

Carole,

Here is the final petition
from Cat. Records. I am also
including the originals of the
ones you already have. This
final one should go to Wes Clark
to, I guess?!
Thanks,
Sheila.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Please return to RECEIVED APR 18 1980 A.U.C.E.

TO Employees: Cat. Products, Serials, Acquisitions, Cat Records

FROM Sheila Porter Cat. Maintenance

Mar. 31 April 1, 1980 19

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Murray Aike

Cat. Records

I find the atmosphere stifling, dusty, dry. My eyes have been bloodshot for over 2 months and I have felt irritated since I began here in July.

Sheridan Murray

Cat Records

It's very stuffy & dry in here, it's irritating my eyes & nasal passages. I'm also very tired

Puran Singh Gill

Cat records

I had never nasal passage problem before but here I feel my eyes very tired and sometimes I do feel a severe headache.

Sylvia NG

Cat. Records

Too stuffy here.

Kay Tomiy

Cat Records

Too dry.

Wendy Lynes

Cat. Records

I have never experienced such a continuance of colds as I have since we moved to this building.

Judy Lee

Cat Records

Too dry, too stuffy, no air circulation.

Karen Shaw

Cat. Records

Over-heating and lack of fresh air leaves me exhausted. It is the air and not my health that causes the fatigue because a 10 minute walk outside revives me. What investigations can be done concerning positive ions?
(negative)

I too am feeling very weary on the job - my hair is falling out or turning grey - I must resort to ice cubes to tighten up my face each morning - and my body's going to fat - also, it's April Fools Day!

-- tmg

AVRON Hoffman

CATALOGING DIV.

NO COMMENT.

Janet Taggart

CAT. Div.

What we need is fresh air.

Jacqueline Whong

Recon very right

We really do not need air

Susan Mathieson

europ. lang.

conditioning in this climate,

Elizabeth Brock

Low-dnt

Right!

just windows that open +

Merry Meredith

Biomedical

me too!

close.

J. Wennes

Europ. Lang.

Too dry. I went home with a terrific headache on Thursday, which stayed on all week-end. Fresh air is the only answer from my tiredness.

Balbir Aulakh
Maida Ferguson

Indic/Law

Cat. div.

The air is too hot & too dry. Lets open the windows or use fans.

Wendy Varner

Recon

I agree with Fresh air. I too feel tired all the time & suffer from headaches which I never use to. negative ions sounds like a good idea. Fresh air would make us all feel better.

Eileen Steward
Louvon Zibin

Recon
Serials Unit

It sure would be nice to have a consistant temperature.

Alamelu Sundaram

Indic unit

I would love some fresh air.

Gladys Mory

Fresh air is important.

Catharina Lopez

Recon

Patricia Shen

Recon

(feel the same as)

Too dry, feel tired easily because of lack of fresh air, headaches all the time & dry eyes.

Name

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Aprille Ebert

Recon Unit.

There is no proper air circulation. I wished we never had air conditioning but windows instead, so we could get some fresh AIR. I freeze all day!! I have had quite a number of colds ever since I started working at LPC.

K.M. Grace

Recon Unit

The temperature in this building fluctuates wildly from hand-numbing cold to soaking heat. There are over two dozen individual thermostat controls here; it ~~is~~ seems inconceivable and ludicrous to me that they can't be utilized.

K. Cheema

Recon Unit

I have been seeing a doctor about the amount of time I have been sick, not realizing that so many other people are in the same situation. The university should do more than "investigate" this problem (It's been "investigated" in Recon for the last year). The university should solve this problem!!! (and stop docking my pay when I don't have sick leave to cover my sick time!!!!!!)

Ted Byrne

- stuffy - temperature not well controlled.

TO Bob MacDonald FROM Lynn Rosen

cc: Ann Turner, RECON Unit,
Sheila Porter

DATE April 11, 1980 PHONE

RECON is still experiencing problems with space, lighting, and temperature.

Temperature: Because the same thermostat controls the RECON area and the area by the east windows, temperatures in both places are often uncomfortable, particularly on sunny days when cold air blasts on the RECON unit in an attempt to cool the area by the windows. At other times, the air circulation is inadequate and the area becomes quite stuffy. I understand you are looking into this problem. The RECON office system still is not functioning at all, although Physical Plant is looking into it again.

Lighting. Removing some of the fluorescent lights and using incandescent desk lamps has improved things for some staff, although others still are experiencing headaches.

Space. The main RECON area is quite crowded and unable to expand because of fire regulations and the requirements of adjacent units. Within the main area where 9 staff sit, the floor space is 240.5 square feet, or 26.7 square feet per person. 45 % of the space is taken by desk and table surfaces. Although the area is arranged in a fairly efficient way, when people are sitting at their desks, it is difficult to even to walk in the area. I feel this crowding has contributed both to general physical discomfort and to a high rate of contagious illness within the unit.

