

# Killam Kounts Kalories

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The Gazette has recently been made aware of student complaints concerning the temperature in the Killam Library. Many students find that the temperature, in many areas, is too high for prolonged study. The Gazette has made an extensive investigation of the situation.

The facilities in the Central Services Building control the heat in all the Dalhousie upper campus buildings. The Killam Library, itself, is an extension of these facilities, but its system differs from that in other buildings. The Killam is operated on a dual duct system. This system uses cold and hot air ducts in different proportions depending upon the season. In summer the Killam would require a much higher proportion of cold air in order to bring the building to a comfortable temperature. The system undergoes two major seasonal changes. In spring when a larger proportion of cold air ducts are put into use and in autumn when a larger proportion of ducts are put to the task of expelling warm air. Two major changes also occur every day; at night when the percentage of fresh air used is reduced, and in the early morning when more fresh air is put into the system.

Ideal conditions for human beings are a 72 F. temperature and 50% humidity. The heating technicians are in a difficult situation. When seeking an optimum temperature of the building itself, the required conditions of books, and the needs of the people working in the library. Temperature requirements for books and people are generally the same, but engineers have run into difficulties concerning the humidity. The 50% human optimum humidity is too high for the structure of the building and would create excessive condensation within the wall (let's not go into all sorts of technical jargon). Unfortunately, the low humidity becomes uncomfortable for both books and people. Books get bookworms and people get hot. Another problem is that the nature of the system is such that any minor malfunction such as a problem in a specific air duct will not be detected unless someone complains.

Areas where the temperature has been particularly unbearable are the Special Services room and many of the smaller rooms on the upper floors. Central Services have been informed and technicians are working on the problems. In those small rooms on the upper floors many students

found the temperature so unbearable that they resorted to screwing around with the thermostats thus damaging them. Library services are in the process of installing new adjustable thermostats. Although not all the new thermostats have been installed - students are advised to complain by informing the library and not by banging on the thermostat. One office remained at a temperature range of 75-82 for three years until its occupant finally realized a complaint was in order. The problem was then dealt with immediately and efficiently.

Certain planning developments may alter the situation. Within a few years offices and working rooms on the fourth and fifth floors will be converted to book stacks, the Math and English departments will be moved elsewhere.

The library and engineering staffs have shown a willingness to make the Killam Library as comfortable as possible for those of us who do spend some time there.

Remember; if you find yourself falling asleep over calculus the cause may not be the calculus, or if your teeth start chattering in the middle of Frankenstein it may not be fright. Lodge a complaint with the librarians and if it persists call us!

## Medical Facilities Poor

VANCOUVER (CUP) - The University of British Columbia medical school's clinical facilities are operating under "the worst possible conditions in Canada," medical school dean Dr. David Bates said Jan. 29.

The medical school will lose its official accreditation unless teaching facilities in Vancouver hospitals are upgraded, Bates said.

In a report prepared for the B.C. Medical Centre, which coordinates all public health facilities in B.C. Bates says the UBC medical school would have to cut admissions in half starting in September 1976 unless work is started on improvements to existing facilities by this September.

The only alternative, according to the report, would be to cut admissions to the medical school in half from the current level of 80 students per year to 40.

The report comes in the wake of the action of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to give the medical school a tentative two-year approval of its programs instead of the regular five-year approval.

The report says the college will withdraw its approval of the UBC medical school unless faci-

lities are improved.

If this happens UBC medical graduates would be unable to become candidates for examination licences to practice in medical specialties.

The Association of Medical Colleges of Canada, the authority which issues medical degrees, would likely withdraw approval of the UBC medical school if the Royal College withdrew its approval.

"There wouldn't be any point in training in a place where the diploma isn't accredited," he said.

But while many medical schools have been placed on probation, Bates said that no school has ever lost its accreditation.

Bates said he must give a report to both bodies in two years detailing the improvements which have been made to the medical school facilities. If either group finds the improvements unsatisfactory, then they will send out an inspection team to render a decision on whether or not the medical school's creditation will be renewed.

The report was very well received, Bates said. He is confident that the medical centre will act quickly to improve the facilities at the medical school.



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