

Asbestos found in Michener Park

by Mike Walker

Asbestos hazards have been found in the Michener Park married students' residence, and residents will be evacuated at the beginning of May while the hazards are being corrected.

The ceiling finish of apartments in the Vanier and Galbraith towers have been found to contain asbestos, which has been linked to lung cancer, gastrointestinal cancer and asbestosis, a potentially fatal scarring of lung tissue that reduces the lungs' ability to carry oxygen.

The ceilings are dangerous when the asbestos is released into the air, usually by damage to the surface.

Tests of the ceiling surfaces have revealed they contain asbestos, but no air tests have been done yet to see if residents face a health danger, according to university Projects Manager Dan Pretzlaff.

However, while they're doing the work, some of the stuff becomes airborne," said Housing

and Food Services director Gail Brown.

So, at the beginning of May, all of the about 600 occupants of the two towers will have to leave for one to three days while the old finish is scraped off the ceilings and new finish sprayed on. In addition, all their furniture will have to be moved out, Pretzlaff said.

"The best way would be to do one floor at a time," he said, "half being worked on and half for storage for furniture."

But he said no definite plans will be made until Friday, when university officials meet with Michener Park tenants.

Tenants will have to find places to stay while their apartments are being worked on: some in other apartments in Michener Park, some with friends elsewhere, and some in Lister Hall, Brown said.

Tests for airborne particles will be conducted both before and after the repairs, Pretzlaff said.



photo Ray Giguere

One small step for Students' Council Tuesday night meant one large step for CJSR campus radio on the way to their FM licence.

CJSR plan approved

by Peter Michalyshyn

CJSR campus radio got one step closer to its FM licence at Students' Council Tuesday night.

Council approved in principle CJSR's expansion on second floor SUB into the present Gateway offices, which will be relocated. CJSR said it needed the guarantee of extra space to make a legitimate bid for an FM licence to the CRTC (Canadian Radio-Telecommunications Commission).

The second requirement for a legitimate licence bid is money to upgrade equipment and for other capital expenditures. No more money than is now spent on CJSR - this year about \$13,000 - would come out of the Students' Union.

Instead, CJSR plans to get the bulk of the over \$200,000 required

from university, as well as larger projected revenues from advertising and production work.

The university's Radio and Television Committee has given CJSR tentative support after two meetings instructing it to rewrite its proposal for submission to the Priorities and Planning Committee, an advisory body to the Board of Governors.

CJSR director Steve Cumming expressed "cautious optimism" about the station's chances of the administration's approval.

Council couldn't find much wrong with CJSR's proposal, particularly because relocation of offices and construction of new ones would be at the university's expense.

"We're going to have some

inconvenience, but we're not going to pay for it... in dollars," said SU president Nolan Astley.

Besides, no moving will take place in SUB until after the full amount of CJSR's required budget is confirmed.

There's a time element involved as well; of five FM bands available in Edmonton, one is committed to a commercial station, and the CBC apparently has expansion plans that would occupy two or three of the other bands, according to Gary McGowan of CJSR.

"It would be more difficult for CJSR to go against a commercial station some years hence," McGowan said.

According to its timeline, and if all goes well, CJSR would be on the air sometime in 1983.

Constitutional talks

What is going on with the constitution and how will it affect women?

The Alberta Women for Constitutional Change are going to try to answer these questions at a workshop next Monday.

Registration for the workshop is this week in the Students' Union offices, Second Floor, SUB. There is no fee.

The workshop will be held 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 9.

As well as examining what it is the provinces and what the federal government want, they will discuss how women

specifically will be affected by any changes. Dorothy Richardson, committee member and member of the U of A Board of Governors, says "Women should be taking an interest in the constitution. It's not too late to initiate change."

Some of the topics are: the Charter of Rights, family law jurisdiction, taxation and government spending powers, and the reform of federal institutions.

Richardson says, "If you are confused about the Constitutional debate, this is a perfect opportunity to get things cleared up and get involved."



What is going on with the Canadian constitution and how does it affect you as a woman?

The Alberta Women for Constitutional Change are hosting a workshop to clear up some of the confusion surrounding the constitutional debate and to deal specifically with the aspects that directly affect the status of women in Canada.

The entrenchment of a Charter of Rights — will it guarantee equality for women?

Family Law Jurisdiction — If family law is transferred from the federal government to the provincial government what are the implications for women?

The Senate and Supreme Court — Should women be given constitutional guarantees of equal representation in these important decision-making bodies?

Taxation and Spending Powers — What is it constitutionally that affects what money goes to social services, such as daycare, rape crisis centres and hospital insurance?

It is not too late to discuss this and to participate in the constitution debate. Come and help decide your future.

Cost: Free

Preregister this week in the Students' Union offices, second floor, SUB.

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