

# No NAIT strike

by Jim McElgunn

Many NAIT instructors are not satisfied with the binding arbitration settlement announced Tuesday, however they do not intend to strike.

The settlement was similar to a proposal rejected in September by the instructors, who are members of Local 8 of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE).

Under provincial labor legislation, the instructors do not have the right to strike. Both sides must accept the ruling of the binding arbitration board.

The deal will raise instructors' salaries 10.75 percent retroactive to April 1, 1980. In the second year of the agreement, salaries will be increased a further 9.25 percent increase; compounded, the agreement will increase salaries about 22 percent over two years.

Still unresolved is the issue of classroom time. The Public Service Employee Relations Board will determine the means to resolve this issue.

AUPE negotiator Wayne Morley says instructors are dissatisfied because they will continue to fall behind inflation. According to a brief AUPE presented to the government, instructors' salaries have been declining relative to inflation since 1976.

There is some dispute as to whether the agreement gives technical instructors (including those at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) salary parity with instructors at com-

munity colleges such as Grant MacEwan.

Provincial Minister of Personnel Greg Stevens says it does give parity; Morley says it does not. Morley says although community college instructors received a smaller increase in salary, instructors at NAIT and SAIT will still receive \$2000 to \$3000 less a year.

But Morley says even though many instructors are dissatisfied with the binding arbitration decision they have no intention of voting for an illegal strike.

## Senate chairman quits on purpose

by Peter Michalyshyn

The former co-chairman of the U of A Senate commission on university purpose resigned earlier this year because according to commission member Tema Frank, "the commission didn't go in the direction he wanted it to."

Dr. George Cormack would not say why he resigned, but hinted the reasons would be clear from papers he had written for the commission.

"I would see as tragic ... (if a Senate Commission) confined its scope and activities simply to identifying public perceptions and expectations," he wrote.

The Senate commission's expressed purpose, however, is to survey public perceptions and expectations of the university.

"We had to be concerned with the public input aspect rather than the philosophical side," says Frank.

Cormack's position paper submitted to the Senate makes clear that he would have strongly preferred a wider, more philosophical survey of opinions into university purpose.

"I'm philosophical about anything," he says.

Until now, the commission has sponsored five speakers as part of its "public awareness" campaign. Two of them, Sir Gustav Nossal, a world famous immunologist, and Dr. Charles Myers, Dean of Stanford Law School spoke in downtown Edmonton to largely business audiences.

New Democratic M.P. Pauline Jewett spoke on campus as did UBC geneticist David Suzuki; Dr. John Silber of Boston University who was supposed to speak to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce cancelled out.

The speakers were "fairly successful" in raising public awareness, says Frank.

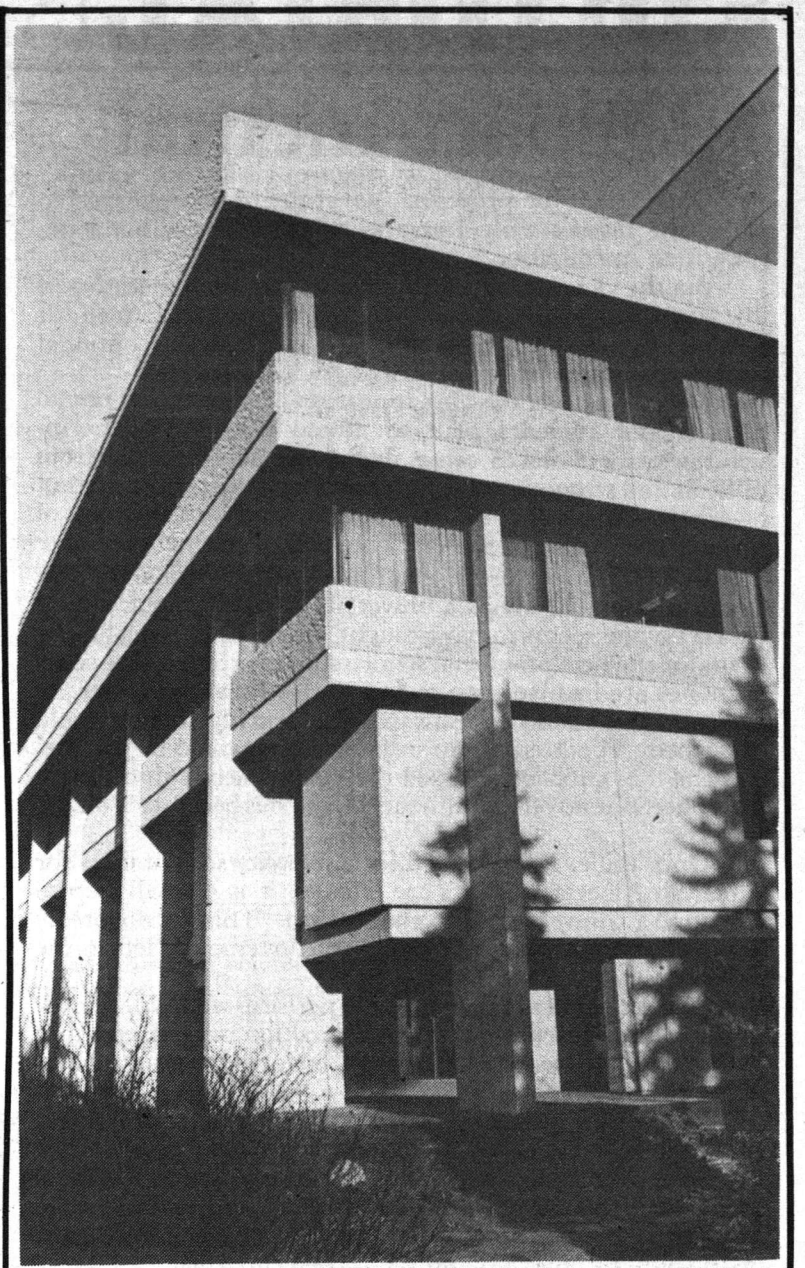
"We didn't want to just ask campus people for their opinion," she said, explaining why three of the five speakers appeared off campus.

