



BLEATING BLATANTLY THE BEARS BRASS BAND—branded their burnished bubble blowers. It all happened Sunday in SUB theatre as a fair crowd watched wistfully. Though the instruments were brass, the music was golden as the crowd enjoyed almost every minute of it. There were screams, shouts, whoops, cheers—and the band played on. . . .

Change in emphasis for VGW'70

The academic side of the upcoming Varsity Guest Weekend is to receive major emphasis from the VGW planning personnel.

This annual event, scheduled for Feb. 4-7, has in past years tended to have the social side of the weekend overshadow the academic side and has appealed largely only to high school students.

An interim report released recently by VGW director, Ron Pearson, states that the VGW planning personnel hope to extend interest in the weekend to the community as a whole by involving the large number of people visiting the campus in more than just the superficial aspects of the weekend, such as displays and social events.

With this goal in mind two new aspects to the weekend have been planned.

University seminars to be held in SUB Theatre will hopefully give prospective university students some idea of the problems they will encounter at the University of Alberta.

The topics, which deal with such items as academic reform, student services, the university as an agent of change, and academic, social and athletic life at the university, are intended to give a representative view of what is happening at the U of A.

To create a community appeal, Canadian Political Forums will also be organized.

These will run for three nights in Dinwoodie Lounge and will involve panels to discuss the topics, "Is there a Canadian Identity" (Feb. 5), "Canada in the International Sphere" (Feb. 6), and "Canadian Federalism and the Future of the Federal System in Canada" (Feb. 7).

Several expert speakers on the Forum topics have been approached and the speaking list, which includes as probable speakers, Donald Smiley and Dalton Camp, should be finalized by Christmas.

The Academic Information Centre will again be run as a means of allowing prospective students to pick up information on admission requirements and courses and to

ask questions of faculty representatives.

The social side of the weekend is also an important one and will include many of last year's functions.

Foremost on the list is the Winter Carnival which will run from Thursday afternoon to Saturday morning. The annual event will include a pancake breakfast, a pancake eating contest, an all night curling bonspiel and an ice statue competition.

Dances will be held on Thursday night in Lister Hall and Saturday night in Dinwoodie and the Guess Who will play for a concert in the Jubilee Auditorium on Friday night. There will be continuous entertainment at the Room at the Top throughout the weekend.

Bugs in the BS bldg explained

By BETH WINTERINGHAM

A premature opening of the new Biological Sciences Building is the cause of many of the "bugs" in its operation.

The air conditioning cannot be turned on until the building is fully completed. This should be in mid-January, and a further three or four months will be needed to balance the system.

Air conditioning is dependent on a chilled water plant on the river bank, which supplies chilled water

to the buildings on campus. When the heating system is made operational the present variations in temperature throughout the BS complex should disappear.

This and other complaints regarding the building were explained by Ernest Shedden, assistant public relations officer for the campus development office.

The drainage pipes carrying waste materials from the laboratories are specially designed by the Department of Public Works. There is a "skin" on the inside and outside surfaces of the pipes, which makes them impermeable to heat and acids. It is delicate, however, and could be damaged while the pipes are being installed.

This could be the reason why a pipe suddenly burst on Nov. 12, according to Mr. Shedden.

A breakage at the places where sections of the pipes are joined together is another possible answer.

This huge complex was originally designed as one building, to be tendered out to one company for construction. Later, it was re-designed by the Department of Public Works into four separate phases, and tendered to four construction companies.

The great need for space prompted the early opening of BS. "I think the building is being utilized too soon," said Mr. Shedden. "Everyone will agree to that."

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