

Radioactive and chemical wastes have not been disposed of adequately for years. It is no longer known in many cases what barrels contain what chemical mixtures.

Toxic wastes

by Greg Neiman

Forty-five-gallon drums containing chemical wastes which were termed "potential bombs" at a Board Building Committee meeting Wednesday, need immediate disposal.

R.E. Phillips, the university's acting vice president (Planning and Development) said that pending studies and proposals between the university and the provincial government, wastes containing some unstable chemicals have been stored in large drums and other containers for years.

Toxic wastes were formerly destroyed in an open pit near Devon, but recent growth in the town and its subsequent increase in residential districts has forced the pit's closure.

A site was later chosen for an incinerator at Gold Bar, but leasing hassles forced the committee to look elsewhere.

Other sites include the University Farm, and Ellerslie, where a similar incinerator now stands.

While this was happening wastes were piling up.

One incident referred to at the meeting involved a university employee who had his hands and clothing badly burned when a container of chemical wastes, blew up while he was carrying it.

The truck where the explosion occurred was completely destroyed.

The Committee decided to proceed with plans to build an incinerator at Ellerslie which would be capable of handling aqueous wastes as well as refuse containing radioactive materials from the university.

Phillips said the new facility would probably be ready for use next spring.

Parking warning issued

A notice has been issued by Mr. G.A. Bulat of the Department of Physical Plant concerning enforcement of parking regulations.

Says Mr. Bulat: "Effective immediately, il-

legally parked vehicles in parking zones, loading zones, etc. which are causing problems on Campus will be subject to tow-away. This step-up in enforcement is necessitated by the fact that offending vehicles are denying the use of parking

zones by authorized permit holders.

"Because of the tight supply-demand situation of parking on Campus, it is requested that public transit or car pools be investigated by those still requiring transportation to the Campus. Those persons still requiring the need of a parking space should leave an application at the Parking Office should parking space become available."

Lister Hall vacancies -where's the crisis?

The U of A still has room for students in the Lister Hall residence complex.

Officials from the university's housing and food services department say that despite the much-publicized student housing shortage this year accommodation is still available for male and female students in the university's main residence, which includes Henday, Kelsey and Mackenzie Halls.

The officials say the shortage is probably due to the fine work done by the Student

Housing Registry people and the fact that, because the housing shortage was so well publicized, students felt it useless to apply for accommodation in the Lister complex.

The department also advises that applications are still being accepted from male and female graduate and senior students for accommodation in Pembina Hall.

The refurbished residence located in the heart of he campus is scheduled to reopen October 1.

NUS Committee

The NUS committee has gotten underway and is planning a campaign for student involvement. There will be a meeting Friday at noon in Rm. 259 SUB to discuss NUS campaign strategies and current issues. On Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. and going all day, organizational work and poster making for the referendum to be held Oct. 3 will take place. As

well, everyday at 4 p.m. there will be someone at the executive offices (Rm. 259 SUB) to provide information to anyone interested in working with or just finding out about NUS issues. NUS is working on such things as pamphlets and petitions favoring improvements and reforms on Student Aid, Student Housing, Women's Issues and Racism.

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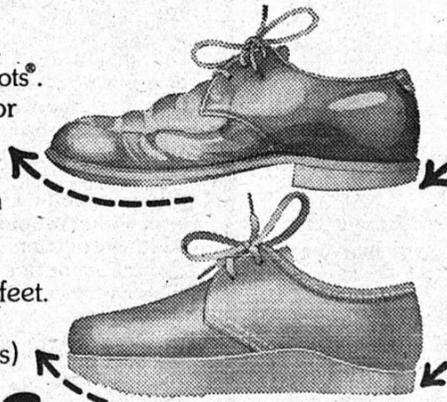
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