

Clin. Sci. tab- 1.5 million?

by Don Truckey

A \$50,000 initial expenditure will be required to investigate the extent of deterioration of the Clinical Sciences Building's south wall.

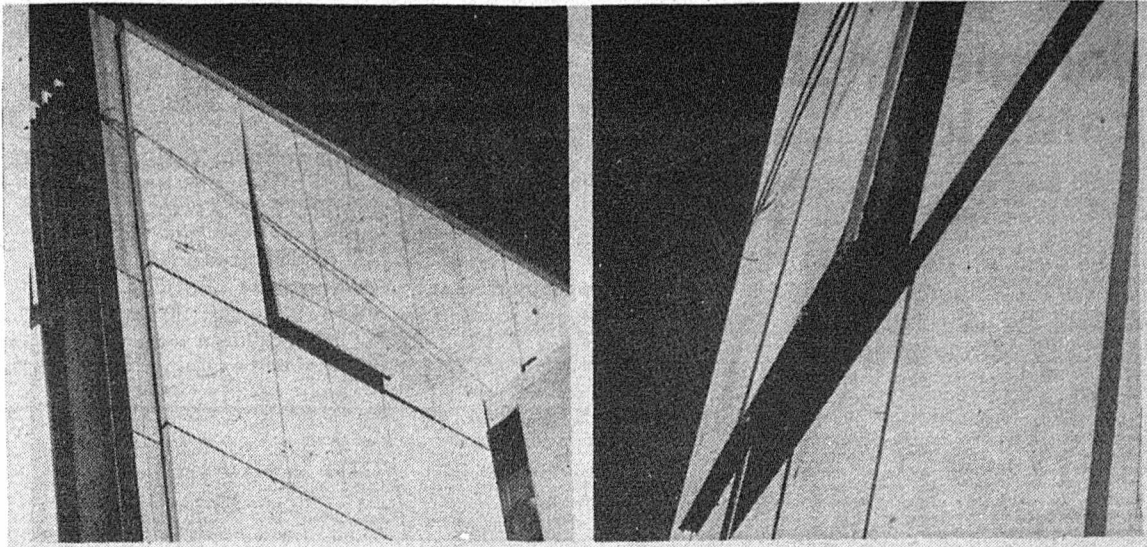
If such investigation indicates all of the exterior of the building must be replaced, the estimated cost will be \$1.5 million, according to a report prepared by the university's planning and development department.

Concrete slabs covering the top of the south wall — weighing a ton each — broke loose at their bases in a high wind on Nov. 1, 1976. At least four slabs waved in the breeze for two hours before restraining cables could be attached.

The slabs are located directly over two floors of office space. The offices were evacuated during the incident.

The report estimates a cost of \$120,000 for replacement of only those slabs in the immediate vicinity of the loosened ones.

"The initial investigation has to be done," said R.E. Phillips, vice-president for planning and development, Tuesday. "It's a kind of exploratory surgery on the building." The U of A board building committee approved the



Light and breezy... While passers-by were diverted from the scene, six

six feet from the building before Physical Plant workers strung restraining cables. The ground area around the

declined to comment until further examination can be made. The building, owned by the provincial department of

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How many times must Clin. Sciences be repaired?

The answer is blowin' in the wind...

investigation at a Tuesday meeting.

Planning and development has no surplus funds to cover any of the repair costs, Phillips said. An appeal will be made to the ministry of advanced education for the money.

Phillips said he suspected the building has a faulty "vapor barrier" between the wall and the exterior slab. Vapor leaking from

the building may have corroded the anchors which secure the bottoms of the slabs, he explained, causing them to swing out when the high wind reduced air pressure on the outward side.

If the investigation reveals widespread corrosion of anchors and the insulating vapor membrane, Phillips said, it may be necessary to replace the entire exterior of the building.

The tops of the slabs have bolts cemented into them which rest on steel railing fixed to the wall. "They're really just hung there," Phillips said. "It's not the usual way of covering a wall."

Clinical Sciences was designed by the provincial department of public works and built by Cana Construction.

"Hopefully Clinical Sciences is a building with a 75 to 100 year

life," the planning and development report reads. "Distasteful as a major repair is, we recommend that an honest attempt be made to correct the problem now rather than continue it for another 75 years."

Phillips commented that "75 year life" means the building will probably deteriorate in 75 years to a point where new construction with better materials would be cheaper than continual renovation.

The report says two priorities for repairing the wall are "(a) safety (b) public image of the university."

A schedule for investigation and repair included in the report projects repairs could be completed near July 1, 1977, with a final report prepared by Aug. 15, 1977.

The lower two floors of the building underneath the slabs will be evacuated during construction; little disruption is anticipated for occupants of the tower.

Since the slabs overlap each other, any removal and repair will have to begin at the top of the building and proceed earthward.

The report recommends a final step in the repair process be to "present an assessment of possible recovery of costs from original participants."

