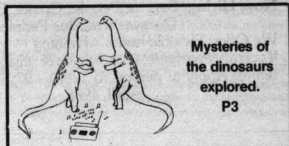


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Peace role for forces

by Leslie Buckle

The peacekeeping function is the most important role of Canada's armed forces, said Paul Dick, the Associate Minister of Defence, while speaking to a group of about 50 people Tuesday.

Dick spoke on the implications of Canada's new White Paper on Defense. He said that the media has hyped the proposal to purchase nuclear submarines, while neglecting what he feels are more important elements.

The Trudeau years had eroded the capability of the armed forces, said Dick, adding that his government wanted to turn that situation around. He cited a "modest" increase of \$860 million in the defense budget as one of the first steps in the plan to restore vitality to the Canadian Purchases.

The buildup of the reserve forces was another focal point of Dick's speech. The new White Paper calls for an increase from 21,000 to 90,000 reserve troops. Dick stated that the government would consider legislation if employers refused to cooperate with reserve personnel who did not want to use their vacation time to attend training sessions. He also said that new equipment would be purchased to assist in the training of the new recruits.

In response to questions of why nuclear submarines are better than

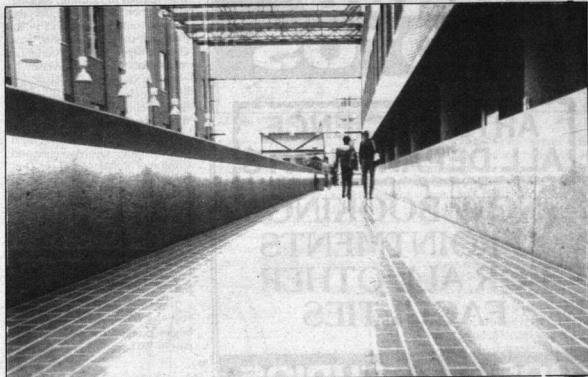
diesel powered subs, Dick said that nuclear submarines are more cost effective, since one nuclear sub is equivalent to three regular subs. Techniques such as sonars and mines would not be an alternative, said Dick, since laying mines in peace time would violate a 1911 Geneva Treaty.

Dick also said that he wasn't concerned about American reservations about the purchase of British Trafalgar class subs by Canada. If things didn't work out, said the Associate Minister, Canada could buy the French made Rubis class subs, which are "surprisingly good."

On a more personal note, Dick said that both he and the defense department were shocked by the appointment from MP to associate minister, but that he has learned a lot since he assumed his position.

Dick rounded out the forum by stating that the neutral nations such as Switzerland, Sweden and Finland practice "armed neutrality." He said that the first priority of a government is to protect its citizens and that the Canadian government intended to fulfill this role. If a country that doesn't have its own occupying force, said Dick, somebody usually does it for them.

The forum was sponsored by the International Relations and Strategic Relations Society.



Students are looking down the long passage to finals.

File Photo

Future of SUBway in doubt

by Roberta Franchuk

The SUBway, the University-owned food service area in SUB, is in financial trouble.

"At this point, the future of SUBway is in doubt," said Housing and Food Services Director David Bruch.

Although no decisions have been made yet, Housing and Food Services is looking at ways to improve the performance of the area, which has lost money every year since its opening.

Extensive renovations were carried out in 1984, at a cost of \$250,000. "That money has never been recouped," said Bruch.

In the fiscal year 1987-88, SUBway had been budgeted to make \$26,000. Instead, it is now projected to show a loss of about \$86,000. Average losses each year have been about \$100,000, said Bruch.

Among the alternatives open to Housing and Food Services are leasing the space to a commercial retail outlet, turning it over to the University, or turning it over to the Students' Union.

The latest attempt to increase the revenue of SUBway was made in February. Housing and Food Services put forward a proposal for renovations to the Saucy Noodle and SUBway, and for an agreement

to expand the liquor sales of the Saucy Noodle. Concerns were raised by the SU over the potential for direct competition with RATT. (Students' Council passed a motion Tuesday to allow Housing and Food Services to serve draft beer in SUBway, subject to conditions that include food purchases and serving time restrictions. Council also agreed to a clause prohibiting the Saucy Noodle from competing directly with the Students' Union-owned RATT.)

The whole draft beer proposal is "being reviewed right now," said Bruch, as part of the decisions to be made by Housing and Food Services about the future of SUBway.

Term paper typing troubles

by Gateway staff

A first year Arts student, Margaret-Anne McCulloch, is seeking a fifty dollar refund for a term paper typed by Accord Steno Services in HUB Mall.

McCulloch says Accord failed to deliver her paper on time due to a clerical error which indicated that the term paper would be completed on Thursday, Mar. 17, when it should have been Wednesday, Mar. 16.

She says when she went to pick up the paper at noon that Wednesday, she was told it was not completed.

McCulloch says Accord employees "made no effort to get my

paper typed before 4:00 that afternoon."

Lois Volk, manager of Accord, says there were no customers in the office at noon, Wednesday, and maintains McCulloch came in at 3:30. Art student, Lori Sordo, confirms McCulloch's presence at Accord at noon that day.

Volk admitted that she is not always in the office, but works "shifts."

After pursuing the matter unsuccessfully with the Students' Union and the HUB Mall manager's office, McCulloch returned to Accord demanding a refund and a written apology.

Volk says it was Accord's fault McCulloch's paper was a day late, adding that she "might have given her (McCulloch) a ten percent discount." However, she added, "we don't have an official refund policy. The girls that were here at the time did not know that" (about the ten percent remission).

Volk explained that when McCulloch came back to Accord on Thursday, Mar. 24, she was no longer willing to give a refund because she feels a letter to the Gateway written by McCulloch had damaged her business sufficiently.

The letter that appeared in the Gateway did not mention Accord by name but implied its location in HUB Mall, which Volk judged to indicate her business.

Anne Belik, operations manager of HUB Mall says they have a hands off attitude regarding their tenants, but added, "we don't want that kind of publicity. Lois has been made aware of the situation."

More money for student loans

by Ken Bosman

Next year's Students' Finance Board's budget has been increased 9.6 percent to \$112 million, but students won't receive any more money to live on.

"We are not expecting an increase in living allowances," said Jean Sprague, director of the SFB.

Sprague says the money will go to funding additional students within the system. "We're expecting about 59,000 students next year

versus about 58,000 this year."

Sprague also cites the recent three percent increase in tuition as a cost the SFB will fund.

"It's good that the money is available," said Paul LaGrange, current SU VP External and President-elect. "It would have been nice to see living allowances increase though."

LaGrange feels, however, that SFB guidelines are adequate "in most situations," but does note that "for student living in residence, Housing

and Food Services costs exceed SFB guidelines."

However, Brian Bechtel, Director of the Edmonton Food Bank, disagrees: "Most people would find it remarkable the number of students who use the Food Bank."

The Food Bank does not currently maintain statistics on student usage, but will soon be starting an automated data system to find out.

"Students will be one of the categories," said Bechtel. "We want to quantify consistent reports we have of student usage."

Student demand on the food bank is heaviest near the end of the academic year, said Bechtel, the time of year when "income tax refunds have ended and summer jobs have not started."

Sprague says she cannot comment on student usage of the Food Bank "not knowing anything about the operations."

"Our position is that from all our documents the SFB living allowance for food is adequate."

"I can't give you a brain, but I can give you a degree."

The Wizard of Oz to the Scarecrow

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