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"A toast to winter"

Screaming winds which scraped across the campus may have caused students to curse under their breaths, but Paul Morigeau, Pam Hnytka, and Rachel Sanders found comfort roasting marshmallows in SUB Thursday.

Science survey not all gloomy

by Roberta Franchuk

Science students should not be filling out change of program forms just because of a recent study on employment for science grads.

A wide variation in the numbers of bachelor of science grads who were fully employed was shown in the survey, which was produced by the university's Career and Placement Services. Some fields, such as Meteorology, showed high employment, while others, such as Biology, showed apparently low figures.

These results are "not surprising", said associate dean of science D. Beatty, but he added that many other aspects of employment that are contained within the survey are not reflected in imply numbers of employed.

According to the report, job

satisfaction was high among employed graduates, and three-quarters of employed science students felt that they were using their degree specialization in their current jobs.

Figures like these give the report a positive thrust overall, said Beatty, but he expressed concern that students who looked only at the rough employment numbers would become discouraged.

"I don't think students should base their program choices on a survey. They should follow their abilities," he said.

Different interpretations of the figures contained in the survey can lead to different conclusions. One of the findings that is causing concern is the number of students who returned to school.

Out of 431 science student graduates, 167 had returned for

further education. Reasons cited for this were upgrading, pursuing academic interests, and not being able to find a suitable job.

The report states that since 22 percent of the respondents had returned to school because they were unable to find work, and a further nine percent were still looking for work, the total figure for unemployed science graduates was 31 percent.

"I didn't think there was anything unusual about the survey," said Dr. Harvey Krahn of the Population Research Lab, noting that other studies have produced similar results.

One of the problems with these numbers, noted Beatty, is that the survey did not break graduates down by type of degree received, whether honors, specialization, or general. This would affect

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Factions fight over Suzuki

by Mitch Panciuk

SU vp Charles Vethan claims that it is a case of "bullshit politics" which has dragged the University of Alberta into an environmental group cat fight.

Vethan feels that Suzuki's cancellation of a March 17 speaking engagement for an Alberta environmental group is being tied to the January 17 U of A Students' Council decision.

At that time Vethan's motion, proposing spending over \$8,300 for an hour long speech, was voted down by referring it back to the Council of Faculty Associations (COFA) committee. This committee is made up of presi-

dents of all the campus faculty associations, and is the first in a three step procedure for allocating SU funding.

Following a recent Gateway article, the Students' Union was contacted by Sam Gunch, and questioned about where information for the story was obtained. Gunch identified himself as a representative of the Friends of the Old Man River association.

According to Vethan, Gunch blamed the SU Council for Suzuki's cancellation of their March 17 date that they had him lined up for. "He wanted a letter

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Fed funds for Faculte

by Phillip Preville

The funding situation for the crumbling Faculte St. Jean residence is looking brighter.

Marc Arnal, federal regional director for the Secretary of State said his department has informed the University of Alberta that they are "very willing to consider a 50% cost-sharing arrangement with the University for renovations to the Faculte St. Jean residence."

"The ball is in the University's court," Arnal said in a telephone interview.

Tom McLaren, provincial assistant to the minister for advanced education, also suggested that the decision lies in the hands of the University. "All provincial university requests for special funding are referred to the treasury for approval," said McLaren, "and those which are given high priority by the university are usually approved."

"We've tried to make the Faculte renovations as attractive a priority for the University as we possibly can," Arnal offered no guarantees, but he said he was very optimistic that an agreement could be reached.

University associate vp finance Alan Rennie was optimistic. "Very intense negotiations are currently taking place between the University and the provincial and federal governments," said Rennie.

"We're most hopeful that a solution is in the works."

Housing and Food Services director David Bruch was not aware of the offer made by the State department, which is in charge of federal official languages policy. "I know that the University is involved in intense negotiations," said Bruch, "but I'm not aware of such an offer."

Bruch confirmed Housing's

comment to the Faculte residence, but added cautiously, "in consideration of the amount involved, I'm not sure that the University could make even a 50% funding project work."

A 1985 study suggested that \$2 million (in 1983 dollars) would be needed to give the building the facelift it requires.

Originally built in 1911, the Faculte residence has been experiencing a number of structural problems in recent years, including sub-standard plumbing and wiring. Most recently, with the cold temperatures of this past week, the Faculte's archaic hot-water heating system shut down completely for a period of two to three hours on Tuesday.

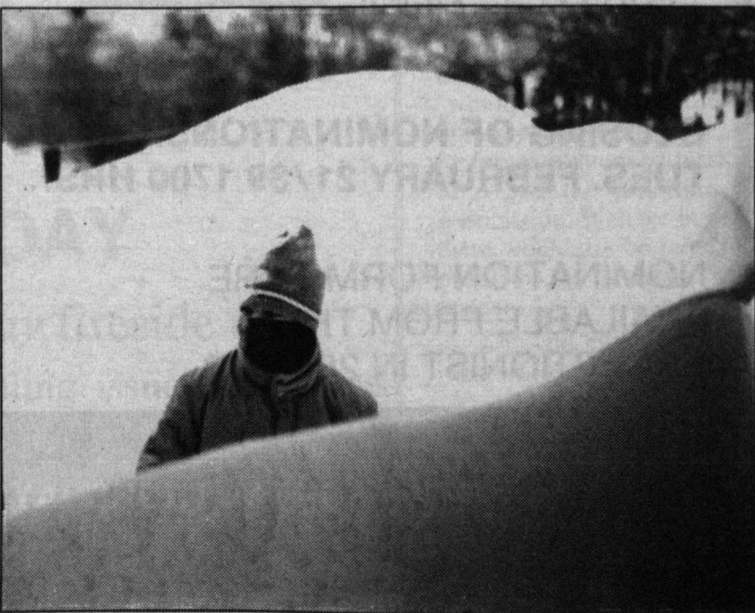
"At least four rooms had no heat on Monday night," said John Mark Fisher, president of the Faculte St. Jean Residents' Association. "Then on Tuesday the whole system shut down for a couple of hours." The faculte's 78 residents wrapped themselves in blankets until the familiar ping and clanging of the old-style radiators started once again.

"If we hadn't been able to get the heat started up again, we would have had a very big problem on our hands," said Bruch. He added that this incident accentuated the need for a solution in the near future.

He said that the University "can continue to operate the Residence as-is for at least one more budget year" until March 1990.

A fire marshal has ordered the wooden fire escapes replaced by April 1990 or the building may have to be closed.

Currently, the Faculte residence runs a deficit of \$1500 per resident per year.



"Well, when I was a boy..." Students struggling through flowing snowdrifts that piled up after Monday's storm were probably reminded of stories that granddaddy used to tell.

Clive Ostry

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