News Survey

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Engineers hosed in battle

(Vancouver) The student paper at the University of British Columbia reported that two engineering students from the University of Calgary caused $900 damage to UBC's student union building in a water fight last month.

Two staff members of the *Ubyssey* newspaper reported seeing two U of C engineering students escalate a water fight by turning a fire hose on some BCIT students.

However, student societies at both universities say the *Ubyssey* staff members are mistaken, claiming the two U of C students were just witnesses.

The Calgary engineering students were in Vancouver for the engineers' concrete toboggan races.

The Gauntlet

"Rulers" pay the bill

(Winnipeg) Slogans including "Aggies suck," "Sheep fuckers," and "ERTW" (Engineers Rule the World) were painted on several buildings at the University of Manitoba last months.

The graffiti appeared over several weeks in February as engineering students provoked their rivals in agriculture.

The $1,500 cleaning bill for sandblasting the graffiti from several buildings, including the U of M administration building built in 1906, must be paid by the engineering society of the persons responsible are not identified.

Manitoban

School environment contributes to suicide

(Winnipeg) University environments contribute to suicide among students according to a psychology professor at the University of Manitoba.

"There are a number of things that would lead a person to feel . . . like you don't matter," said Dr. James Nickels.

He said many students are isolated from home and friends when they come to school, adding: "Students are known by a number, and not a name. With multiple choice and true/false tests you don't even get to write down what you know, you just make an 'X' on the page. If they eat poorly, interact poorly, and go home to a room by themselves, they may be at a risk."

At York, the counselling and development centre helps students deal with these sorts of situations. Metro Toronto also lists several suicide prevention phone lines in the Bell Telephone directory.

Manitoban and *Excalibur*

Satanic Verses Marathon

Edmonton writers and professors of English at the University of Alberta organized an all-day marathon reading of Salmon Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* earlier this month. They read the entire book in one day.

The Gateway

Campus chemical spill

(Edmonton) It took a crew of 12, each armed with full protective gear and breathing apparatus to clean up a spill of trichlorobenzene on the University of Alberta campus two weeks ago.

The chemical froze on a loading dock behind the U of A's chemical engineering building, splitting the container.

The U of A department of occupational health and safety said trichlorobenzene is dangerous, but refused to say why.

The Gateway

Student group rejected again

(Toronto) Membership in the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) was rejected in a referendum two weeks ago at the University of Toronto.

OFS was defeated by 62 per cent (2,403 votes), after one year of trial membership. Poll-by-poll results indicate OFS had weak support in all but four areas of campus, although OFS representatives claimed stronger support on U of T's St. George campus.

OFS lost referendums at U of T in 1980, 1983, and now in 1989.

the newspaper

Child care growth costs $2-million

(Calgary) The University of Calgary will have 160 more spaces for its daycare programme — bringing the total to 386 — by adding a new $2,225,000 facility.

There is currently a 521-child waiting list, and a U of C senate task recently identified 826 children whose parents wish to use the U of C daycare services.

In addition to corporate and public sponsorship, the U of C daycare expects funding from the Alberta government. Don Getty pledged "a record level of expenditures" in campaign promises education and training of (Alberta's) young people."

Alberta held its provincial elections Monday.

The Gauntlet

No funds for Women's Centre

(Toronto) Students voted against funding the University of Toronto's Women's Centre, but not by a majority. Students had three options: 1,131 voted for special event funding only, 1,030 for full funding by the Students Administrative Council, and 1,645 voted against funding.

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