

## Some students stay on campus over Christmas

Offers of rides home and gas abound on university boards but for about 25 out of 50 students in residence there no such plans.

According to M. Maduro, Resident Dean for Alexander Mackenzie Hall, foreign students who stay in res over Christmas are sometimes taken home by a Canadian roommate or are invited to share Christmas dinner. But there are always those who are left behind.

"It's sad to see some of the foreign students staying in. Either they don't have enough money to go to Banff (International Christmas) or no friend asks them to go home or something," commented Maduro.

But students staying in residence over the Christmas break will now have free services provided for them, said K.R. Kirkham, administrative officer for the university's housing and food services.

In the past, explained Kirkham, students staying in residence from Dec. 18 to Jan. 3 have had to pay an extra amount because their residence contract didn't cover this time period.

Kirkham estimated that of the 50 students who applied for meals for the Christmas period, only 25 students actually showed up for their meals.

Thus, the effort of planning meals and writing up contracts for people who never showed up

wasn't felt to be worthwhile, he said.

The residence cafeteria will be shut down, however, on Christmas day, Boxing day, and New Years' day, said Kirkham.

Some students will attend the Banff International Christmas, sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (VCF), but the \$100 fee often keeps less wealthy students from attending, explained Foreign Student Advisor Ruth Groberman.

"But there might be some assistance from the VCF for those students who really want to go to Banff but can't afford it," she said.

There is also a Christmas dinner and celebrations on Dec. 25 at 2:00 pm at the Knox Metropolitan Church, 8307-109 st.

And if there are still students wandering around empty halls the International Students' Organization (ISO) in cooperation with the Foreign Student Office will hold a party Christmas Eve followed by a midnight mass.

"If we had the input from students that they really wanted it, then we could try and organize this party (Christmas Eve) and raise the money for it," emphasized Groberman.

Any students who are planning to stay on campus over the Christmas break and are interested in any activities are urged to call Ruth Groberman at the Foreign Student office.



You think you're blue now...wait until February. Old Man Winter's greeting card is lying a foot deep on campus and you'll go blue in the face waiting for it to melt. Spring is just 102 days away.

## Grad centre delayed by funding dispute

by Brent Kostyniuk

The transformation of the old power plant into a graduate students' centre has been delayed by conflicts over the allotment of the \$500,000 construction costs says Graduate Students' Association president John Cherwonogrodzki.

Renovations to the old power plant, which is located between Tory and Chemistry buildings, would provide graduate students with a restaurant, lounge, office space and a games area. The basement would be made into

two art studios for the department of art and design and water cooling and maintenance corridors to other buildings.

The Campus Development Office (CDO)6 wanted renovation costs to be split on the basis of space used by each party but the GSA and CDO could not agree upon the proportions, claimed Cherwonogrodzki.

It was finally agreed, said Cherwonogrodzki, that the GSA requires 35 per cent of the building so that CDO will be responsible for the remaining construction costs.

GSA is anxious to proceed

with construction before their cost-sharing fund from the provincial government expires on March 31, 1977.

"If we can have the project approved before the fund expires we will only have to pay half the costs. The GSA's needs are quite simple and we sometimes get tired of the extensive planning that is required," stated Cherwonogrodzki.

The centre's progress report still has to proceed through several committees and the Board of Governors before final approval is given to the project.

## AFL presents gov't. with annual report

Education cutbacks were criticized and the abolition of tuition fees was recommended by the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) to the provincial cabinet Wednesday.

"It is the policy of this federation that tuition fees be abolished to allow students from all income groups to attend post-secondary institutions without financial constraints," reads the submission.

"The present tuition increases coupled with high unemployment in the student age group has made it difficult and in many cases, impossible, for working class children to attend post-secondary institutions this year," the report continues.

AFL president Reg Baskin called the proposed differential fees for foreign students "discriminatory" in a telephone interview Wednesday.

"If the government was interested in quotas then they could do it on a quota basis, rather than imposing differential

fees," commented Baskin.

The AFL report also criticized Alberta for ranking seventh among all provinces in the level of expenditure on education "in terms of percentage of gross provincial product."

## Racist attacks

HAMILTON (CUP) - Two people were charged with assault Nov. 23 and further charges are pending after several groups of McMaster University Chinese students were subjected to racist attacks Nov. 17.

In four separate incidents in the space of an hour the assailants threw a Chinese student waiting for a bus to the ground and heaped physical and verbal abuse on three other groups according to campus security.

"It is clearly a racist incident and we are doing everything

within our means to put an end to it," said a McMaster dean.

"Incidents of this nature are abhorred on the campus whether students are involved or not," he said.

Security chief Don Garret said his department "will not condone nor overlook incidences of this kind and we only ask that the community cooperate and help us."

The attacks involved three men, all non-students, according to security. The men had been signed into the McMaster pub by two students and were thrown out for rowdiness at about 11 p.m. security said.

While no comment was reported from the Students' Union, it suspended the students who signed the assailants into the bar from all union activities for the remainder of their term at the university.

## GSA joins FAS

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Tuesday voted to join the Federation of Alta. Students (FAS) at a cost of 50 cents per student.

No fee will be collected from GSA members over and above their present fee, said GSA president John Cherwonogrodzki, because the cost of FAS membership will be absorbed by existing GSA funds.

"I hope that this (FAS

membership) will become an annual thing," commented Cherwonogrodzki, "whereby membership is reviewed each year rather than having membership permanent."

Cherwonogrodzki said he thinks that an annual review will allow GSA to judge FAS on its performance.

"They are just getting started and it's too early to judge how they will function in the future," commented Cherwonogrodzki.

## Frisbeetology 301

AUSTIN (ZNS-CUP) - Frisbee throwing classes are rivaling computer science and American literature courses at the University of Texas Austin campus.

The frisbee classes feature

six to eight 90-minute sessions where students learn 150 unique throws and catches.

The students can sign up for beginners or intermediate frisbee and can take classes in juggling, car bartending, tealeaf reading and palmistry.

Want to help engineer a Christmas of fun? Turn out to the Woodie Cabaret at 8 p.m. Friday and listen to Shotgun and Wild Rose Washboard Band. It's the annual SANTASTOMP and all proceeds to the Santos Anonymous program. Advance tickets \$3 at HUB Box Office, \$4 at the door. There will be a Santos Anonymous Gift Depot at the door. Sponsored by the Engineering Students' Society and the Students' Union.