"Also, we had a ready-made

audience with those speakers," Frank says.

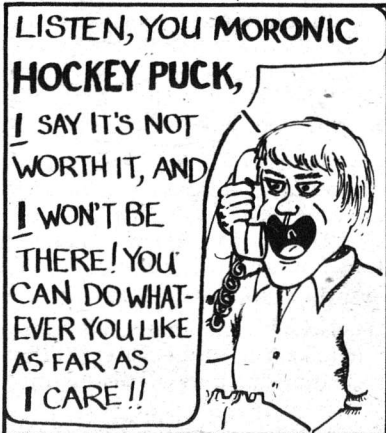
With the "public awareness" campaign finished, the commission has embarked on its "input stage." Cards distributed to forum audiences are filtering into the Senate office with public suggestions for university purpose.

Dozens of letters have been sent to organizations across the province for their input, and there are plans to hire a graduate student to do a literature review of all that's already been said about university purpose.



An early morning view of the Humanities building on campus, in all its glory. If only you looked this good at 8 am.

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# Women break out

Women are not house-bound chattels anymore but now that women can go out are they safe on the streets?

Edmonton is called Rape City; women cannot walk alone without fear of being accosted. At night the fear grows into terror. If a woman is out alone at night people say she is asking for trouble.

In recognition of this problem, a group of Edmonton women have organized a *Women Reclaim the Night* march.

On Saturday, November 29 at 7:00 all women frustrated with the situation are invited to join the march, starting at the corner of 95A St. and Whyte Ave. as an expression of their anger.

The march will end at Knox Metropolitan United Church on 109 St. where there will be a discussion on violence against women.

"Night marches symbolize strength and are acts of strength" says Britt Griffin, law student, volunteer at the Rape Crisis Centre and a march organizer.

The main purpose of the march is to have a united women's voice and to make it heard by the public.

"People don't take women seriously," says Griffin. "A large group of women has more impact."

However, even in large numbers women can't be guaranteed respect. Last year, says Griffin, there were 250 women on the march and they were still harassed by men.

The march will pass by Studio 82 and Tracy Starr's. This will draw people's attention to the issue of mental violence against women in the form of pornography.

She says she hopes some prostitutes will join the march.

"Prostitutes have absolutely no protection against rape," says Griffin. It is an occupational hazard.



The poster for the march demands funding for emergency shelters, good nighttime transit, funding for emergency shelters and rape crisis centres, an end to rape, an end to wife beating, an end to harassment, and responsible media portrayal of women.

## Humanities lesson

by Adam "Silk Shirt" Singer

An Edmonton cab driver got a practical lesson in "humanity" from two U of A students Tuesday afternoon.

The cabbie responded with a request for a cab to the Humanities Building but when he arrived he found two male students who, unknown to each other, had both phoned for a cab.

The students started arguing over who was entitled to the cab, each claiming that he had called first.

Suddenly, one of the students

shoved the other, who responded by slugging the first.

Soon they were punching it out over who was to ride in the cab.

But the object of this noble altercation didn't wait around long enough to receive the winner.

"I wasn't going to take that, so I drove off," he explained.

"I've had people differ about cabs before, but that's the first time I've ever seen them come to blows over it.

"What do they teach in that building anyway?"

## bouquets and brickbats

by Deacon Greese

A weekly wallow through the wild, wide world. First Ripoff of the Eighties: Thin styrofoam coffee cups ooze coffee out the sides.

Best Weather in Years: Let them ski dirt.

Best Sport Team on Campus: Golden Bears football team. Unfortunately the hockey team's name won't come off. Sorry.

Worst Sports team on Campus: Golden Bears basketball. A bunch of five foot Ukrainians I wouldn't touch with a ten foot pole.

Best Programming in SUB Theatre: Maggie and Pierre. That it should be good as well would be too much to ask.

Worst Programming in SUB Theatre: Caddyshack, 1941, The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu, The Hunter....

Professor of the Week: Dr. Doreen D. Ti, department of Genetics. Dr. Ti, Deedee to her friends, has developed a new mutation of fruit flies with heads that look like Vincent Price.

"We must, we must, we must develop our bust. You better, you better, if you want to get on page three." Don't bother with the hard work and ignorant masochism it takes to be a Sunshine Boy or Girl. Get on page three of the Gateway. Write to Deacon Greese who can embarrass you with less fuss and to a more prestigious readership.