

Overheard after Monday morning Tory classes were cancelled... "A bomb scare?"

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Happy din in Bears den

The U of A Golden Bears express triumphant jubilation at the bench this weekend as they beat the Manitoba Bisons two games to nothing.

Pay equity protestors vent frustration at Board meeting

by Kevin Law

About 80 angry non-academic staff members crashed a Board of Governors meeting Friday to protest a proposed pay equity program for support staff.

U of A president Myer Horowitz also praised the initiative saying,

Horowitz, a prime proponent of the pay equity plan, said it had been an important project to him because "there seemed to be some unfairness with regard to salary paid to staff."

The plan was intended to insure

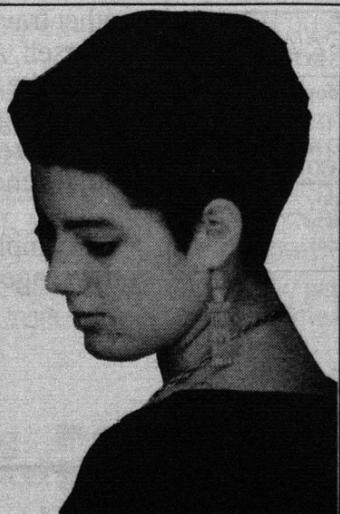
equal pay for equal value based on a complex formula of job evaluation, but a number of the 3,000 strong academic staff would have actually seen a cut back in salaries through lower than expected pay raises.

"It's become very clear to me that many of my colleagues have become concerned...who feel that the situation has not been assessed properly," said Al Davis, senior computer programmer and spokesman for the protestors.

Horowitz said at the Board meeting, "If we are anything we are a community of people when anyone has concerns that's the only justification I need for re-examination."

"We're not going to throw it (the plan) in the ash can," Horowitz explained. "We are deferring implementation of the pay equity program until we can revise it."

"It needs a thorough review," he said. "It could take months rather than weeks, maybe even a year."



by Lisa Hall

The General Faculties Council Executive yesterday passed a motion to discontinue the University of Alberta's Writing Competence Test requirement. The proposal will go into effect immediately if it is passed at the GFC meeting on March 20.

This will mean that incoming U of A students, as well as current students who have not yet passed the exam, will not have to fill the writing competence requirement.

The proposal to discontinue the exam was the result of a joint committee between the University and Alberta Education.

At the executive meeting, Dr. Susan Jackel, chair of the University's Writing Competence Com-

mittee, pointed out that "the one-shot testing was not a total sign of writing competence. A student can do well on the exam and go on to write awful essays in his classes."

The committee stressed in its resolutions that the discontinuation of the WCT did not mean the U of A was leaving behind its commitment to writing competence. Both the U of A and Alberta Education have a number of changes in mind which will recognize the importance of developing writing abilities.

"A person develops writing skills over his entire life," said Jackel. "The University should have more responsibility for pursuing the development of students' writing skills."

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DIE revives Times

by William Gibson

The Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board (DIE) decided that the March 1, issue of *The Student Times* was not so controversial after all and lifted the one-day suspension on distribution of the paper.

"The CRO (Chief Returning Officer) yesterday wrote a letter to the vp internal that the March 1 issue of *The Student Times* would, in his opinion, unfairly prejudice the election," said SU president Paul LaGrange.

"Wendy Olsen, the vp internal, decided to suspend distribution. The executive committee subsequently held a meeting at which they upheld that decision."

"I immediately appealed that decision to the DIE Board to get a

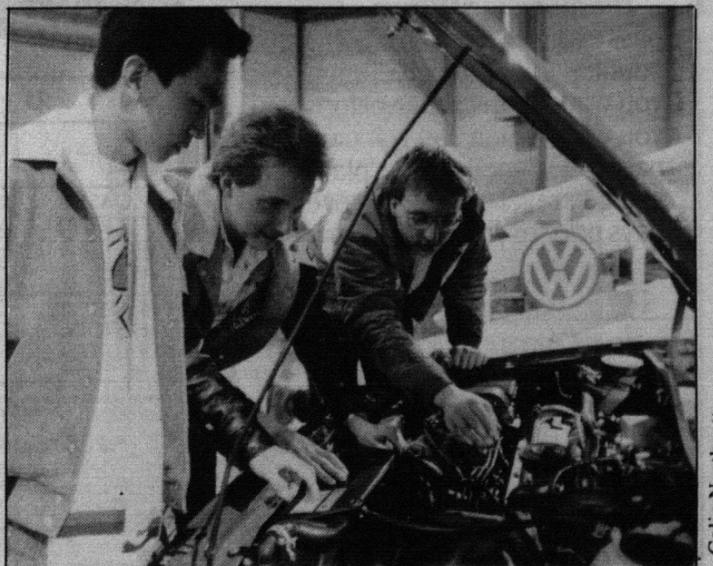
ruling," said LaGrange. "We wanted to insure that any material getting sent out by a club goes over with the DIE Board."

"I have every intention of respecting the decision of the DIE Board," said the official complainant, Michael Hunter.

"The thing that concerned me was Brent's Picks. I felt that it was a deliberate attempt by a club to influence the outcome of the election."

"I think the individual in question is just a little boy who has put out a little rag which is degrading, demoralizing, insulting, biased, poorly written... Brent (Gustafson) should be ashamed of himself," said Hunter.

"It (*The Student Times*) is devoid of anything approaching journalistic integrity."



These three students were surely fantasizing at the Northlands Auto Show Friday night. Tracy Grills, Chuck Koh and David Wozney inspect a VW Corrado.

Colin Northcott

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