

# Bubonic rats infest HUB

by Ken Penniford

Bubonic Plague carrying rats have been discovered teeming in a bachelor suite in HUB and the university faces the possibility of a quarantine.

HUB Housing Director, Fred Fibley, announced Wednesday that the apartment is a "veritable hell-hole of disease and pestilence."

Basil Dofferey, a neighbour of the infected suite, registered a complaint Wednesday afternoon. "All day long I was smelling

this horrible stench. I checked my fridge and threw out some crap that I think used to be stroganoff hamburger helper, but the reek still wouldn't go away," said Dofferey.

He said he later dismissed the idea that the smell was coming from "one of those junk food peddlers in the mall."

Dofferey summoned Fibley and a key-man and together they traced the foulness to a neighbouring apartment.

"When we opened the door we were immediately overcome by this ungodly odor," said Fibley.

Dofferey described the odor as being a cross between "six month old unrefrigerated limberger cheese and the inside of anyone's phys ed locker."

Unfortunately the men were unable to regain their composure before two "oversized" rats escaped into the stairwell.

"They ran up the stairs and just latched onto some guy going out into the mall," said Fibley.

Subsequent testing has shown the rats were infected with bubonic plague.

The man, estimated to be in his late twenties, is reported to have fled in terror with one of the rodents still attached to his left ankle.

"We're not exactly sure if this is the cause for a quarantine," said a city official.

"The guy looked like he was a graduate student in mathematics,

so maybe not too many people will be infected anyway," he said.

Fibley is planning to roll into the apartment with flame throwers and poison gas as soon as he determines whether or not the resident is inside.

The resident, Jake "the snake" Camus, is said to be a double major in genetics and immunology. Anyone knowing his whereabouts is asked to contact Fibley at HUB mall.

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"We've had complaints that students are raising their grade point averages by performing special "favors" for professors," said Dean of Medicine Cameron MacDonald Monday. "From now on, that kind of activity will gain those students nothing."

However, pre-med students are uniting in opposition to the new plan.

"We think initiative and special projects should be rewarded," said Ben Dover, spokesperson for the Future Balancebillers' League Monday. "It's just not fair to change the rules in the middle of the game. A lot of us have invested a lot of extra hours studying for special exams in our courses."

Profs in the Faculty of Science are up in arms as well. They say the change will probably mean a shortage of research assistants for sensitive projects.

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