The Duff Roblin Building was the site of Dr. John Zubek’s sensory perception laboratories and sensory deprivation research area. The labs consisted of several steel, acoustically sound rooms constructed within other rooms. The sensory deprivation research area consisted of a Plexiglas dome where subjects lived for extended periods in varying conditions of isolation. Zubek’s research attracted worldwide interest and support from the American government to study the capacity for humans to function when confined alone in space, underwater, or in the Arctic and Antarctic.