

## Food poisoning suspected in residence epidemic

About 14 to 20 students checked out of the Lister Hall Residence Monday night for a brief overnight stay at Student Health. About 90 students in all were treated at Student Health between Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon for the mysterious ailment.

Dr. M.J. Ball head of Student Health, said Wednesday that although food poisoning is suspected it has not as yet been confirmed. The City Health Department is undertaking an investigation to determine the cause of the illness, but as yet there seems to be no common denominator causing the symptoms of diarrhoea, nausea, and slight fever.

Dr. Ball stated that food poisoning is "quite a common occurrence," and cited the following figures from the Annual Report of the Department of Health in Alberta.

In 1968 there were 165 cases of salmonella poisoning and 50 cases of staphylococcus poisoning.

Ninety students were treated at Student Health between Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon for the ailment.

The most common causes of food poisoning are the salmonella organisms which contaminate and multiply on cooked food left at a warm temperature for a long time. They usually contaminate things like meat, poultry or eggs.

Staphylococcus poisoning can result from an infected object contaminating the food and causing toxic poisoning in the person eating the infected food.

Dr. Ball also says that there has been a rapid 24 hour virus infection that has much of the same symptoms as appeared in

## CKUA Gains One Year Reprieve

CKUA Radio recieved a one-year reprieve Monday.

The station had been in danger of losing its licence due to Canadian Radio Television Commission regulations because CKUA is owned by the U. of A. and leased to Alberta Government Telephones. (AGT)

Professor B. Barker of the Academic Staff Association at the U. of A. said his organization is interested in holding the licence and in operating CKUA with the province continuing to provide financing as before. He stressed that his association does not want to change CKUA's programming. It is just an effort to make sure that the station stays on the air.

Barker said that conversations with CRTC officials resulted in the impression that CRTC "would be pleased" to see the association get the licence.

the students. The possibility of this being the cause of the illness has not yet been eliminated.

Nurses from Student Health were sent over Monday night to help the students and spent the major portion of their time Monday night running between buildings and floors in the Lister Hall Complex.

Most of the students are off and running today, and there was only one person who suffered more seriously than the others.

Student Health nurses were on standby Tuesday night "just in case".

CKSR album winners are:

Art Ohno, Sc 1  
Bee Gees "Trafalgar"  
Cheryl Moreu, Art 1  
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## Ags debate nutritional effects

Will insecticides in agriculture impair human nutrition in the long run? According to the students of Entomology 209, they will.

The topic was debated in an Entomology 209 class on Friday, and after the debate was over, the students voted 16-4 in favor of the affirmative.

Taking the affirmative were Gary McAfee and Judy Yeoman, while Gary Harland and Richard Barry took the negative.

The movers argued that the impairment of human nutrition has already begun since the pesticides are persistent in the environment long after their intended use. It was pointed out that citizens of the United States in 1956 contained 7 parts per million (ppm) of DDT, a potentially dangerous level. Also, they observed that Dow Chemical and CIL do not have public relations offices, indicating that farmers were not opposed to the use of insecticides.

During the question period of the Oxford style debate,

students in the class and several observers raised points concerning the resolution. The use of pesticides will kill the weaker insects, leading to a genetic increase of the pesticide resistant ones, and in turn necessitating ever increasing use of the chemical insecticides. One student pointed out that since undernourished people are more susceptible to the effects of pesticide residues, the human population would stabilise itself. Dr. Brian Hocking, entomology, stated that insecticides reduce species diversity and create

serious fluctuations in all populations, including our own, which makes food supply a difficult problem. He added that to his knowledge, no nutritional benefits have accrued from almost a century of use of chemical insecticides.

In the rebuttal, the movers argued that the problem with insecticides is that they are not specific enough, and that had pesticides not been introduced, earth's population probably would have stabilised itself. The opposition once again argued that there are no detrimental effects.

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