

# Mice and bugs infest daycare

WINNIPEG (CUP) Children at the University of Winnipeg Daycare Center face daily hazards from the unsanitary and unsafe conditions of the facility, according to U of W Director of Daycare Services Liz Peterson.

The Daycare is located in the basement of a 70 year old building which is insect and mouse infested, lacks proper ventilation and heating systems, and is too small for the number of children attending.

"The children don't often see the mice, except when they get caught in the traps," Peterson said, "but they are often upset by the beetles and silverfish, because they find them in the area where they take their naps."

The ventilation and heating

systems also cause major problems, Peterson said. Ventilation is almost non-existent, which becomes hazardous when noxious fumes from the nearby print-shop become overpowering, she said.

Heating cannot be controlled by the daycare staff, which results in the daycare inhabitants "either freezing or boiling to death," according to a report prepared by the daycare staff for the university's Board of Regents.

"It gets discouraging," Peterson said, "when you're boiling to death and the kids are hot and tired and just lying around because there is no fresh air."

Plumbing is also a problem. "The plumbing constantly leaks, causing the flooring to be bad as well," the daycare report said. "There are also very hot pipes at children's hand level."

The daycare staff also feel the center's space is too limited to allow a healthy play atmosphere.

The only solution to these problems, the center's staff said, is to move daycare to another location.

The University of Winnipeg Student's Association, which operates the daycare, fully supports the idea, UWSA president Brian Pannell said. But space in the downtown university, which occupies one city block, is at a premium. Prospects for a change seem dim, Daycare staff said.

Peterson hopes the daycare report to the Board of Regents will help their case.

"If we get to work on moving daycare this year," Peterson said, "we stand a good chance of getting a grant from the provincial government. If not - well, it probably won't be a long time until the health officials get after us."

## "Substandard" depts. may go Survival of the fittest

TORONTO (CUP) The Faculty of Arts and Science "has no plans to disband" said University of Toronto Dean Arthur Kruger, despite a report which proposes the phasing out of below standard departments in that faculty.

The report, leaked to the U of T student newspaper *The Varsity*, suggested disbanding certain disciplines in which the university was not a recognized world, or at least Canadian leader.

Kruger said the document was a "very rough draft" and was meant "for discussion purposes only."

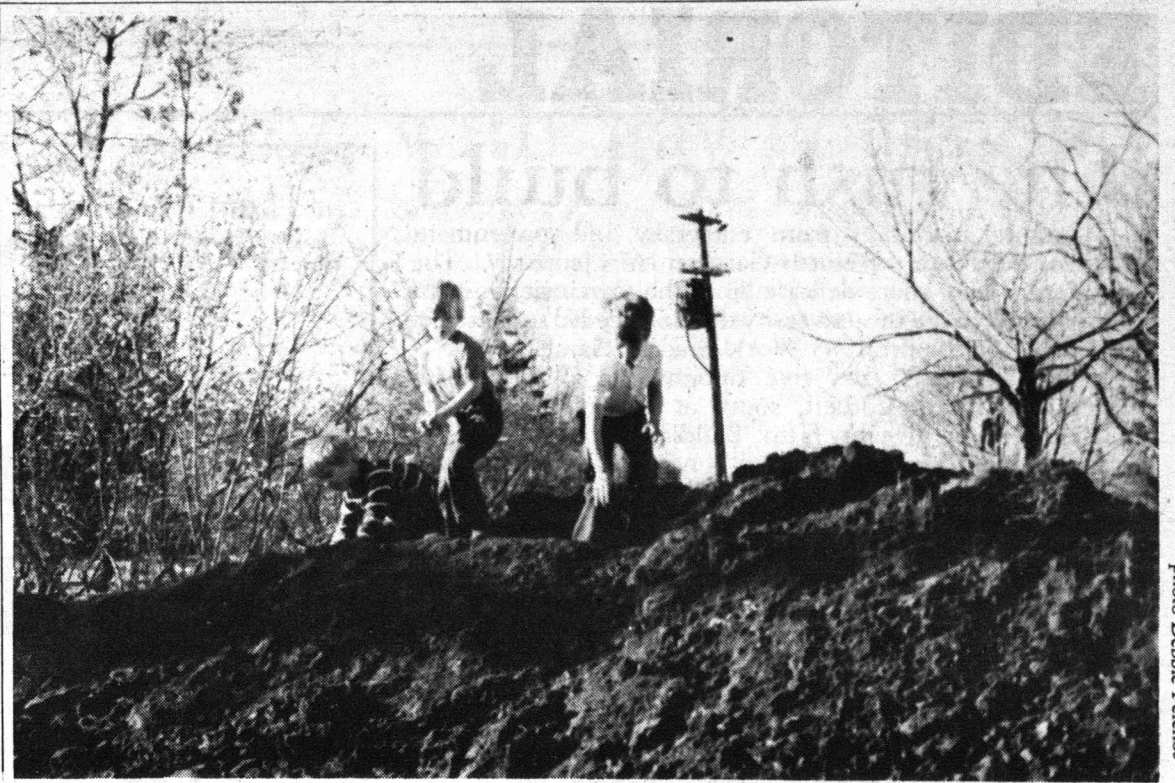
Lawrence Mardon, a student member of the Arts and Science Committee, made the document public to the committee November 3. He asked the committee what the timetable for disbanding the disciplines would be and what would happen to the staff and students in a discipline.

