

Economics main cause

Housing shortage moves UBC students to slums

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The director of UBC's International House fears a critical housing shortage may force some new students into distant Vancouver slums.

John Thomas described the housing shortage affecting more than 300 foreign students, including 100 families, as a possible panic situation.

"Those coming in now are sometimes forced by economics to live in poor or slum areas of the city," he said.

Thomas did not say specifically which slum areas must be used, but said they are below-standard sections far from UBC.

"Our housing resources are already drained, and as a result, the majority of incoming students have to live off campus," he said.

"But the biggest problem is that since 1961, over 2,000 suites in the university district have disappeared, due to changes in city bylaws."

At the time of the statement,

only about half the foreign students had arrived, he said.

Thomas' concern over lack of student housing was echoed by Ray Larsen, Alma Mater Society housing co-ordinator and UBC housing director Dr. Malcolm McGregor.

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"It's like the jungle," said Larsen, "like looking for food by animal instinct."

"We have approximately 800 married families now seeking accommodation, and the accommodation on our housing list has been evaporated."

"It's very grim," said Larsen. "Eventually they'll find accommodation, but many will end up travelling phenomenal distances."

One reason for housing shortages is refusal of many apartments to accept children, said Larsen.

"Married students also find themselves competing with groups of single students when they try to rent houses."

McGregor summed up the housing situation on campus with a terse "it's bad."

He estimated at least 700 single men, 600 women, and 200 married students need accommodation.

"But we've been full up since July," he said.

Reason for the lack of new facilities, he said, is simply lack of funds.

Students' union activities for good students only?

The students' union may set up scholastic prerequisites for students participating in students' union activities.

Dean's Council has informed students' council that it will set up prerequisites if the union does not.

Students' council Monday night voted to set up a three-man commission to consider the question. Council members Marilyn Pilkington, Blaine Thacker, and Bill Miller will be on the commission.

Another topic of discussion Monday night was the possibility of having a record-lending library in

the new SUB. The library has been suggested in association with the music listening room which is already included in the plans.

Al Anderson, students' union secretary-treasurer, and Leslie Windsor, Wauneita rep, recommended that the library be incorporated with the U of A Radio Society record collection.

Students' council authorized the publication this year of Inside, the campus literary magazine. The magazine will be edited by John Thompson.

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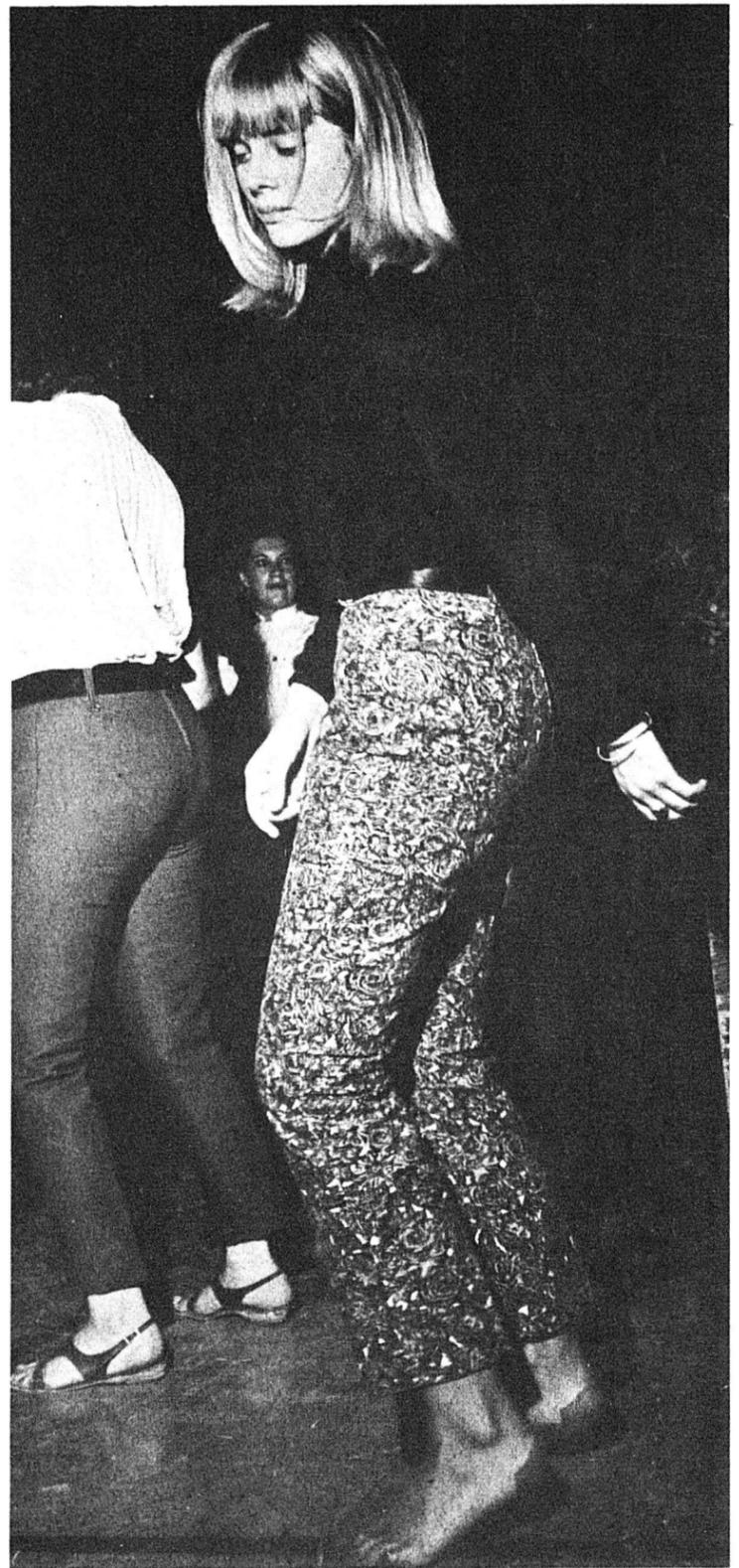
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