

## HUB rent dispute looms

HUB is still the centre of housing controversy on campus. Tenants there are currently getting up a petition for an increased rebate on rents for the months of September and October in compensation for inconveniences such as no laundry services, no mail delivery, lack of heat, excessive noise due to construction and lack of carpeting, incomplete construction (e.g. unconnected ventilators and stairwells with no glass) and all-pervasive dust.

The Powers That Be are presently offering a five percent rebate, and feel that it would be impossible to increase this and still have HUB on a break-even basis. To quote Riskin: HUB is 'not going as well as expected and we have to be careful, that's all' In addition to this, they (Riskin, SU General Manager, Ness and HUB manager, Frederickson) feel that since the students knew what conditions were when they moved in they should just learn to put up with them.

One disgruntled resident, Lorne C. McFayden, has threatened to file a caveat at

the Land Titles Office, which could cause HUB no end of trouble; any time they had to deal with the financer, Royal Trust, they would have to get the caveat postponed since Royal Trust cannot advance money as long as the property is encumbered. McFayden was specifically unhappy with clauses in the lease itself and with the way leasing was handled in his case. He feels it is a very dictatorial agreement.

For instance, if you cease to be a student, they can hold you to the lease or can require you to leave at their sole discretion. Also, when you sign the lease, you can give up certain rights given you under the Landlord-Tenant Act. (i.e. they can seize your furnishings for default of rent payment). McFayden also objected to the fact that it took nineteen days for him to get a copy of the lease he signed and 'rental terms are difficult to enforce until you have received the lease.'

In regards to the caveat which could tie up HUB, Riskin said that it was 'unnecessary' and that he 'doesn't know why he wants to do this'

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### charges UAVAC U war complicity

Claims of "Canadian complicity" with the U.S. war in Indochina may be hard to understand.

But charges that the peaceful, out-of-the-way University of Alberta is involved may seem even more tenuous

A campus anti-war group hopes to change that in making public the university's role in war research, and indirectly, research for the Indochina war.

The U of A Vietnam Action Committee plans a Saturday "mobilization conference" at which the university's part in military research will be discussed.

"This is only part of the whole anti-war campaign,' UAVAC secretary Larry Panych explains. "A start is to say 'end DRB research on campus'.

The DRB (Defense Research Board) is one of the major sources of funding for scientific research in Canadian universities.

An ongoing project of the UAVAC is to monitor research projects on campus to determine how many and what kinds of projects are funded by the DRB and other defense and military agencies.

"We haven't dug up any secret research projects," Panych admitted, although a number of projects listed in DRB reports were not recorded with the University Research officer, with whom all projects must by university regulations be listed. "It might be perfectly innocent," Panych acknowledged but the group plans to investigate the discrepancy further.

While no secret military research has been uncovered by the group, their studies show that during 1971-72, twenty-one compus research projects were

funded by the DRB, two by NATO, and one by the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

In March of last year, after the names of researchers had been compiled, the UAVAC sent letters to each of them inviting their comments on their projects' potential for military use.

In addition, they asked two scientists at the University, John Parker, associate professor of botany, and E.E. Daniels, professor of pharmacology to review the highly technical project descriptions and judge as to what military relevance they might have.

Thirteen of the twenty-one DRB and one of the two NATO projects were judged to have direct military relevance. Principal researchers for

the projects cited by the VAVAC as war-relevant were Gordon Rostoker and Eric Pennington, physics, Ronald Coutts, pharmacy; James Muldowney and Jack Macki, mathematics; Herb Seguin and Allan Offenberger, electrical engineering; Satoru Masamune, Gordon Freeman, James Plambeck and Dallas Rabenstein, chemistry; A. Gooding, entomology; John Jacobs, earth sciences; and L.G. Stephens-Newsham, physiology.

In comments which accompanied his evaluation. Daniel noted that all of the projects dealt with "fundamental and applied research of intrinsic interest," and that each "could provide information of value to military operations, though none is exclusively directed to that end."

"If these projects are good enough in terms of fundemental or applied research why can they not be funded by other agencies?" Daniel asked in his concluding comments.

