

University will offer Park 'n' Ride

by Wes Oginski

Students and staff who ride the 19 city transit routes and the buses from St. Albert and Sherwood Park may have problems if the Edmonton Transit workers decide to go on strike.

On Tuesday, the Amalgamated Transit Union members voted almost 90 per cent in favor of striking over stalled contract negotiations. They are meeting today and Friday with a provincial arbitrator and are not expected to serve their 72 hours notice until Saturday. A strike could follow on Monday.

If a strike should ensue, University officials expect a dramatic increase in the number of people who will want to park on Campus.

"We'll strain our visitor parking to the limit," says Parking Services director Jim Carroll.

Unfortunately, this will not be enough to service a sudden influx of vehicular traffic on campus. The City Park parking lots have been considered as an alternate plan. People could park and shuttle on University buses to the campus.

They (City Parks and Recreation) said we could use Emily Murphy Park," Carroll says. The usual two hour parking limit

at the park will be lifted for the duration of the Transit strike.

The City refused to give access to Hawrelak Park because of a snow removal problem. Use of Corbett Hall parking facilities is also out because of the heavy snowfall.

All plans have not been settled.

"We're in the process of setting it (the park and shuttle service) up," says Gordon Perry, Campus Security director. "I have to have final confirmation (from the U of A v.p. facilities and services Ron Phillips)."

"The difficult part is that Emily Murphy Park holds only 100 to 120 vehicles," he adds. He also encourages people to pool vehicles during the strike to help alleviate the problem.

Perry outlines the schedule the shuttle service will probably use. Shuttles will run continuously from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. connecting Emily Murphy Park to Stadium Car Park. More than one shuttle will run and peak service will operate 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and around noon and 3:00 p.m. A booster service will also operate in the Park area.

"We'll have to play it by ear for a while," Perry says, until it is determined how many will use the alternate facilities.

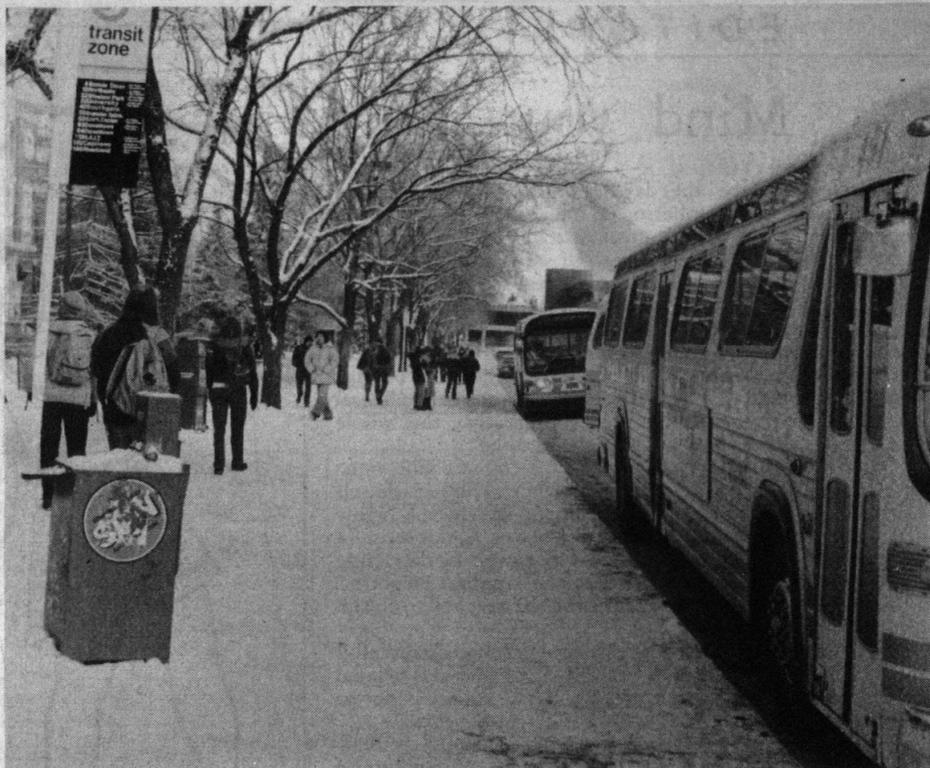


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Come Monday, we ought to know if transit operators are going to leave Edmontonians out in the cold.

Fight for truth, justice, and mom's apple pie

by Peter Michalyshyn

Students' Council has lined up behind governments of the free world protesting martial law in Poland.

Maybe it had something to do with the controversial hit movie "World War III" that has had the stereo effect of raising world tensions temporarily making everyone forget about Margaret Trudeau's memoirs.

It could be, on the other hand, that after almost two months of martial law, Council decided it was time to make the world safe for Poland.

Further to this end, Council struck out at tyranny and oppression by agreeing to send a telegram to the Polish embassy in Ottawa. It read, in part:

"(The students at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, T6G 2J7) demand an end to martial law in Poland and the release of jailed unionists and their supporters."

As if that alone wouldn't convince Polish authorities that Western Canadians were bullish

about freedom and liberty, Council further decided to send copies of that historic telegram to Liberal external affairs minister Mark MacGuigan and to Prime Minister Trudeau himself.

"That will teach them not to fool around with Students' Council," muttered one honorable member.

However, the motion lost support from one significant corner.

Students' Union v.p. external Lisa Walker (who also chairs External Affairs Board, the body that usually forwards these platitudinous statements) decided she was not totally in struggle with the Polish students' Independent Students' Association (NSZ).

Walter claimed she did not know enough about NSZ to support its reinstatement, although she apparently had no problems with the rest of the motion.

Walter claimed she had no problems with reinstating Solidarity, but that she did not know enough about the NSZ.

She knew enough about the FDR in El Salvador, however, to ask Council some time ago to support the insurgents' struggle to overthrow the existing government in the war-torn Latin American country.

However, Peter Matalainen from the campus East European Solidarity Committee (as opposed to the Friends of Solidarity, a different group) informed

Students' Council that the NSZ was a democratic organization, committed to defending student "interests in realizing their cultural, scholarly, social and material needs."

Their need for information satiated, Council voted to support the motion almost unanimously; Walter voted against, and v.p. finance Elise Gaudet abstained.

Then, flushed with

revolutionary fervor, Council voted \$200 out of the hands of External Affairs Board and into the hands of the East European Solidarity Committee. The money will help stage a rally February 11 on the Polish situation. A special guest speaker will drum up support for the Polish masses in the hearts and minds of all who attend.

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