



—Peter Johnston photo

RUB-A-DUB-DUB—A brand new nursing student, Carol (don't ask us for her last name) gives one of her exclusive back-rubs to a member of that lowest species, a St. Steve's freshman. The lucky guy who seems rather blasé about the service he is receiving is Bill Patton.

Chaos sparks action

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

If you are still lost in the Henry Marshall Tory Building, you may now find your way out again with a set of blue prints The Gateway has displayed in the main lobby of the Tory tower.

At the beginning of the current session Friday morning, scores of professors were unable to start lectures on time as narrow hallways and unfinished lobbies became impossible mazes for hundreds of lost students.

Directional sign boards were promised the university for delivery on July 15, but they did not arrive yet because of delays in approving a huge, colorful, plastic design. They are still being manufactured in Eastern Canada.

The numbering system of classrooms in the 15-story buildings marks a departure from conventional systems, thus adding to the general confusion.

SYSTEM AMBIGUOUS

Mr. R. Phillips, superintendent of buildings, explained the standard system of denoting floor levels by the first digit of each room number becomes ambiguous in a structure exceeding nine floors in height.

For this reason, the floor level of the Tory tower is designated by a hyphenated number or a "b" in case of the basement, preceding the room number.

Most of the general classrooms are housed in the three lower floors of the north and east wing. Here

a U-shaped hallway circles a row of window-less classrooms and also services conventional classrooms on the periphery of the wings.

The doors in the hallways are being kept open by electro-magnets connected to the fire alarm system of the building. The doors are permitted to swing closed if a fire alarm is turned in or the smoke detectors are activated.

There is a possibility that the doors might close accidentally due to the heat expected to emanate from the windowless classrooms.

"A chilled-water plant essential to the air-conditioning system of these rooms is not expected to be completed until June of next year," Mr. Phillips said.

"A schedule submitted by the contractor on April 15 had promised a final take-over date of Aug. 22. However, the building had to be pressed into service unfinished," he said.

Asked who was responsible for the erection of temporary signs in the Tory Building, he answered "the academic staff is. We provide bulletin boards if you need them."

Mr. Phillips declined to pinpoint any particular individual responsible for such action.

In desperation, The Gateway obtained the blue prints and attempted to mark some of the hallways with emergency signs in order to avoid permanent loss of its readers in the Henry Marshall Tory Building.

Pro - CUS group formed

Committee initiates action against students' council

A committee has organized to oppose students' council's decision to withdraw from the Canadian Union of Students.

The committee is initiating legal action against students' council. The group is applying for an injunction suspending council's action pending reference to the general student body.

Immediately following the Sept. 19 council meeting at which a motion to withdraw from CUS was passed 12-4, a group of concerned individuals met to debate the issue.

The group agreed "the student government's elitist tactics of secession from the national body cannot be permitted without opposition."

Dave King, arts 3, was elected chairman of a steering committee empowered with organizing a campaign to maintain U of A's membership in CUS.

The group chose the name "Pro-CUS Committee."

A campaign is being mounted to present forcefully to the campus the case for remaining in CUS.

A fund exists for which contributions are being solicited and received. Irene McRae, arts rep on council, is Pro-CUS treasurer.

Pro-CUS stated its major objective is staying in CUS until a referendum indicates the wishes of the student body.

Edward Devai, committee member, stated three initial objections to council's decision for U of A's withdrawal from CUS.

CUS WEAKNESSES

Devai, a graduate student, said, "There are several weaknesses in CUS, admittedly. But if changes are sincerely desired by the student body, we should remain in CUS and work for reform."

"Secondly", said Devai, "the succession motion was railroaded through students council's first meeting of the new term."

Devai's third criticism was council's apparent disregard for projects operating in close association with CUS.

"What happens to CUS exchange students? What about CUS scholarships and group insurance? What will happen to Second Century Week?", he asked.

Barrie Chivers, Pro-CUS vice-chairman said, "I am opposed to the manner in which the action was taken and the philosophic principles which executive claims underlie its action. I sincerely feel that council was overwhelmed by the presentation of the executive, and that both sides of the issue were given neither full nor rational consideration."

Pro-CUS outlined its basic position.

"We are opposed to the withdrawal of the students' union from CUS. We are equally opposed to the manipulatory manner in which this withdrawal has been effected. We are convinced that if democratic procedures are observed, the student body would massively reject the withdrawal.

"It is our purpose to see that such procedures are instituted."

U of S may withdraw from CUS

By FRANK BURGESS

SASKATOON — The University of Saskatchewan's students' union president here says the U of A's decision to bail out of the Canadian Union of Students has sparked a re-examination of the organization on campuses across the country.

Dave Tkachuk, spokesman for more than half the wheat province's university students, said over the weekend that "a re-evaluation is definitely called for."

The Saskatoon campus, he added, "is exploring the benefits and policies of CUS while considering withdrawal."

"If worse comes to worse," Tkachuk declared, "a decision to drop out would come from a referendum. But I don't believe it will come to this . . . at least I hope it won't."

The Halifax 'thing', he said, opened too many questions that were left unanswered. "Every students' union in Canada must now take another look at CUS and its principles."

"If we do decide to get out of CUS, it will be on principle, not because of finances."

Tkachuk said his impression was that the U of A's break with the Canadian Union of Students had mercenary undertones.

"From what I learned at the conference," he remarked, "I took it that the five-cent raise in dues was the big factor behind Edmonton's stand."

U of A Students' Union President Branny Schepanovich, Tkachuk claimed, did not make any fuss about policy until the dues issue came up on the last day of the conference.