Pipe breaks, floods Student Center

By John J. Ying

A two-inch diameter water pipe burst in the Student Center early Saturday morning, causing water damage in the Student Center manager's office, the Sala de Puerto Rico, the Harvard Cooperative Society store, and the Charlie the Tailor's shop.

"One of the pipes in [assistant Kresge Auditorium manager] Frank Winsor's office on the perimeter broke," said Henry J. Leonard, superintendent of support services and building maintenance. "The carpet in the office has to be replaced. The Sala real- ly got it, but we named the fans on and cleaned the water up. The Coop managed to cover their me- chanics with tarps." The leaking water tripped an alarm in the Student Center manager's office, which alerted Cam- pus Police at 6:30 Saturday morning, according to Leonard. "The leak was not too bad — it was not a disaster," he said. "Aside from getting rid of the snow, this pipe burst in the Stu- dents Center was [Physical Plant]'s major event this week- end," commented Paul F. Barrett, director of physical plant. "We were also closely watching the air pump for the tennis bubble; we didn't want it punctured again." Physical Plant received over 40,000 emergency telephone calls last year, according to Thomas F. Vachod, superintendent of building operations. "We receive calls on everything from 'I smell gas' to "The dorm is too hot.' Everything on this campus has to be main- tained."

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