

ARTS STUDENTS:

Nominations are now being accepted for two student positions on the Dean Selection Committee, Faculty of Arts. Nomination forms and information available from the Arts Students Association, Rm. 2-3, Humanities.

Bonus for research

VANCOUVER (CUP)—UBC's nuclear research facility has found a way to turn nuclear "garbage" into money.

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. will soon be conducting a multi-million dollar commercial medical radioisotope business using radioactive proton beam waste from UBC's Tri-University Meson Facility (TRIUMF).

And TRIUMF is planning to get a piece of the corporate profits too.

Under the terms of an agreement between TRIUMF and the crown corporation, a specified percentage of profits from isotope sales will be guaranteed to TRIUMF in the form of research grants.

TRIUMF director Jack Sample said the project is costing them nothing and provides an effective use for their excess energy from a radioactive proton beam, which is currently disposed of at a "beam dump" — a concrete container which absorbs the beam's energy.

"We're not taking any financial risk at all, our beam is essentially a waste product," he said.

The crown corporation facility is being built in front on one of the beam dumps and will make use of a large amount of its "waste energy".

"It will be a multi-million dollar industry and they (AECL) are going to be pouring money into research at TRIUMF," said

UBC administration vice-president Erich Vogt.

He said the 3.5 million isotope production facility, currently under construction adjacent to TRIUMF, will make medical radioisotopes for sale to pharmaceutical companies.

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Eddy says he would like to have a better neutron detector to check for leakage but is unable to afford one because of budget constraints.

The Concordia problems are the latest in a series of incidents involving radioactive waste at Canadian and U.S. universities recently. At the University of B.C. it was discovered that the basement of an office building was being used as a waystation for radioactive waste without the knowledge of the occupants and at the University of Ottawa containers of radioactive tritium were discovered sitting unguarded in a loading bay in a classroom building.

And in the U.S., the University of Minnesota was recently found guilty of 14 violations of regulations set out by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the handling of radioactive materials.

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he says he wants "to keep things simple." He said he expects few problems though he said that there is a lot of work to be done on the budget.

Gruber added that reaction to his election has been favorable thus far and that he received a lot of support during the campaign.



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