

FIRE DOORS AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED IN TUNNELS

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TO ELIMINATE the danger of toxic smoke from another service tunnel fire, it has been decided to install small fire doors and an automatic sprinkler system throughout the tunnel system and to brick off entrances to the tunnels from buildings on campus.

In October a welder's torch set insulation in tunnel piping ablaze, sending toxic smoke through the entire tunnel system to each building on campus. Dalton Hall received the most smoke damage, but all buildings on campus connected to the tunnel system were evacuated.

Don Coles of the UPEI Physical Plant says that the fire doors will be located along the main tunnel which runs behind Steele and Dalton Halls and in front of the Robertson library. They will seal the entrances to secondary tunnels that lead from the main to each building on campus. To further impede the possibility of smoke getting into buildings, the now open entrances where piping and electrical conduits enter each building will be sealed, probably with brick.

A heat-triggered sprinkler system will also be put in place to douse any fire that may occur.

"These should bring the tunnel up to or above the (fire) code of any building on campus", says Coles. "The smoke intrusion to the degree it happened before will not be able to happen."

Because the work in the tunnel system is as a result of a wood-heat project of the PEI Energy Corp., UPEI will not have to pay for the new safety measures. UPEI will only have to pay for bricking of each entrance to buildings. The Energy Corp. is installing heat pipes that will eventually heat the

Agricultural Research Station and K-Mart plaza with steam generated at UPEI's new wood chip heating plant.

The tunnel fire halted installation of the pipes just two weeks before it could have been completed. Coles says that once the new fire safety measures are in place, at the end of January, work

on the pipes can begin again.

As for the damage caused by the fire, Coles says that telephone and security alarm systems have been permanently reinstalled. A primary electrical cable should also have been in place by now but the wrong replacement cable arrived and has to be re-

ordered. Until then, a temporary power cable is still in place.

There is bad news for spelunkers on campus, though. Students who have made it a hobby to explore the tunnel

system late at night by entering through manholes will

find that although a few new manholes will be dug, they will be all locked. With the entrance from residences or other buildings sealed as well, it seems a long time tradition among students will come to an end.

New film society starts year with "Faustus Bidgood"



A new film society has been organized on campus. The UPEI Film Society replaces the PEI Film Society, an off-campus organization that until last year exhibited films in the Duffy Ampitheatre.

Brian Collins, one of the coordinators of the new society says that they are interested in showing non-specialized films with popular appeal.

"We want to exhibit

films that are entertaining, new, and of interest to the student body," he says. Collins says the Society is looking for "good films, Canadian films and classics that are not generally shown anywhere else on PEI."

As for showing specialized films, such as a series all by one director or writer, Collins says that popular appeal should be the deciding factor.

"I don't think there is a

big enough population base here to do specialized films. They have to be popular. You can pick 20 films by one director and show them but maybe only 2 of them are entertaining."

Students are to be a major part of the new Film Society. Collins hopes that basing it on campus will keep the society going, and the energy of interested students will help.

"We need people who have ideas about the films

they want to see, people who have time to do publicity and organization. We also need people the night of the performance to take tickets and run the projector."

Besides simply exhibiting films, Collins says the Society could be active in other ways if there was interest.

"It would be great if it did more than just show films," he says. "The Society could also be a film discussion group, or even do film production."

The Society will be showing ten films in total this semester. All will be shown Sunday nights in the Duffy Ampitheatre, beginning Jan. 17 with "The Adventures of Faustus Bidgood" at 7:30 pm.

This film, directed by David Jones of the Newfoundland comedy troupe CODCO, Collins describes as similar to Monty Python and SCTV. It is "a minor bureaucrat's fantasy of ruling the empire of Newfoundland."

Tickets for each film are sold the night of the performance, or subscription tickets for all ten films are available from the Student Union office in the Barn. \$25.00 for non-students, \$20.00 for students and seniors. Students interested in joining the Society can call the Student Union.

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