

How many psychologists does it take to change a light bulb?

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One. But the light bulb has to WANT to change.

Students lose in Games rush Garneau destruction nears

by Peter Michalyszyn

Students' Council cautiously endorsed a North Garneau student housing plan at its meeting Tuesday night.

The tentative proposal, dubbed plan "G," would see housing built in a 'horse-shoe' shape along 87 Avenue, 110 Street, and the block bordered by 90 Avenue and Saskatchewan Drive.

All but 13 of 85 houses now standing on those sites would be destroyed, with land inside the 'horse-shoe' left for future academic use.

Councillors were skeptical about the presentation of the plan by Gail Brown, Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Garneau Student Housing.

Commerce rep Phil Soper said the interior assessment of homes in North Garneau had been done by telephone; architects Peter Lambur and Joe Vaitkunas

looked inside just three houses for reference, he said.

"They would ask Ray Bolduc (the maintenance supervisor for North Garneau) about the interior conditions of specific houses," Soper said.

"He (Bolduc) said himself he hadn't been in some of the houses for over a year," said Soper.

Lambur and Vaitkunas also did an exterior audit of North Garneau, noting architectural value as well as general condition; they even counted all the trees in the neighborhood.

Soper said he wanted a more thorough interior assessment of homes in the area to see if they could be renovated, but Brown says that would take too long.

"We can't slow it down (the student housing proposal) to get that kind of information," she said.

"Clearly we're not going to keep all the houses of value," she said.

Council also objected to a planned 500 car parkade in the southeast corner of North Garneau, particularly after Brown admitted it would not be used for neighborhood residents.

"We're going to mow down homes and put in a parking lot they (residents) won't even be able to use. I think it's just ridiculous," Soper said.

SU President Nolan Astley noted that the university already has blueprints to build a parkade on a present parking lot directly south of the Fine Arts Building.

But Brown said the North Garneau parkade proposal is a result of the university's policy to put parking on the campus periphery.

"Clearly there's direction given to us on these things," she said, adding she personally disliked the idea of the parkade in North Garneau.

The parkade would rise a half level above ground, with tennis courts built on top of it. The low profile matches the proposal's attempt to preserve the integrity of North Garneau, according to Brown.

"We were very concerned about maintaining the character of (North) Garneau," Brown said, referring to such housing features as balconies, bay windows and street entrances to multi-unit three-story buildings.

If this proposal is accepted by the Facilities Planning Committee and the Board of Governors (B of G) Building Committee (and ultimately B of G itself), the buildings could be finished by early June 1983, in



Photo Ray Giguere

"We will lose some high-value houses," Gail Brown speaks on the proposed North Garneau student housing development at council Tuesday.

Gay? Out of my classroom

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A University of Winnipeg collegiate student was recently asked to leave the room during a film studies class because the teacher "didn't want a homosexual in the room."

Dave Dueck, the teacher, said he didn't want the other students in the class to associate the gay student, Greg Cymenko, with the guest lecturer.

Cymenko, who is head of the University of Winnipeg Gay Students' Association, left the class and was later approached by Dueck in the cafeteria.

Dueck then told Cymenko he was not wanted in the class because he was a homosexual.

"I was trying to protect the guest lecturer," Dueck later said. "I feel that if Greg Cymenko, who is gay, sat beside the lecturer, the class might think the lecturer was also a homosexual. I didn't think it would be fair to the lecturer."

Dueck also said, "I don't mind a person being gay. I feel sorry for them because I know they are not going to be as happy and as satisfied as I am."

Dueck said he is not against homosexuals. "But I do think they (homosexuals) encourage other people to take the gay habit."

Cymenko has protested to the Dean of Collegiate, John Vanderstoel. The Dean assured Cymenko that "if discrimination took place, appropriate action will be taken. I'll have to discuss it with Dueck in depth."

Vanderstoel said Dueck is a staunch Mennonite and thus is not in favor of propagating homosexuality.

Vanderstoel added that Dueck's religious beliefs would be taken into account when the matter is discussed with Dueck. Vanderstoel said the collegiate's policy on religion has been 'basically neutral' and commented, "Perhaps the teacher involved didn't understand that he was being discriminatory."

The Dean was concerned that the incident could "be blown out of proportion. Our school is one of the finest in the nation. We have always tried to understand and co-operate with different groups. I wouldn't want anything like this to taint what is a very good institution."

Vanderstoel said he would immediately investigate the complaint of Cymenko.

Non-academic staff protest foot-dragging

Safety a low priority: union

by Mike Walker

U of A staff and students continue to face risks from exposure to dangerous drugs and chemicals, while the university drags its feet on reform of its safety operation, according to the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA).

Last week NASA quit the President's Advisory Committee on Occupational Health and Safety to protest the administration's reluctance to appoint a professional Health and Safety Director with broad powers to correct unsafe conditions in labs and storage areas.

"Dangerous chemicals—and drugs are a major problem on this campus," said NASA general manager George Walker last week. "That's the worst time bomb around here. We don't know and nobody knows how many carcinogens there are around here, for example."

"We want an independent Occupational Health and Safety division, with full authority to force compliance with regulations," said NASA research officer Ian Fraser. "...he wouldn't be overruled by a dean or a department chairman."

NASA has been lobbying the President's Committee for some time to set up such a division. They have not done so yet.

"If there's resistance to giving safety a higher priority, then the committee can't do a thing," said Fraser. "...and there's always resistance."

"The first time this came up was six years ago."

Health and Safety officials cannot make recommendations, but they are not binding;

deans or department chairmen can overrule them.

University officials this week discounted the seriousness of NASA's complaints.

"NASA's a little bit frustrated," said committee chairman Wes Randall. University vice-president Lorne Leitch agreed. "I think they're frustrated," he said.

Neither was willing to admit that the problem is serious.

"I'm not convinced there are dangerous conditions we are unaware of," Leitch said.

Nor was either convinced that a strong and independent Health and Safety Division was necessary.

"It depends on the extent of authority of this individual (the director)," said Leitch. "You can't have a czar... There has to be some kind of check and balance mechanism."

Randall agreed: "If an individual were appointed without an understanding of how the university community operates, then that would be a disappointing appointment."

Godiva editors scolded

by Geoff McMaster

Students' Council has voted in favor of a motion to censure the editorial board of the *Godiva*.

The censure will involve sending a letter of condemnation to those responsible for the publication of pornographic material that appeared in the paper during Engineering Week.

Paul Cumming, who proposed the

motion, said at Tuesday's meeting "The Students' Union has a responsibility over university publications" and that it should do something to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

In a debate before the final vote, councillors from the engineering faculty expressed their opposition to the motion.

"It was not a person at the U of A who

Letters have been sent to all residents affected by the proposal warning them they may be evicted at the end of the university year in April, Brown said.

"With the right person, I would be in favor of the position."

But Fraser was unimpressed with this. "Someone who won't step on too many toes is what he's talking about," he said. "We've been saying we don't want a diplomat, we want a safety man. Any time you give someone the power to change things, you're going to have conflict."

University president Myer Horowitz said this week that he has asked Leitch to review the matter and report to him.

"I'm concerned that they felt they had to withdraw from the committee. I hope they're wrong (about problems with university officials)... they may be right."

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