

# ARC vindicated of wrong

by Richard Watts

Allegations of poisonous fumes entering the Medical Sciences Building from the Alberta Research Council (ARC) have been proven false.

Since last February a university task force has been studying the question of whether fumes could be entering the fresh air intakes of Med. Sciences from the vents on the roof of the ARC. These vents are connected to laboratory fume hoods inside the ARC building.

Although not yet fully completed, the study headed by Dr. Stewart Hunt of Radiation Protection and Control, has shown that the ARC is not the source of any fumes inside Med. Sciences.

Says Hunt, "The study is not yet fully completed yet, but I can say that the ARC is not the source of any fumes inside the Medical Sciences Building."

Over the latter half of 1981 a number of people working inside Med. Sciences noticed chemical odours reminiscent of organic solvents.

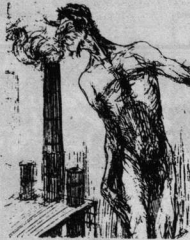
Said Dr. Ronald McElhanev of Bio Sciences, "We could smell something but we couldn't tell what it was."

It was first thought these odours might originate from the fume hood vents on the ARC in February when the ARC was undergoing renovations. Renovations that included the tarring of the ARC roof.

"When the tarring of roofs is going on the smell of tar is pretty

strong and the smell did get inside the Medical Sciences Building," says Hunt.

Since the odour of tar could get inside Med. Sciences it was felt that fumes from the vents also on the roof of the ARC could get inside Med. Sciences.



However it is now felt that the smell of tar did not come from the roof of the ARC itself but instead from the tar boiler.

Says Dr. Duncan Currie, Building manager of the ARC, "We moved the tar vessel and that seemed to cut out the smell inside the Medical Sciences Building."

The ARC is now fully operational which it was not last February and there have been no more complaints.

Says Currie, "I'm certainly happy that things got sorted out. It is certainly important to look after your own neighborhood."

When asked where the fumes did come from Dr. Hunt said, "Well, they could have come from anywhere as long as the wind blew them into the fresh air intakes."

# NOTES

## Sad food causes fat

(RNR/CUP)—If you're getting chunky around the middle, now you can blame it on too much sad food.

Psychiatrist and dietician researcher Dr. Stuart Berger says there are two kinds of foods: happy ones and sad ones and it's the sad ones that make you fat.

Berger contends most overeating is caused by depression, which is biochemical in nature, and is triggered by the sad foods we eat. His list of sad entrees includes sugar, egg yolks, ripe avocados, chocolate, sour cream and monosodium glutamate. Happy foods include, turkey chicken, cheese, bananas, yoghurt, brown rice and spinach.

Berger claims that munching from the happy list will lift your spirits and melt away those unwanted pounds.

## "Tensor" is the future

SASKATOON (CUP)—If you thought Honda sipped gas, what would you say about a car that gets 1302 miles to the gallon?

Engineering students at the University of Saskatchewan have produced a car that does exactly that. They walked away with first prize and a North American mileage record this summer at a 22-team meet in Marshall, Michigan.

"Tensor," as the test car is known, only needed to have its engine engaged for two short spurts to propel it around the 1.6 mile test track. The car is a squat cylindrical shaped vehicle powered by a standard two horsepower engine.

This was the third year U of S engineers won the mileage competition but it was their first North American record. The car's designers attribute its astonishing mileage to "low resistance to motion, good engine efficiency and a unique driving style."

With a few modifications to their car, they'll be back next year, this time hoping to top 1600 miles per gallon.

## Fewer means higher pay

(RNR/CUP)—Good news and bad news for American college graduates: the recession is forcing many companies to slow their recruiting activities, but the students who do receive job offers are starting at higher salaries than ever.

The College Placement Council says petroleum engineering graduate can command a \$30,000 per year starting salary, and chemical engineering majors can expect to make about \$27,000.

But in other fields, the council says, employers are putting off hiring decision "while they wait and see when the economic recovery will begin."

## Nationalized Sex

(RNR/CUP)—Sexuality Today reports that teenagers are paying attention to those proposed government rules requiring parents be notified if their sons or daughters seek birth control information.

The magazine quotes Planned Parenthood officials, who say although the rules have yet to go into effect, teen visits to family planning clinics have already declined and a growing number of young women are postponing pregnancy tests, for fear their parents will be notified.

## the Gateway gateway

### Thanks for the flag

The staff of our newspaper would like to thank Belinda Moore, designer of the new Gateway flag.

Belinda is a student in her final year of Visual Communication and Design Arts.

Towards the end of last year the staff of the paper asked professor Walter Jungkind of the Fine Arts faculty what sort of flag a student newspaper should have. Professor Jungkind offered the problem to his class and they came up with 12 designs for us to examine.

Belinda's was the unanimous choice of the staff, who felt that it was a great improvement over last year's.

Once again we would like to thank Belinda for her permission to use it.



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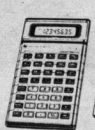
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