

Two fires strike campus to entertain students

It's been a hot week.

A fire at Alexander Mackenzie Hall, undergraduate residence presently under construction, raised temperatures about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Not to be outdone, the roof of the general services building burst into flames shortly before 6 p.m. the next day.

"At Mackenzie Hall, tarpaulin protecting the building caught fire and ignited the sheathing," said C. H. Saunter, U of A fire marshal and safety officer.

"It would appear the fire started from a heater on the second floor and caught tarpaulins up to the seventh floor," said Capt. Harold Abbott, fire dept. communications.

The services bldg. poses more of a mystery.

"We're sort of in the middle of an investigation," said Mr. Saunter in a telephone interview Friday.

"It would look as though the fire was started by a tar cooker not properly cooled," said Capt. Abbott.

He suggested the tar may have boiled over and ignited construction materials on the roof.

Mr. Saunter disagreed, saying it couldn't have boiled over because the fire occurred hours after and "from what we have been able to determine" the cooker was shut off.

He agreed the fire may have started by spontaneous combustion.

The pressure cooker on the tar pot, a drum with about 20 gallons of kerosene, and a drum of primer exploded, setting fire to the tar on the roof.

While speaking of the fires, Capt. Abbott commented on the attitudes of university students to fires.

"I tend to wonder what amuses them," he said. "They seem to take so much delight in seeing others work."

Damage to Mackenzie Hall is slight and damage to the services bldg. will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

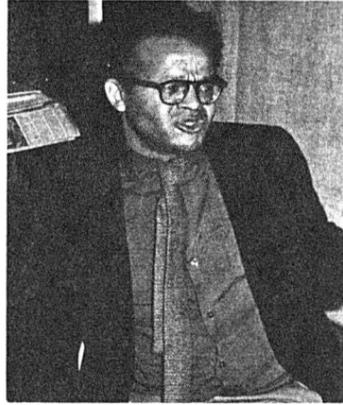
On student power

'Students are adults' says Reckord

By MARJORIE BELL

A movement for a student-governed university is stirring on campus.

Barry Reckord, playwright and drama department lecturer, ad-



BARRY RECKORD
... "movement of the future"

ressed a group of 30 people Friday at the NDY House.

"Our platform states students are adults. They comprise the majority of the university and should have the majority of power," Mr. Reckord said.

"All the university councils should have a majority of students on them and a minority of faculty representation. We aim to make students aware of such a possibility."

He said, "This movement is happening across Canada and throughout the States; it is a movement of the future, and we want to make it a movement of the near future."

MAJOR PROBLEMS

He thought major problems facing such a movement would be an excessive academic workload and fear of socialism.

"There is a climate of political fear in Canada making students feel taking a leftist stand would threaten their place in society. Close-mindedness regarding such policies is a result of fear," said Mr. Reckord.

"Since socialists are usually regarded as cryptic communists on this continent it is essential the socialist attitude to communism be made clear.

"Communism is three things. It is Russian imperialism à la Hungary, which must be resisted every bit as much as American imperialism.

Secondly it is public ownership, a method of solving intractable social problems, and as such must be judged purely on results like any other economic method.

IDEAL LONGING

"Thirdly it is an ideal longing for brotherhood among all men."

Mr. Reckord said student apathy occurs because students have an inhuman education forced on them—a heavy, depressive and irrelevant workload which doesn't recognize political awareness as a vital part of life, since politics affect people's central interests; their food, rent and entertainment.

"Students will have to demand more time to take part in governing policies before a democratic campus can go into operation," Mr. Reckord said.

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SUB fulfills profit expectations; games area leading money-maker

The students' union is making a slightly higher profit than expected on SUB operations.

To the end of December the net profit from the building was \$17,911.83. The expected figure was \$17,708.

The games area was the major money-maker with a profit of \$11,-

680 followed by room and locker rentals with \$6,978. Profits were also made on the vending machines (\$3,234) and the information desk (\$1,118).

The only area to show a loss was the crafts area which includes ceramics, music and the art gallery. The loss of \$3,448 was due

partly to its programs just getting started. Not all the equipment has been installed.

SUB business manager Marv Swenson said, "That's the way we planned it but we hope it will pay its way eventually."

Room at the Top is handled by the Special Events Committee whose aim is to break even he said.

The bank and the barbershop are leased by the students' union and are included in the budget. Food services and the bookstore are owned and operated by the university which paid for those areas' construction.

Students' union treasurer Phil Ponting said operations were beginning to increase toward the end of November and called the profit figures "a fairly good indication for next year's budget."

All profits go into the students' union budget and are re-budgetted out.

In spite of this, the budget will still operate in the red because of costs incurred in the opening of the building said Mr. Swenson.

Students' union notices

SCHOLARSHIP EXCHANGE

Applications for the scholarship exchange program which provides an opportunity to study next year at either Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, or Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec. Tuition fees are waived at the exchange university. Application forms are available from the students' union receptionist, second floor, SUB, and should be returned to students' union vice-president Judy Lees by Feb. 15, 5 p.m. For further information contact Lees.

STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

The students' union annually presents the following awards to students, both graduating and returning, whose contribution to student extra-curricular activities and university life have been meritorious: Gold A rings, Silver A rings, Gold A pins, Silver A pins and Golden Key Blazers.

Application forms may be acquired from the students' union office, second floor, SUB, Jan. 27. All forms must be addressed to the awards committee and left at the students' union main desk by Feb. 13.

Nominations by two people on behalf of a third for an award are also requested for consideration.

FEES

University regulations say second instalment fees should be paid by Jan. 15. After that date a \$5 penalty is charged.

If fees are unpaid by Jan. 31 a student's registration is subject to cancellation.

Payments are accepted by the cashier, third floor administration building, or by mail to the fees department, bursar's office, administration building.

EVERGREEN AND GOLD

Applications are now being accepted for the position of editor of Evergreen and Gold for 1968-69.

Apply to chairman of the personnel board, Valerie Blakely, second floor, SUB by 5 p.m. Jan. 30.

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