer service, the speech promises more grants for small business, job creation programs and a new national institution "dedicated to improving the quality of life in the workplace."

Referring to fiscal arrangements act negotiations, it says: "In the areas of medical insurance, hospital insurance and post-secondary education, negotiations will continue with the provinces concerning the gradual introduction of new financial and administrative arrangements."

"These changes would not only allow the provinces to exercise greater flexibility in the provision of services, but would also serve the federal government's goal of co-operative restraint upon the rising cost of health and social security programs."

The speech gives no indication that the standard methods of cutting health and social service costs - reducing service instead of working towards preventative health care, for example - will change.

"Other programs will provide more job opportunities and improved employment counselling for young people."

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## SCM supports protest

The Edmonton chapter of the Student Christian Movement voted support of today's national day of protest at a meeting held last week.

Kathy Palmer, SCM secretary, said the group decided that the federal government's anti-inflation controls are made

"to perpetuate a system of oppression, poverty and injustice in the world."

She said some of the SCM students would be leaving classes today to join the protest march to the Legislature but that some would remain in classes as well.