"Should scientists accept funds from DRB since they cannot be fully cognizant of the uses that will be made of their research? My personal answer is, No!"

Panych concurs, pointing out that a quadripartite defense research sharing agreement involving Great Britain, Australia, the US and Canada opens Canadian military research for use by the other members.

Acknowledging Daniel's point that research on campus is basic research, Panych comments "Where they do their applied research is at Suffield (The defense research establishment outside of Medicine Hat) and Shirley Bay (a similar research base in Ontario)." Findings of DRB work done other places, including the U of A, are the basis of the applied research at your military establishments.

Defoliants tested at the Suffield base have been used by the US in Vietnam, Panych charges.

The DRB in a pamphlet designed to guide applicants for funding, admits that "proposed investigations may be of a fundamental nature, but should be related to the interests of defence science."

The constraints imposed by a limited budget necessitate close attention to the defence interest factor and may lead to the rejection of applications which although attractive on grounds of strictly scientific quality do not, on a competitive basis, demonstrate a defence applicability of such cogency to warrant support."

The conference on Saturday will plan the UAVAC's participation in a national anti-war conference scheduled for November 4 & 5 in Waterloo. tj

### G.S.A. pan Worth report

''The Worth Commission report is a shallow and invalid basis for policy decisions relating to the university," grad students concluded at last night's Grad Student Association meeting.

Major criticisms of the education report centred on its methodology and recommendations on the board of governors, financing of post-secondary education, tenure and reductions in the number of years required for various programmes.

The grad students, in a

programme lengths, that any reduction, particularly in professional programmes, would probably be at the expense of general arts and science options, which are broadening educational experiences favoured by the Worth Commission elsewhere in the report.

In other business, the GSA agreed to establish a provincial association of graduate students which would lobby for grad student interests.

Members met briefly with the Senate task force on Anti— war group protests

At the next student council meeting, (Monday night) the U of A Vietnam Action Committee will present a brief to council asking that a letter of condemnation be sent to the Jubilee Auditorium management. This arises out of an incident at the auditorium last week.

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If fees are to be paid from some form of student assistance, please refer to your calendar for advice to avoid late payment penalty.

Students in the faculty of Graduate Studies and Research are reminded that their fees are to be paid by the date indicated on the fee assessment advice form.

response they plan to submit to the provincial government, argued that members of the board of governors should be paid.

This, they contend, would allow poor people to sit on the board, and allow board members, who now don't have time to devote to the B of G business, to do their work more effectively.

They also recommended that all business of the board be conducted in open meetings.

In contesting the Worth report recommendation that students bear from 14 to 25% of the total cost of their post-secondary education, the GSA noted that universal elementary and secondary schools are supported by society in spite of the fact that not all students finish either level.

On tenure, the GSA concluded that the question of academic freedom had received "shoddy treatment" in the report, and on the reduction of

tenure for informal discussions, recommended that a graduate member be added to the University Athletic Board, that the president of the SU no longer hold his seat on the UAB ex officio, and established a graduate grievance committee.

# G.F.C. election soon

Five nominations for two student vacancies on the GFC from the faculty of arts have been validated.

Denise Guichon, Marina S. Budde, Donald Jaque, Jim Tanner, and Glen Pylypa are the candidates. A sixth nomination, for David Ross, has not as yet been validated.

VP Academic Patrick Delaney will meet with them today to set an election date, probably within the next two weeks.

The UAVAC was leafletting and selling papers outside the auditorium before the Pete Seeger concert Thursday evening. The management told them that this was illegal and they were to stop.

They did so and went into the lobby to wait for the concert to begin (all had tickets). The manager, R.V. Wigmore, then told two of them to leave. When they asked him for a reason, he refused at first to answer, then came up with "the management has the right to refuse entrance to anyone". The result was that several people were kicked out.

Seeger was apparently told by the management that the problem had been "cleared up", and it brought a cheer from the audience when he made the announcement. The manager had a different idea of what "cleared up" meant. The tickets of the leafleteers were not honoured.

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