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Can a \$200,000 reactor find happiness in local basement?

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Although the official work is not yet out it is definite that Slowpoke will be located in the basement of the Life Sciences Building, where Television Services presently resides.

According to Charlie Roberts the details are still "...sort of hazy..." but that construction is expected to begin within the next two months. In all probability the necessary blasting will not start until after classes have ended.

The Radiation Safety Committee, who's job it was to investigate the safety of the reactor, has met three times and sent a letter to President Hicks. The letter made two points - 1) anticipated radiation levels in the surrounding environment would be negligibly affected by Slowpoke (an expected increase in the background radiation of about 1%) - 2) the physical security is of the utmost importance and that the committee would further investigate the security situation.

Although where the reactor will be placed seems definite the fate of Television Services is still undecided. At first, when TV was told that it would have to move, it was not told where it was supposed to go. At

present there is a Committee investigating the situation of Audio / Visual. However its report will not be ready until June. Television Services will be moving within the next two weeks and temporary arrangements have been found. For a while, at least, Television Services will occupy some relatively unused storage rooms in the basement of Psychology.

The move will disrupt television service for a while, even more so because of the temporary nature of the new quarters. A complete move of the Television Services would be a major, complicated operation. The new rooms are in no way adequate and they hope to spend as little time as possible there, and will shift as little as possible until an adequate space is found.

Naturally, for a while television service will be in disarray. The people working at Television Services are a bit upset by the sudden and inadequate shift. It was postulated that perhaps the administration, in doing its cost estimates, neglected to account for realignment of TV.

The blasting and construction will also effect the surrounding



Holes in floor of TV studio are a prelude to further excavations.

Photo / Grandy

Psychology Dept. rooms. Dr. Rusak of Psychology is just about ready to start his research work. However

a fairly safe place to talk. At present it is a good idea to be more cautious. SUB staff is attempting to identify the informer.

They too feel uneasy and do not like the idea of narcs being in the building. However there is not much anyone can do about it.

At last Tuesday's Executive meeting, the Student's Union Executive decided to urge SUB staff to make a stronger attempt in controlling drug abuse in the SUB. The Executive did not feel that there was a serious problem with dope smoking, but that it should be controlled before it gets out of hand.

his work will have to wait until Slowpoke is installed. Although Dr. Rusak realizes that Slowpoke is very important to some people, his own work is more significant to him and he expressed some dissatisfaction with the hold up of his own research.

In talking with those who have been concerned about the reactor often expressed is the worry, not over the theoretical safety and smooth operation of the reactor, but the actual construction and maintenance. "If the installation of Slowpoke is anything like the construction of the Life Sciences..." It is hoped that the installation will be accompanied by the required thought and caution.

Feds announce massive cutbacks

OTTAWA (CUP) --- Federal Manpower Minister Robert Andras announced February 5 the federal government will create about 12,000 summer jobs this year at a total cost of \$24 million, a massive cutback from last year.

In announcing this program, he said that "in spite of difficult economic times both the government and private sector must do what they can to provide students with work", noting that, "without summer employment, many students will not be able to return to their studies in the fall".

What he failed to note is that this years program will likely create more student unemployment than in any year in recent history. Last year the federal government spent \$80 million providing 50,000 jobs for students, about three times the amount planned for this year.

This planned decrease in 38,000 jobs will result in at least a 10 percent increase in the total number of unemployed students this sum-

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Subterranean scumbo

A member of Student Union bar services staff was recently given a summons on a drug charge.

In the fall, narcotics agents began to frequent the SUB. Apparently their main targets were the high school students that came into the building just to get stoned. SUB staff have cracked down on the high school students, but narcotics agents are still frequenting the

building.

Occasionally, students do smoke dope in the SUB, but now with narcs around the situation becomes a bit dangerous. There probably is at least one informer operating. Since a bar services worker was served a summons, SUB staff have good reason to believe that the informer frequents the Grawood.

Many consider the Grawood to be



Bats in the belfry, mice in the cupboard and rats in the Grawood.

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