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Mary Fankhauser

Cat. Records

The temperature in the LPC is wildly inconsistent which results in our lowered resistance to illness. In self-defense we'll need to bring a whole suitcase to work and spend half our day changing from spring to winter garb, depending on which side of the building is ventured to. Fresh air is my preference any day!

Ellie Maze

Cat Records
(curric/AV unit)

The temperatures fluctuate too much - either HOT or COLD. Surely this situation can be remedied without too great a cost. Have the engineers conferred with other engineers who have expertise regarding air-conditioning? (ergo, those NOT on UBC campus)

Janet Yand

Too dry! Temperatures fluctuate too much! I've had sore throats more than!!!

JIM LIVINGSTON

CAT RECORDS

The stuffy air effects me in just ^{one way}. I feel extremely tired.

Lenk Gordon

Cat records

You notice the stuffy air particularly when you've just come back from a holiday, as I have, and feel instantly headachy.

Darlene Bailey

Cat records.

Lack of fresh air has certainly decreased my productivity. P.O. storage is either so cold you need a coat or when sunny so hot you wish you could take all your clothes off. Since moving here I am keeping Nivea handcream co. in business and while we are on the subject I haven't had so many sore throats since I was in grade 4!

NAME

OLEG LITWINOW

DIVISION

CAT. RECORDS

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Are we not getting "fresh air"? Where is it coming from. This could be explained.

Could we not have a simple humidity test done to see if it is really dry. Although better than floor 7, the fluctuating temperature seems to be a problem. This too can be monitored. I may be getting old and feeble-minded but feel that half the problem is the "psychological" adjustment to the new building and its environs. Also, ceiling lights along the North wall are set too far back causing shadows on desks set up against the windows; day-work is OK but evening work requires extra lighting. This "engineering" problem should be kept in mind for new bldg. Perhaps constant "background" hum requires time for adjusting.

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Marisa Ramponi

Cat Prod.

Feel very tired, dizzy and have itchy eyes all the time.

Sheila Porter

Cat. Prod.

Fatigue + extremely dry eyes, throat, nasal passages + skin (have oily skin; never experienced lack of oxygen!!! dryness before), dizziness - never experienced before!

Rosanna Chui

Cat. Prod.

Catching colds more frequently; extremely dried throated; slight dizziness + sneezing + sniffing a lot.

Hinia Fuchs

Cat. Prod.

Fatigue, headaches, congested nasal passages, sore eyes + A intestinal flu might have aggravated the above. always dry + itchy eyes.

Leeta Sokalski

Cat. Prod.

Carol McPhee-Steeves

cat Prod.

fatigue, headaches (more frequent since gas leak)

Lorraine Gray

Cat. Prod.

Margaret Camyn

Cat. Prod.

Marlene Harnakawa

Cat. Prod.

atmosphere is very dry, cold drafts

Rosario Llerena

Cat. Prod.

Billie Anlam

at Prod

sniffing, dryness, sore eyes

SHIRLEY TAM

cat Prod.

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Connie Hong	Cat. Prod.	extremely cold!
Sela Jeterin	Cat. Prod. (Added Vd.)	extremely cold!!
Evelyn Chay	Cat. Prod.	extremely cold and sore eyes and headache because of wrong intensity of light.
Winnie Ng	Cat. Prod.	extremely cold
Teresa Yu	cat. prod.	extremely cold
Jeannie	Cat. prod.	extremely cold.
Isabella Jung	Cat. prod.	Freezing most of the time,
Maria Finch	cat. maint.	Sore, dry eyes + throat + headaches.
Louise Patterson	cat. Products	often very cold; have been experiencing constant allergic reactions (dry throat, congested sinuses, sneezing) all-year round - which my doctor feels is at least partially a result of my working environment.
Nan Wyatt	Cat. Prod.	headaches, sore throat, colds more frequent, feel very tired.
Marika Kohll	cat. Prod.	
Flo Tang	Cat. Prod.	Extremely cold, feel pain around at neck. Tired. cold, dry eyes, stuffy feeling
Ruth McLaren	Cat. Prod.	

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E. Hatch	acquisitions	
L. Brechin	"	
S. Sawada	"	
M. Sinclair	"	
Isabel J. Lea		I have not experienced any symptoms such as those described but I do support those who wish an investigation
William Sin	"	
Rosemary Quale		
Bep van Beek		
Nelen Lopp	"	
Colin SANDERS	"	I TOO WOULD SUPPORT AN INVESTIGATION.
g. Dixon	"	
L. Hiltz	"	no comment
M. Aubertin		

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Richard Burger	Serials Div	
Annie Pope	Serials	
Karen Long	Serials	
Ingrit Hennig	Serials	
Winnie Chan	Serials	
Cathy Mak	Serials	
Robin Hannis	Serials	
Barbara Nilson	Serials	
Margaret Freney	Serials	