

Tunnels are hidden maze under campus You never know what's under foot

by Robert A. Hibberd
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Deep beneath the areas where students dwell, exists a system of long concrete corridors some 20 years old.

Extending through the chambers of grey are green, yellow and blue pipes bearing electricity, aqua and comfort.

"The green ones are for domestic water, yellow for steam and the blue is for chiller and air conditioning," says former fire fighter George Sims.

That's Sims, with one "m."

"My family got lazy and dropped the other m."

Sims works for CCC's plant services; a job which calls for a lot of time working under the school in the tunnels that carry pipe works.

Long tunnels, extending under the older buildings such as Barlow, McLoughlin and the CC Mall.

Tunnels that would cause the mildest claustrophobic to imagine the walls closing in around him or

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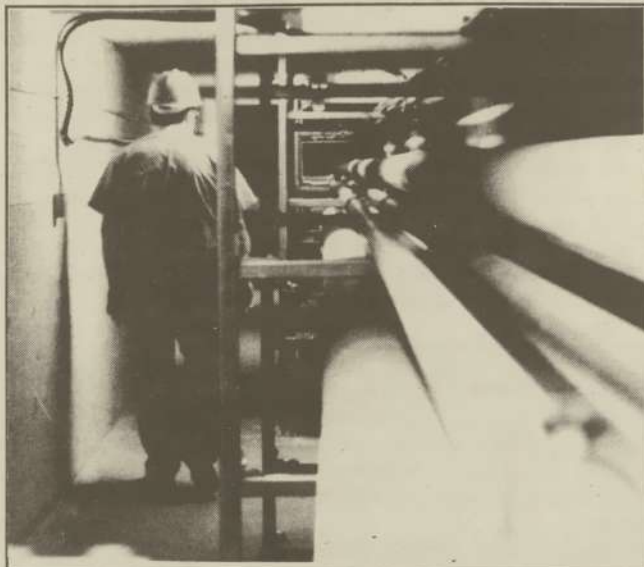
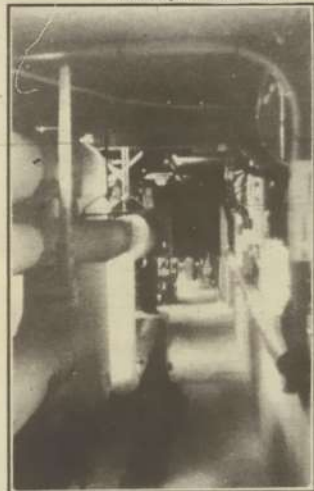


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An intricate system of utility tunnels and pipes run under the campus. These are maintained by the plant services at CCC.

her. "This place would close in on them in a hurry, that's for sure," says Sims about people who fear restrictive areas.

Sometimes while walking through the tunnels you can hear and see heavy pipes sending air to students who are itching in a stuffy classroom.

"You can walk down here in the morning, especially when the boiler first starts up, the pipe condense and expand, they roll back and forth on the rollers," explained Sims.

The chambers give one an impression of an early 1950's bomb shelter or maybe a place where one could go to survive a nuclear blast, but that is not the case.

"It possibly could be used for that but I doubt it," says Sims. "I

wouldn't want to be down here."

Just how deep down are the tunnels George?

"I'm not really sure. . . it's quite a ways but not all that far."

Soon in the future, men like Sims will no longer utilize tunnels to work on pipes because in newer buildings like Streeter Hall all the pipes are on the surface.

"All of the newer buildings have in-house boilers," explains Sims. "They are starting to get away from the tunnel system because it is not necessarily economical anymore."

Then, somewhat dejectedly,

"You won't see tunnels in new buildings."

Something else, the tunnels, that disappear for the cost of expansion.

Men lose need to dominate

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The air is hot and heavy and men are straining their eyes to see past the soft glow of the burning rocks before them. A murmur of voices turns into a chant and suddenly one man grabs the talking stick and begins to speak of his childhood pain.

Welcome to one aspect of the men's movement.

"The Men's Movement is a movement for men to begin an inner exploration of themselves," stated Robert A. Hibberd, a reporter for *The Clackamas Print*, after being a participant on KATU's "Town Hall" program on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The segment was titled "In-

"The Men's Movement is a movement for men to begin an inner exploration of themselves."

—Robert A. Hibberd

ward Ho" and the members of the discussion group investigated and explained various areas of the men's movement, including the native rituals.

I think it (the Men's Movement) has recently been brought to the forefront by the media because of some of the rituals that are used," said Hibberd, who has never participated in any of the rituals. "I feel they are being exploited."

Others in the audience dis-

agreed.

"The sweat lodge is a church, where you can pray and worship the spirits," said Jim Sleeper, who has participated in sweat lodges before.

But Hibberd feels the Men's Movement isn't just a bunch of guys pounding on drums while

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—Jim Sleeper

sweating in a lodge in the middle of the forest. He feels it's about personal freedom and breaking through stereotypes that exist around men in society.

"The man shouldn't always be the one who brings home the income, he shouldn't always be the disciplinarian," said Hibberd.

Hibberd believes the men's movement will help men to realize their emotions and be able to bring their relationships to a different level.

"Male bonding usually only exists on a competitive level, like playing basketball or football," Hibberd said, adding that the Men's Movement is working to help men have non-competitive, intimate and more personal relations with each other.

But there's still a long way to go.

"Throughout history, man has found himself having to dominate and control," said Hibberd. "When they try to break away from that, it's hard, because we've never known another way."

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