## "Marijuana" the word

(ZNS)—The super-secret national security agency is alleged to have perfected a computerized system — code-named "harvest" — which is capable of monitoring millions of phone conversations simultaneously.

According to the *Progressive* magazine, "harvest" is the code-name for a computer program that is capable of recognizing certain words in human speech.

The computer is programmed to pick up on key words or word



These young engineers couldn't wait for a government decision on the university fieldhouse... so they took the matter into their own hands.

Photo: Debbie Petchos

## Strip police of power Courts favor cops

by Victor Tanti

"If ordinary people had acquittal rates like policemen, we'd have chaos on the streets," said Burke Barker, a U of A Law professor, last week.

Barker, one of the speakers at a forum, "Who Shall Police the Police?" sponsored by the Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association, said the major problem with the police force is not bad policemen, but a bad judiciary.

"It is just too hard to find impartial judges," Barker said. "They work too closely with the police."

Citizens often consider judges to be "the vicar of Christ here on earth", he said.

Barker told of an Alberta case wherein Justice Primrose rejected the testimony of two witnesses and acquitted a policeman charged with assault. In addition, Barker said, Primrose apologized to two police detectives over the case.

Civil Liberties Association vice-president Alan Walsh said a tightly knit police force causes friction between the police and society. Lack of contact outside of the police force gives the policeman an outside view of society's problems. This "tight cocoon", Walsh said, doesn't give them a great deal of outside influence in their daily lives. They get their impression from groups rather than individuals, he said.

Benchman Chris Evans of the Alberta Law Society, disagreed with Barker and Walsh, though.

"You're always going to have bad apples," he said. Those who are charged, he claimed, are treated with great seriousness by police officials.

Half the complaints made against police officers shouldn't be made, Evans said. Twenty-five percent of the remaining complaints are well-founded, he said, but certainly not a subject of villainy. He said these could be called "nasty experiences". The final twenty-five percent result in internal charges and only ten percent get into the courts.

Evans added that of the 17 policemen he has defended against assault charges, only two have been convicted, both of a lesser crime.

Walsh said if there is a problem of social disfunction, the police are not equipped to handle this. "If they had to conceive the public wish" he said, "they'd become political instruments."

Walsh said increased citizen control would be a definite asset in curbing the problem of policing the police.

"We must become goats, not sheep", he said.

The document also proposed that to have "an outstanding faculty by international standards" requires the maintenance and enhancement of the quality and quantity of research and the quality of graduate and undergraduate students and programs.

To enhance the graduate program, over which the faculty has little control, the document proposes the department chairpersons be selected according to their desires to give leadership to the programs.

The main concern of the report is with the undergraduate program. To attract "the best students" the report proposes maintaining current high admission standards on the St. George campus and raising standards at the Erindale campus.

It further recommends closer ties with high schools, more scholarships, an expansion of residence facilities and an exploration of the possibility of achievement tests to screen applicants.

Other proposals include reducing class sizes and tightening policies to achieve "consistency in standards" of marking.

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## Council meets, breaks record

by Peter Michalyszyn

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One councillor even offered to paint the fieldhouse a nice color, to placate the ballet, opera and symphony lobbies that had apparently pressured the government into veto.

On another matter, Council agreed to ask the university to extend hours in CAB and the Civil Engineering building for students who crave to punch computer terminals for as late as 4:00 a.m. six days a week, and till midnight Sunday.

Nothing else happened.

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