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The best way to get the last word...

...is to apologize.



Garneau rents go down

by Ken Lenz

Low occupancy rates have forced rents down \$100 per month in Garneau 4-bedroom housing units.

A meager 55 per cent occupancy rate prompted the rent decrease from \$880 per month to \$780 per month plus utilities.

The disappointing vacancy rate means a net loss to the Department of Housing and Food Services of \$14,960 per month and Director Gail Brown doesn't expect the situation to change this year.

Says Brown, "Once you have passed the critical time in September, students don't move around much anymore."

Brown feels the vacancy rate will make Housing and Food Services retain a loss this year but blames the situation on external factors.

"There are high vacancies and low rents throughout the city."

She continues, "I think students have changed their preferences these last few years - this is especially visible in Lister Hall where 85 per cent of students want single rooms now as opposed to 50 per cent a few years ago."

Construction changes are not necessary, said Brown, because "the whole market situation could change within a year."

She added that occupancy in the Faculte St. Jean is up to 69 per cent from 35 per cent last year.

"We have recently installed kitchens on the floors, this has been a direct factor."

photo Bill Inglee

University of Calgary Dinosaur goalie Mark Frank fights off Golden Bear Jack Patrick Friday night. The Bears bested the Dinos 4-1 Friday and Saturday night to open the hockey season. See game story on page 16 for details.

Scientists start herpes research

by Ken Lenz

Precedent setting research into the treatment of oral herpes is about to take place at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Tim McGaw of the Division of Pathology (Dentistry-Pharmacy) and Dr. Wayne Reborn of the Division of Diagnosis (Science) are about to proceed with a new method to treat Herpes I, a disease which afflicts 70-90 per cent of the population.

The new drug, acyclovir, may be effective in the treatment of this disease.

"Cold sores represent a limited recurrence of the virus Herpes I which is normally dormant," says McGaw.

"In the past, the disease has been treated at the final stage, where the blisters actually appear."

He continued, "the important thing, which we now recognize, is that this stage is actually the 'mopping-up' stage. The real active viral stage actually occurs at the outset, before any physical evidence is present."

McGaw stated that some of the products which are on the market right now are little more effective than Vaseline.

The problem with these drugs is that the "medication is either not administered early enough, or not absorbed completely."

Acyclovir is administered orally and is already routinely prescribed for the treatment of Herpes II, genital herpes.

McGaw believes this drug will be absorbed better than the externally administered drugs. It should, however, be taken during the prodrome stage - the initial stage, before the actual lesions become visible.

"The advantage of acyclovir over other anti-viral agents is that it has a specificity or selectivity of action," says McGaw.

"We want to make sure the drug does not affect the cell DNA replication - only the viral DNA replication process."

The researchers feel they need at least 150 documented cases, followed through 3 recurrent episodes. They estimate the study will be completed in 18-24 months.

Police nab Faculty Club

Montreal (CUP) - A familiar scene is repeated: cops slip into a university's hallowed halls and suddenly the party's over. An illegal stash of booze is confiscated. The standard cover-up by perpetrators is attempted, but to no avail.

Only this time it wasn't the students who were caught red-handed; it was the administration. McGill's University Faculty

Club has been selling wine and liquor bought illegally, Montreal Urban Community police have discovered.

The plainclothes officers raided the club last week, seizing 296 bottles of what "seems to be good wine" according to police lieutenant Claude Lalonde. They also found 24 bottles of gin costing 20 dollars each.

The bottles, bought as if for

private use by faculty employees, did not sport the Societe des alcools du Quebec seals and thus the purchase was not taxed the prerequisite five per cent.

The raid was at first denied by an anonymous club representative, then grudgingly confirmed when police information was produced.

A light fine of \$100 to \$500 will be laid on the university.

Board deliberates Federation

by Mark Roppel

The Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board finished hearing evidence Sunday and has gone into deliberations to decide whether the results of the Canadian Federation of Students referendum should be overturned.

It is unclear when the DIE Board will have a final decision. "I can't second guess the work of the Board," said Chair Shah Pemberton.

The Board has ruled on only one of the nine charges laid by Science student Gordon Stamp. Charge number two, "that Glenn Byer in his role as Chief Returning Officer failed to enact and post those regulations necessary for any situation not dealt with by Bylaw 300 (the election bylaw)" was dismissed.

Decisions on the other charges are pending. "They (DIE) are taking the attitude that it takes a day, a week, or a month, they are going to do it right and I admire them for that," said plaintiff Gordon Stamp.

DIE Board met from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

Saturday and from 11:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Sunday to hear evidence.

The Saturday session dealt with charges concerning a possible conflict of interest with "YES" campaigners who were also members of the Anti-Cutbacks Team, illegal posters, misappropriation of funds by the "YES" Campaign and allegedly misleading information distributed by the "YES" campaign.

Sunday was devoted to Stamp's allegations of misconduct on the part of Glenn Byer.

Byer was ill and could not attend the hearing. He was tried in absentia.

If DIE Board does find some of Stamp's charges justified it does not necessarily have to overturn the referendum. If the Board feels the transgressions were minor, it may merely fine members of the "YES" campaign.

The referendum, which saw students at the U of A vote to join the Canadian Federation of Students, was held over two weeks ago on October 21.