



BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES BUILDING

—Dave Hebditch photo

. . . a dangerous hot-house?

Pipes break in new BS complex

Construction features could endanger the students working in laboratories

By BETH WINTERINGHAM

It's going to be a long, hot winter in the Biological Sciences Building.

It seems that everybody hates the new building, and can find lots of things wrong with it to support their opinions.

Certain features of the building are potentially dangerous, according to some lab technicians working on the first floor.

Drain pipes which often carry used acids and other dangerous wastes are made out of glass.

On November 12 internal pressure caused one of the pipes in front of the main floor elevators to burst, spilling water over the floor and pouring it down the main stairway.

The labs on the first floor have only one door, which could be a fire hazard. The doors close automatically, and could lock a person in very easily.

One lab technician was locked in a lab and had to be rescued by the campus police because the building manager, who had the only key in BS, could not be found.

The fire extinguishers for the first floor have not yet been installed. There are no showers available near the labs in case someone splashes acid on himself.

Another complaint is the heat in the laboratories. Temperatures as high as 90 degrees have been measured, and experiments have been spoiled because of the heat.

The labs on the first floor especially labs 1, 2, and 3) are located directly over the boilers. The lavatories, on the other hand, are chilly due to the absence of a heating system.

The technicians feel that the building was opened too soon. It is still far from being completed, and such things as pencil sharpeners and paper towel dispensers have only recently been installed in the labs. The clocks still don't work.

The design of the building has been described as resembling that of a monastery. There are few windows, and the color scheme is depressing.

Only main corridors have false ceilings—the rest of the building has cement ceilings. Cement produces a fine dust, which is harmful to delicate instruments and makes experiments inaccurate.

"Every time they drop something upstairs we get flakes of cement coming off the ceiling in the staff room," according to one lab technician.

Students have no place to hang up their coats in the labs, eat lunch, or study.

The drain pipes under the sinks in the labs leak constantly, and the building goes into total darkness when the power fails—there is no emergency lighting.

Yes, the BS building even has bugs—there are four cockroaches loose in it somewhere.

Law club to give legal advice in SUB

By BOB BLAIR

The Student Law Society is tentatively planning to set up a student legal aid service. None of the details are certain, but it will likely be open three afternoons a week from 1-4 p.m. in SUB. The service is scheduled to commence sometime in the new year.

Law student Marty Kaye said he believes he has the support of most law students in this. He expects to have about 100 people involved. However, only perhaps 27 of these will work in the office. There will be three people in the office each afternoon—each person serving once every three weeks.

The Student Law Society is now

operating a similar office on Boyle Street for the general public. The SUB office will also be open to the general public, but it is expected that normally it will only be used by students.

The SUB building committee has not yet allotted office space to the service. This is the biggest problem in the way of the service. However, Mr. Kaye was confident that they would be given a room.

Deserter-help group undermined

MONTREAL (CUP) — The American Deserter Committee, a Montreal-based organization which counsels refugees from the U.S. Army and aids them in finding jobs, has claimed its activities are being undermined by a counter-organization which has damned the ADC as "too political."

In a statement, members of the Deserter Committee said the counter-group had taken over committee offices in Montreal and intends to compete with the committee in counselling deserters and giving aid with immigration regulations.

But the committee said four of the five members of the dissident group have only been in Canada little more than a month, and implied their purpose might be to mislead American deserters seeking aid here.

To make matters more confusing, the counter-group has the same initials as the ADC: it calls itself the American Deserter Co-op.

The deserter co-op, which includes one member of the committee's office staff, objected to committee participation in the November 15 Vietnam Moratorium, and declared the committee had become "too political" in its operations.

According to the committee statement, co-op members also began "spreading rumors about the ADC, such as that the committee was training men for Cuba, that the committee was only interested in extreme left-wing deserters,

that one of the immigration counsellors was a Russian-trained agent, and that members of the steering group were involved in a Communist conspiracy."

According to the committee, the Deserter Co-op was created by four men, identifying themselves as deserters, who arrived in Montreal around October 20.

The new group took over the committee's offices, and according to committee officials quickly ran up an unauthorized \$180 telephone bill.

The similarity of the names of the two organizations, committee officials said, might mislead deserters who previously worked with the deserter committee.

"The American Deserter Co-op claims to be merely a 'humanitarian' organization," the committee said. "However, it is obviously intended to undermine both the effectiveness and the credibility of the American Deserter Committee and presents a clear danger to new deserters arriving in Canada."

**Gateway
staff meeting
at 5 p.m.**

**Agenda:
beefs and bouquets,
elected editor?**

Assistance system to be attacked at SUB forum Tuesday

Ever wonder how the Students' Assistance Board decides to divvy up the money among all the needy students of Alberta?

A students' union forum Tuesday will try to answer the how, the why and, more important, the why not, of student aid.

Planned for 12:30 in SUB, the forum will feature Allan Stein, Alberta Association of Students president and member of the Worth Commission on Education; Cathy Fraser, law 3, and a senior official from the Student Awards office.

"We aim to expose some of the more unjust inadequacies of the present system," said panel organizer Jerry Connolly, "such as how the awards system discriminates against people under 21 years of age, and married women, to name but a few.

"Students who are unsatisfied with the amount of grant or loan they received are encouraged to come and bitch at members of the panel," he added.

Tuesday's Hunger Lunch will aid starving Biafrans

Hunger Lunch is about the one-third of the world that goes hungry every day—belly cleaving to the backbone or blown with nothing but gas.

Hunger Lunch happens six times a year at noon in the lobbies of the main buildings on campus, and the next one is Tuesday, Dec. 9. The proceeds of this particular Hunger Lunch will be equally divided between the Canadian Save the Children Fund (CANSAVE), and BIAFRA/CANAIRELIEF. Hunger Lunch volunteers offer bread and cheese to passers-by in return for a coin. A nickel from everyone on campus would mean \$750 worth of food where it is most needed.

And \$750 is a lot of food in the shrivelled world of Vietnam, where a quarter buys the

daily rice for ten children at the CANSAVE supported orphanage.

The organizations Hunger Lunch supports make sure your care lines stomachs and not pockets. According to Stanley Burke of CANAIRELIEF "90 per cent" of the money they receive can be traced to food on the tables "of starving Biafrans."

This year the Hunger Lunch Committee on behalf of the Canadian Save the Children Fund is also sponsoring the sale of CANSAVE Christmas cards. They are available in boxes of ten in the English Department Office on the second floor of Assiniboia Hall.

Hunger Lunch. It's a good way to care. It's Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon.