

**Thermal plant contract awarded**

# Tunnels Near Completion



Official sources close to the University president predict that University Avenue and Seymour Street will soon reappear as the network of heating tunnels presently under construction nears completion.

The tunnels will form part of an intricate system for heating, lighting and distribution in the Killam Memorial Library, now under construction, the Student Union Building, and the new Arts Centre. The older buildings will be incorporated at a later date.

The Central Services Building, soon to be built on Seymour Street, will be the focal point for the steam system, and as soon as feasible will extend its resources to university buildings on Carleton campus on the side of Robie Street.

In addition, the Central Services Building will house the university engineer, the mail sorting room, and traffic and security offices.

The contract for the Central Services Building was awarded to Dineen Construction at a cost of \$2,927,000 earlier this month. The Provincial government granted a \$2,900,000 capital assistance loan toward the cost of the plant, and is financing ninety per cent of the tunnel costs through a separate loan.

The tunnels and plant are one phase of Dalhousie University's \$80 million expansion program which got under way last spring.

## Arts Students Organizing

Dalhousie Arts students will soon have a chance other students on campus rarely have — to communicate directly with their Council reps.

A general meeting of Arts students will be held on Tuesday, January 20, in the McInnes Room. About three or four hundred students are expected to attend.

Arts reps, Kathy Jenson, Jeannie MacDonald and Trevor Parsons, have been planning the meeting for some time.

"The recent incidents in connection with the censure motion against Bruce Gillis and the resulting referendum have given us a lot to think about," said Miss MacDonald "At present, there is no way to find out what the students want. We are elected and that's where student participation ends."

"An effective means of communication between council and students must be found immediately," added Parsons. "We would like to discuss various possibilities at the meeting on Tuesday."

The Council members have several proposals to make aimed at providing better communication between themselves and all Arts students.

"We hope to promote the idea of forming course unions in each department," said Miss Henson, "If this were done, each student would give up an hour a week to attend a course union meeting. Then we would be able to vote in council according to the students' wishes."

When asked how this would be carried out Miss MacDonald said, "This will be discussed at the meeting in more detail. Basically, it means each course union could discuss issues before they were voted on in Council. The results of these discussions would be passed on to us and we would vote accordingly."

"While the emphasis of the meeting will be on student government, other topics are expected to come up" she added. "Whether or not to continue the Arts Society is one. Many people feel the Arts Society should be left to die, but others want to revive it."

"Social events may possibly be discussed too. Apparently Kathy has this weird idea about having a formal or costume party on skates."

## Law School to Have Separate Convocation

Dalhousie law school will have a separate convocation beginning this year.

This was the decision of Senate ruling followed a recommendation by Student council.

A group of law students presented a petition to the Senate Council in the fall requesting the new procedure. The senator who presented the council's recommendation stated that there was some opposition to the recommendation, but the majority of members agreed with it.

There was some discussion on the motion before it was passed. Some senators expressed fears that it would lead to a fragmentation of the university commu-

nity, while others felt that separate convocations would not be able to attract the best speakers."

Another senator pointed out that by allowing the Faculty of Law to have a separate convocation the Senate was opening the way for other faculties to do the same. "There would be a dozen separate convocations", he said.

In their brief the law students said that the mass convocation was "dehumanizing" and that they desired the separate convocation because it was "more personal" and "more meaningful". They also stated that many law students would not attend the spring convocation unless their request was granted.

**A**NOTHER crisis may be brewing in Saint Mary's University's strifetorn residence this term if residents react to a recent administration ploy. The administration sent a letter to residents over the Christmas break outlining a new hardline policy which includes guards on each of the two entrances to the residence and strong sanctions on rule-breakers.

Observers at Saint Mary's see the move as part of an administration attempt to intimidate residents who last term temporarily overturned administration regulations in the residence. Their prime targets then were visiting regulations and curfew hours.

That protest ended when the administration expelled three coeds as part of a plan to black-mail residents into backing down.

Immediate student reaction to the letter was vociferous. Students' Representative Council President Mike de Verteuil, who is a resident, said, "My immediate reaction was disgust."

Council objected to the paternalistic tone of the letter, but it is doubtful if the administra-

tion will change its position. The letter concluded by saying that "appointed officials must make regulations for the common good of all."

Students' Council action is unlikely. "If any action is taken it should come from the residents themselves," said Council President de Verteuil.

The author of the letter, newly appointed Assistant to the President for Student Affairs, Laurie Smith, was unavailable for comment on the new administration policy.

Associate Dean of men Ken Bendelier told a Tuesday night Council meeting that "there are problems in that residence."

Doubts over the wisdom of the policy were expressed by Council External Affairs Representative Ralph Holt.

"Is this really going to solve anything" he asked. And that's the question at Saint Mary's today, has the administration solved anything, or have they just created a new problem?

## New Hassle in SMU Res



## LETTER...

This is a short note to pass a few observations regarding your November 28 editorial "Cows, Queens, Objections".

You are indeed to be lauded for your "Liberated outlook concerning the role of women in today's society. I do find myself agreeing with you all the way. In my previous five years at Carleton University, I indeed noticed that there were "still many women who are either unaware of, or unwilling to acknowledge the presence of these gifts along with the coincidental responsibility to society of attempting to develop and utilize them." Such was the case to such an extent that the women were hesitant to ask the men out on dates and break once and for all the traditions of eons past, no doubt contrary to your own enlightened social outlook.

I do have to comment on something of slightly more basic concern. When I first looked at the pictorial display I suspected that you had a

superbly humorous editor, but after reading your comments I don't believe you had a facetious intent.

I would like to point out to you that in the presentation above the photo of "bare buttocks", you portray a fine specimen of a "boy" cow with a rather interesting looking udder. As a matter of fact there are no females of the bovine in the photograph, merely magnificent studs.

I would suggest Miss Cusack, that before you write any more glowing letters in the cause of liberating the female sex that you do indeed spend a few more hours in the Biology library and learn the difference between boys and girls be they bovine or homo sapien.

Andy Palmer

Without commenting on the intent behind the photo, it was our doing rather than Miss Cusack's. However, the "cow complex" in women is created and perpetuated by the males who see themselves as stud bulls, so the photo is not altogether inappropriate. —Ed.