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About that hole...

The continuing rivalry between Calgary and Edmonton has reached new levels of ridiculousness. Last week Calgary removed an unwanted building by use of explosives but this week the U of A and the city of Edmonton are experimenting in two places with the recently developed Cadoganian method of removing unwanted buildings i.e. Pembina Hall. Their method consists of digging a large pit at one end of the unwanted building, pumping this pit full of water then jumping on the end of the building (nearest the pit). This caused the building to collapse into the pit. The Dept. of Health and Welfare, in conjunction with the engineers declare the site a safety hazard and remove the waste expeditiously. Pembinites! do you get that sinking feeling?



Neal wants government funding for Pembina

by Brian Tucker

The vice-president planning and development has recommended that the university seek government funding for renovation of the three old student residences.

In a brief to the Campus Development Committee, Walter Neal favors the use of Pembina Hall for a student residence and a detailed study of the possibility of using Assiniboia Hall for that same purpose.

Neal also suggested that a study be undertaken to consider the possibility of gutting and rebuilding Athabasca Hall for academic and administrative uses.

He recommended that the university approach the government to seek approval to borrow funds and to see if the university is eligible for special grants for historical buildings.

Neal says in his report that to renovate Pembina Hall to a single-room accommodation for about 125 students would cost between \$440,000 and \$485,000.

The cost for Assiniboia Hall and Athabasca Hall would be considerably higher - about \$792,000 and \$1,330,000 because it would be necessary to demolish the interior structures and construct a new building within their present outside walls.

Neal has submitted the report to CBC, which will make a recommendation to the board of governors building committee on Friday. That committee will in turn make proposals to the board of governors at its next meeting on April 5.

The future of the student residence halls has been studied for the past six years. A report currently studying the needs for student housing has stated that

renovation of at least two of the halls for residences can be justified.

"It seems there is a market of several thousand students who would be interested in campus housing of single occupancy type room or small walk-up apartments."

The future of the residences has been studied for the past six years. The board recently came under fire from Pembina Hall residents for a decision to close the residence at the end of April to upgrade fire and safety standards.

The residence has accommodated mature women students, many of whom are recent arrivals from foreign countries. Among the improvements suggested by Neal include fire doors and stairs, painting, new floor coverings, fire alarm, electrical and telephone systems and electrical wiring.

Closed three years ago as a student residence, Assiniboia Hall has been utilized as an overflow facility for departments and faculties, while Athabasca Hall has been abandoned except for the Post Office in the basement.

Neal notes that the demolition of the interior structures while leaving the outside walls intact limits the flexibility of design for the two buildings.

In the brief, Neal states that if Pembina and Assiniboia Halls are upgraded as a joint, self-supporting venture, the rents would have to be raised to \$110 a student.

Acknowledging that such an approach would be impossible for most students, Neal suggests that the financial burden could be shared by the 2,000 residents of Lister, Pembina, and

Athabasca Halls. It could also be covered by the entire Housing and Food Services operation, which might have to raise food prices as a result.

However, if only Pembina Hall is upgraded Housing and Food Services may be able to handle the load without too much effect, Neal maintains.

He suggested that the University approach Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for funds to help upgrade the two buildings for residential use, while it would have to seek other government funds for Athabasca Hall.

Observations from a diplomat

by John Kenney

China's cultural revolution and her international relations were dissected by a man with an eye for detail and humour Monday night, former Canadian diplomat Chester Ronning.

Ronning, who before his retirement was considered by many to be Canada's premier diplomat, addressed a group of 40 on "The Increasing International Influence of the People's Republic of China."

"Perhaps what's happening in China today is the greatest revolution that has taken place in the history of man - not in every respect but in many important respects," claimed Ronning. Many of his remarks were buoyed by what he termed his "incurable optimism" and his observations of the remarkable changes that had taken place where he was

by Satya Das

It was a mixture of apprehension and relief, the changeover meeting of Students Council, apprehension on the part of the incoming council and relief on the part of the outgoing.

Speaker Howard Banks' swan song saw the rehashing of a couple of old matters, most notably General Manager Darrel Ness' contract, and the approval of a referendum on a \$2.00 fee increase.

The incoming council approved by a 17-3 margin that a referendum be held on Friday April 5 asking students to support the increase.

The wording on the ballot will read: "Do you favour the maintenance of Students'

Union activity, and do you therefore support an increase in Students' Union fees of \$2.00, effective in the 1974-75 academic year?"

Science rep Ted Shandro asked the outgoing executive about the status of former academic vice president Patrick Delaney, and was told that a full report should be out within a few days.

Science rep Jim Talbot said at this point that council had been told the same thing for the past three meetings, Ness replied that as soon as a few documents were signed, a statement would be issued. He added upon further query that the processing of these documents would cost the SU approximately \$100.

In the general debate over Ness' contract, outgoing president George Mantor said that the main dispute was over the contract, not the salary, as "there are hundreds of people on campus who know exactly what the salary is," and that the contract was a simple straightforward contract of employment. Mantor added it is a matter of personal courtesy and that the contract was really a very minor issue.

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