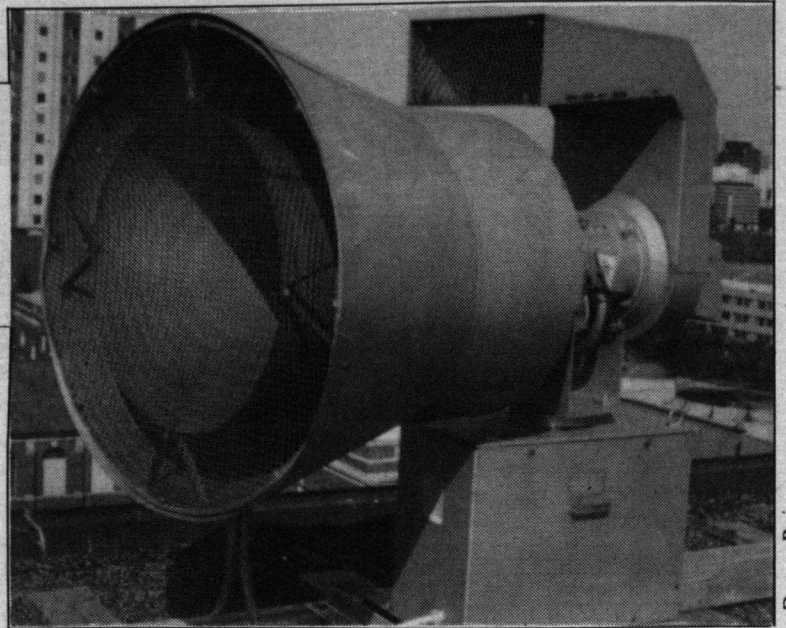


Grapevine

Early morning silence in HUB Mall was shattered Tuesday when fire fighters and security answered to an alarm within the building. Fire fighters scurried through the building tracing down the source of the bell, but found no sign of fire. Campus Security credits the false alarm to first week antics.

The Department of National Defence took University residents through an accidental dry-run Tuesday and Wednesday. University residents were jolted out of bed by wailing air-raid sirens. The alarm was part of a "yearly drill" for testing the

early warning equipment, said telephone operators at Namao Air Base. However a technical mishap had sirens sounding far longer than expected. Personnel at National Defence would not say how many mornings the sirens would be tested.



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A Gateway Information Seminar will be held in the Gateway office (282 SUB) on Thursday, September 22, at 4 pm. Or if you can't make it, drop by the office anytime.

Disabled students hold conference

by Heidi Janz

The National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) will be holding a national conference in St. John's, Newfoundland, September 22-25. This conference will bring together disabled students from post-secondary institutions across the country to identify and discuss common concerns and issues.

Originally developed according to the principles of the consumer movement which began during the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981), NEADS is a consumer organization with a mandate to encourage and facilitate the "self-empowerment" of post-secondary students with disabilities.

NEADS is active in lobbying for increased access to all levels of education so that disabled students can reach their full potential.

The association also provides a resource base listing services available to disabled post-secondary students nationwide.

Its members include students with a wide range of disabilities,

educators, organizations and professional services providers.

The conference will primarily be centered around the theme "Visions" and the concept of "Organizing to Make the Grade." It will be the responsibility of the student delegates to present their thoughts on how to create a post-secondary environment which is conducive to the full participation and academic success of disabled students.

Workshop topics for the conference include: "Utilizing Volunteers in Assisting Students to Access Their Education", "Employment Issues for Disabled Students", "Issues Affecting 'Other' Disabilities" and "Constructing a Barrier-Free Campus."

There will also be a panel discussion involving representatives from post-secondary institutions across Canada on the topic of "Organizing Disabled Student Groups."

Three members of Disabled Students on Campus will represent the U of A at this conference.

Two of the U of A delegates will be giving a workshop presentation on the topic, "Becoming a 'Successful' Student." This workshop will feature the presentation of a paper entitled "Cultivating Positive Attitudes in Your Professors", which examines various strategies that disabled students can use to convey their needs to their professors and to work with them in finding ways to accommodate those needs.

The NEADS conference is aimed at promoting national awareness of the capabilities and needs of disabled students, the ultimate success of the conference will be measured by the efforts and enthusiasm that is inspired in disabled students across the country.

It is hoped that the information and ideas exchanged at the conference will better enable disabled students to make their campus community more aware of both the needs and the potential of disabled students, creating an atmosphere conducive to the success of all students.

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