

HUB springs leak

by Wes Oginski

Last Tuesday, students saw the University version of the High Level Bridge waterfall.

At approximately noon, a truck hit the north-west corner of HUB Mall, causing water pipes to rupture.

Students near the scene reported a thick dense cloud of steam formed for about 15 minutes, while water streamed down the northwest wall. According to HUB supervisor John Penney, the accident was not the only cause of the rupture.

"The truck hit the corner and opened it up," he says, but adds, "it was the cold snap that did it."

Penney also adds that students are partially to blame for the accident.

"Another thing... the students shouldn't use that stairwell to go over to Tory (building)," he explains.

The far northwest entrance is a residents' entrance only, according to Penney. Having a heater blowing and a door to the outside continually open added stress to the pipes.

Nobody was hurt in the accident but an unestimated amount of damage was done.

The suite immediately above the rupture was damaged. Most of the repairs are temporary, since permanent repairs cannot be completed until warmer weather appears, according to Penney.

Penney says the repairs were completed the same day as the accident.

The tenants of the double suite moved to the other side while repairs were made.

Penney says the truck involved has not been identified, and that the accident was not reported to Campus Security.

"(Accidents are reported to Campus Security) only when there is no one in the building," he says.

Penney speculates that it was a high back truck that wrongfully entered underneath the mall.



Rubik would be proud. Civil Engineering Club hits their stride with one of the first visible pranks of Engineering Week.

Hike undecided

by Greg Harris

Students around the province are waiting with baited breath for Advanced Education and Manpower Minister Jim Horsman to announce his long-term tuition policy.

According to Deputy Minister Reno Bossetti, however, the wait could be a while yet.

"No decision has been made yet," he says, adding that the department is still working to reach a decision "sometime early this year."

Horsman asked for recommendations last fall from Alberta's colleges and university boards on what a long-term tuition policy should be.

The U of A Board of Governors decided to recommend that tuition be indexed, despite a large protest from students.

According to Bossetti there is general agreement among the Boards - they recommend that tuition should rise.

"There wasn't a consensus on how to increase fees, but there was a consensus that they should go up," he says.

University President Myer Horowitz says that the U of A's recommendation to index tuition was an "important deviation from classical indexing."

"We tossed in a number of important provisions and qualifications," he said.

The matter is closed, however, since the final decision comes from the government.

Disabled cry for political action

REGINA (CUP) — Disabled people must organize politically if they are to lower the barriers facing them in post-secondary institutions.

Mel Graham, spokesperson for Voice of the Handicapped at a forum on the disabled at the University of Regina, called for political action by the disabled. He said they must act collectively and use tactics such as lobbying to make their needs known.

"The handicapped are part of an emerging minority group and

must be treated in that context," said Graham. He said the formation of the World Coalition of the Disabled is part of this emergence.

Physical obstacles on campus are a major barrier to the disabled, said Pat Danforth, co-ordinator of Voice of the Handicapped. Entrances are often not level, doors are extremely heavy, lockers are totally inaccessible, and washrooms, even those designed for the disabled, present some serious problems. Some areas can only be reached by stairs, ruling out access to those confined to wheelchairs.

Danforth said the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, which states that every person has the right to an

education and cannot be discriminated against on the basis of physical disability, is too vaguely worded. She said because specific facilities and services are not listed, they are not applied.

Students' Union president Trish Elliot said she is concerned that a report submitted by the SU, Voice of the Handicapped and concerned disabled students to the administration is being ignored. The report called upon the university "to take the initiative in approaching the Human Rights Commission to develop a concrete plan of full accessibility."

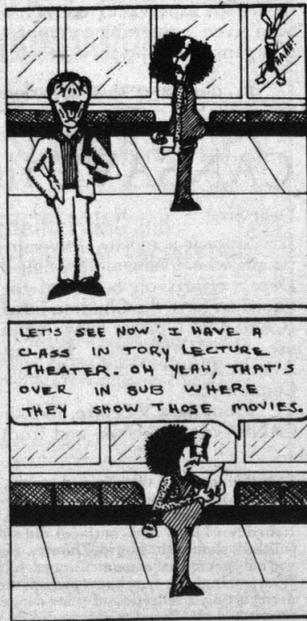
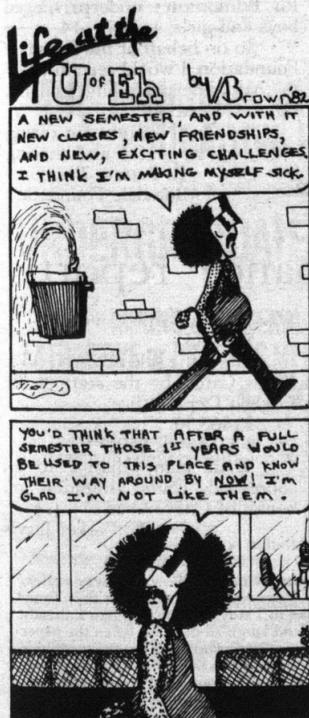
The Human Rights Commission has still not been contacted about the report.

Ruth Warwick of the

Saskatchewan Coordinating Council on Deafness said deaf people need special services and devices if they are to attend post-secondary institutions.

"The barrier of not hearing is just as real for the deaf persons as stairs are for the person in a wheelchair," said Warwick.

Examples of aid for the deaf include a sign language interpretation service and a personal FM receiver/transmitter. Some of these are used in public schools, but no funding has been proposed for them at the University of Regina, even though 1,093 hearing impaired students are enrolled in Saskatchewan's public schools.



Lighter side of protest a horror

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Simon Fraser University students have a new way to protest: decreasing funding of post-secondary education — horror stories.

The English student union is sponsoring a horror story contest open to all people who have suffered from funding cuts at universities.

Prizes include a forty dollar book certificate, a bus pass and a semester's parking.

The contest is also open to non-students, to encourage submissions from people describing how the education cutbacks prevented them from attending school.

"Things like the faculty club have really got us irate," said Colleen Robinson, ESU spokesperson, "because it's really interesting that a twenty-two per

cent tuition increase is coming so soon after something like that."

SFU recently began construction of a \$1.4 million "University Club", charging a \$150 initiation fee and monthly membership fees totalling \$120 per year.

Submissions for the horror story contest can come in almost any creative form.

"It's a lighter side of protest," said Robinson. "It could be fun, too."

Authority speaks

Dr. C. A. Tobias will speak this Thursday at the Cross Cancer Clinic.

He is the foremost authority on the application of particle acceleration to the fields of biology and medicine. He will appear in rm. V128 at the Cross at 3:30 p.m., Thursday.

"He is the world leader in this field," says Dr. J. D. Chapman of the Cross Cancer Clinic.

Tobias has been asked to give an introductory lecture on particle acceleration in the biological

sciences.

He is currently on sabbatical in Vancouver from the Laurence Research facility in Berkeley, California. The Laurence facility is a Medical Acceleration Research Institute (MARIA), one of only three in the world.

Currently the University of Alberta, provincial cancer hospitals, and other medical institutes are seeking funding for a MARIA in Alberta. The closest one at the moment is at the Berkeley facility.