

# The Gateway

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*We have five hundred years of tenure as the most lethal animal ever to have appeared upon this wasting planet.*  
Farley Mowat



A pro-life rally on campus Friday was disrupted by pro-choicers. Both groups were eventually sent away by Campus Security. (Inset) A pro-lifer and a pro-chooser exchange differing viewpoints. Jeff Cowley

## Campus pro-choice, pro-life clash

by Dawn Lerohl

Chanting "Not the church, not the state, women must control their fate," a group of pro-choice students disrupted a Campus Pro-Life demonstration Friday afternoon.

"We were planning to walk down very peacefully until pro-death came out and started chanting, making us feel defensive," said Kavita Dugga, secretary of Campus Pro-Life.

The president of Campus Pro-Life, Michael Lambert, said the

demonstration was "organized as a march to make students aware there is a definite pro-life feeling on campus."

In response to the actions of pro-choice, Lambert said, "It's freedom of speech, but they're obviously outnumbered. They shouldn't have to resort to screaming."

Approximately 30 students, a mixture of men and women, attended the march.

Asha Jugdutt, a representative for pro-choice, said, "We're just an ad-hoc group. We heard about the

march and decided to come out and demonstrate.

"You'll be hearing more from pro-choice, we must send an important message, as parliament is sitting now, attempting to limit women," said Jugdutt.

Bystanders showed mixed reactions to the demonstration.

"It's free entertainment," said Andrew Johnston, a fourth year engineering student.

"I think everyone's mind is made

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## Female full-time prof faculty first

by Michelle Waritsky

The sexual revolution promised equal opportunities for success and achievement for women, but its impact is just being felt in civil engineering at the University of Alberta as the faculty has just recently hired its first full-time female professor.

Faye Hicks, slated to begin November 1 in the water resources department, is finishing off her doctorate degree after acquiring her Bachelor of Science in engineering at the University of New Brunswick, and her Masters at the U of A.

There has apparently been a shortage of qualified female applicants for faculty positions in the field of engineering. The ratio of female to male applicants has been approximately one out of 50 or 60 through four job searches.

Hicks does not believe that this shortage can be attributed to a lack of encouragement or a prevalence

of sexism on the part of University but rather that "encouragement to continue to higher levels is based solely on academic achievement and personal interest... each higher level you go to, there are fewer women."

Dr. Jim MacGregor, department head for civil engineering, suggests that the sparse number of females entering the program to begin with may be due in part to stereotypical roles imposed on females in our society, but adds that "there is no reason whatsoever that the work couldn't be done by women."

Female students comprise less than ten percent of the engineering faculty, and most students (both male and female) later opt for industry work rather than completion of a doctorate.

There is no established quota regarding the number of females hired, and although the University is not actively recruiting women they would like to encourage higher

proportions of skilled female applicants, as well as improve upon the student ratio.



Faye Hicks

Colin Northcott

## More safety worries after walker hit

by Lisa Hall

A recent campus accident has highlighted concern at the U of A for pedestrian safety. The accident occurred on Friday afternoon when an unidentified male pedestrian was struck by a bus while crossing 89th avenue in front of St. Joseph's College.

"Basically, he stepped off the sidewalk in front of a bus," said Don Kinnee, the supervisor of service control and special service at Edmonton Transit. "The accident did not occur in a crosswalk."

Sean Drake, a third year science student who has emergency first aid training, was at the scene. "I heard the bus screech to a stop and looked over and saw the man stumbling back. He fell back onto the sidewalk," said Drake. He, and a few others who had first-aid training helped the man, while someone else tried to comfort his wife.

"He did have an injury to the left side of his head. There was quite a bit of blood, but most of that came from his nose," said Drake.

Constable Bill Brown, who investigated the accident, confirmed Friday that the 40 year-old man received a head injury, but said it didn't appear to be serious. He added that since the accident was still under investigation, no charges had been laid.

The bus loop on 89th avenue has long been known as a troublesome area. "There's been a problem at the university since I've been (at ETS)," said Kinnee. "Operators drive really slow because they know that pedestrians cross everywhere along that street."

Kinnee said they have dealt with Edmonton Police and U of A

campus security to try to make some pedestrian rules to cover the area, but nothing has ever been resolved. Kinnee felt the only reason there weren't more accidents on the street is that ETS drivers are very cautious when they go through the area.

Natalie Sharpe, from the Safety on Campus committee, also expressed concern about the bus loop area. The committee met last week for the first time this year, and preventative ideas on how to stop jaywalking were discussed.

Sharpe was also worried about what will happen if students continue to jaywalk when the U of A bus loop is moved by the Jubilee auditorium during LRT construction. "It's going to be a lot worse. There is so much more traffic around there," she said, adding that the committee had even pondered the idea of constructing a pedestrian overpass on 87th avenue.

Kinnee hoped that students would use the current signal crossings on 87th avenue when the bus loop moves. The loop will be located at the Jube for about two years while the LRT is being built.

John Mark Fisher, Students' Union Housing and Transport commissioner, says there is a chance that the bus loop may be moved permanently from 89th avenue. "There are groups lobbying the university to block traffic from the street and turn it into a pedestrian-only area," said Fisher.

Fisher added that a similar idea is in the *Long Range Development Plan*, a document which was commissioned by the University last year and done by an Edmonton architecture firm.

## Save the environment

by Lisa Hall

The opportunity to learn how to help the environment is available to U of A students this week. Environment Awareness Week, sponsored by the Students' Union, started Monday and runs until Friday.

A number of seminars, lectures, displays, and activities are planned for the week. "The whole idea is to increase awareness on campus," said Environment Week coordinator Kathy Lazowski. "Our goal is to let students, faculty, and staff know that there is something they can do. We've had enough gloom and doom."

Lectures include coverage on such topics as forestry, wildlife, ozone depletion, recycling, toxics, and local actions. (See p. 7) Displays in HUB, CAB, and SUB by Greenpeace, the Environmental Resource Centre, Alberta Environment, the Canadian Wildlife Service and many others will be set up during the week.

"We also have homemade 'blue

boxes' spread around campus to collect cans and bottles," said Lazowski.

Another project is a get-well card for the earth. Students are encouraged to sign it, and they can find versions of the card located at the SU info booths in HUB, CAB, and SUB. Eleven other campuses in Alberta are also working on the same project this week. All parts of the card will eventually be put together and are destined to go to Premier Don Getty's doorstep to show how much concern there is for the environment.

But Lazowski says there be some trouble getting the card to him. "He's pretty well said he doesn't want it. He thinks we should give it to (Environment Minister) Ralph Klein," said Lazowski. "So we may have to give it to him on the golf course."

Lazowski also said they are hoping to make up a long-term schedule of events after the week is over, to make sure the idea of environmental awareness is continued.