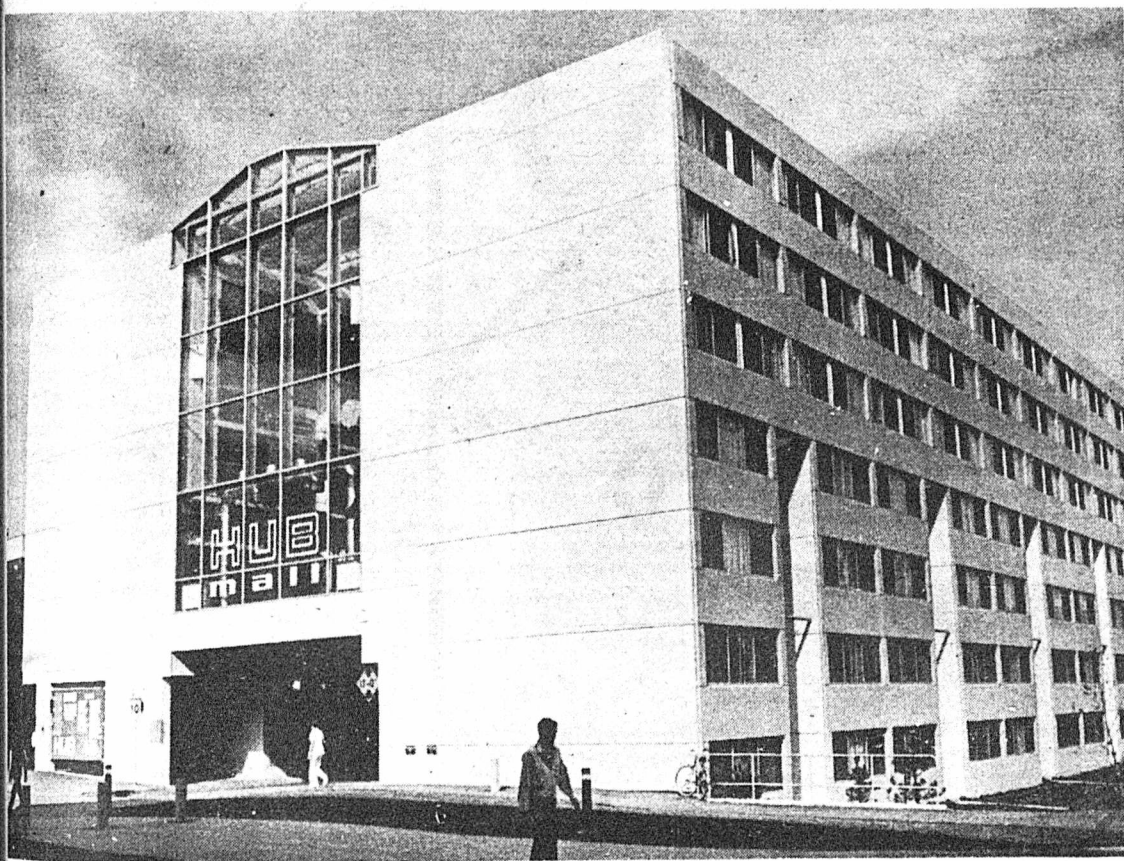
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is to justify the obscure desires that move our conduct. -Conrad

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HUB rent dispute

by Ernie Miciak

A dispute has arisen between the university administration and HUB mall's commercial tenants which may result in rent hold-backs in the near future.

HUB merchants say the university's neglect of mall maintenance and disregard for mall improvements "which might draw a new non-student clientele" are the causes of the dispute.

"We are past the point of being nice," stated Ken Ross, secretary of HUB Merchants

Association. "And we're fed up with promises from which nothing ever materializes. They have one more chance to give us something in writing. If they don't, we will resort to more drastic measures."

"Just look at this mall; it's despicable," Ross added. "They were supposed to begin re-flooring during the Christmas holidays. Now they say reading week."

"And they've been promising us a decent entrance for two years but so far its only been talk."

Recently the university offered tenders for a new south entrance. Only one contractor chose to bid, however, and it's bit of \$220,000 was slightly higher than the university's estimated \$150,000.

"I think the Students' Union made the merchants a lot of promises that they were unable to keep," commented David Young, the University's Director of housing and food services. "We are doing the best we can; there just isn't the money."

"The merchants' threats don't worry me."

Dental dilemma dies

by Bruce Rout

The deliberations of students and staff concerning a mid-term exam boycott by fourth year Dentistry students has ground to a halt.

Correction

Gremlins once again got into our printing machinery and caused an error to appear on our front page.

A General Faculties Council meeting was not called Tuesday as appeared in a story on fourth year dental students. Actually, a Dental Faculty Council meeting convened.

Our apologies to all members of the faculty who showed up for the non-existent get-together Tuesday.

Big book

The library committee is currently debating whether or not to purchase a rare book priced at \$50,000 as the two millionth acquisition by the university library.

The book being considered is the 11-volume *Atlas Major* by Johannes Bleau, printed in Amsterdam in 1662, and would be bought later this year, if the decision to purchase is made.

Following a Dentistry faculty council meeting Tuesday, acting dean D.M. Collinson reported a zero mark has been applied to the three missed mid-term exams and called for a "period of reflection."

"There is no positive action being taken now," he said, "But there is a lot of discussion going on."

"The students and staff are into the second term now and it can just stay where it is. It has really stopped being an issue."

The council meeting dealt with academic standings, and whether other circumstances would be considered. University regulations were followed and a raw score of zero was applied to the fourth year class.

Collinson commented that "There may be no problem here."

He said he can't measure the consequences of the students not writing their mid-terms until final year results are in and repercussions, if any, will come out after the finals.

Collinson said he was amused at the amount of coverage the event drew, commenting on a picture of a clinic, titled "a lab ... antiseptic scene for a revolt" in the recent edition of *The Edmonton Report*.

Stressing and repeating that this year's fourth year class was an excellent class the acting dean again said he hoped there would be no adverse effects from the boycott.