

Which Hunt?

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Fred Kordalewski, Founders II, has withheld \$100 of his residence fees to protest the level of noise on his floor.

Kordalewski is in the unenviable position of being situated directly above the heating machinery of Founders residence D. "If you go to all the rooms on this floor it's the same," he complained.

In an effort to force some sort of action from the administration, the residents of the first second and third floors, plus twelve girls from the adjoining house signed a petition to withhold payment of their second instalment. The petition was presented to John Priestly, senior tutor of Founders and from there it disappeared into the unfathomable depths of the bureaucratic channels.

"The deadline came around and the president of this house (Brian Dean) went around and told everyone to pay, and he had signed the petition!"

Mr. Kordalewski admitted that he had seen a repairman working on the equipment, but "to me it hasn't improved."

Conversely Mr. A.A. Kicinski of the physical plant claimed that "according to our figures we achieved a considerable improvement." This improvement was the result of an expenditure of \$4,000 in alterations to the heating system.

The Physical Plant supplies the steam at 275psi and the machinery in the residence reduces the steam to 15psi. The money was spent on a new pressure reducing valve, twice the size of the old one and new discharge nozzles.

Mr. D.A. Nesbitt, residence coordinator, explained that in the past the administration had found it more expedient to leave the room above the machinery vacant rather than invest more capital. "We would have to rent that room ten times to get back our investment."

In order to purchase the new equipment the physical plant had to either approach the students for it, meaning an increase in residence fees, or wangle it from the administration. They succeeded in the latter.

Mr. D.A. Deuchars of the physical plant reported that on December 30 last, a workman spent 16 hours installing the new equipment. Whereas the decibel reading had been 96 it dropped to 83.

The guidelines set out by the Ontario Student Housing Corporation indicate that a noise criteria of no higher than 30 is permissible. Because a high frequency noise is more disturbing than one of low frequency for a given volume, permissible levels of noise are not measured in decibels, but in noise criteria (NC.) With the refinements in the Founders heating equipment the NC. now stands at 33. "It cost us \$4,000 to drop the noise 13 decibels, to save the three decibels it may cost us ten to twenty thousand."

When Mr. Kicinski conducted the noise level readings, he complained that the various hi fi's on the floor were so loud that they nullified his data, they had to be turned off temporarily to complete the test.

When Which Hunt questioned the integrity of a contractor who would install equipment that did not meet residence standards, we were reminded that as one of the first buildings on campus, it was erected before the conception of the Ontario Student Housing corporation.

"Noise is a very subjective thing," commented Mr. Kicinski in an aside. He proceeded to relate an anecdote in which one student in Graduate Residence one complained bitterly of the noise while the student in the apartment directly above him, in whose room the noise was much worse did not seem to find it bothersome.

At Which Hunt's query, Mr. Deuchars assured us that the physical plant is still working on remedying the situation. "It is just a peculiarity of the way this building is laid out. A silencer could drop the noise, but the problem is to find space for it and we will have to see about the cost."

"There may be an impression that we can stop it, but we can only lower it," said Mr. Kicinski and quipped, "Maybe a survey should be made for those rooms which are noisier and they can be rented to the deaf."

It seems to us that the administration is making an honest attempt to clear up the problem, perhaps the room should have been left vacant until a solution had been found.

When the new valve was installed, one of the old smaller valves was left in place for summer use when less demand is made on the heating system. If Mr. Kordalewski feels that no improvement has been made, perhaps Mr. Kicinski could provide a before and after demonstration.

Faculty firings protested

Police alerted at U of Vic

VICTORIA (CUP) — The four greater Victoria area police departments were alerted for "possible difficulties at the University of Victoria" Jan. 19.

The "possible difficulties" arise from protests over the unorthodox firings of 14 teachers at the university. Students had held a rally of over 3000 people.

Chairman of the Police Commission, Hugh Curtis said Wednesday that "some precautions were taken" in order that the Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria and RCM Police departments could respond in force to the campus if the meeting there had gotten out of hand.

Questioned on the rumor that police were on riot control duty Tuesday, Saanich police chief Pearson said "I don't think it's any of your business. What we do down here (police headquarters) is entirely our business and nobody else's."

Pearson refused to confirm or deny the rumor at first, "If you make a statement saying there were 75 or 85 police on riot control, it'll go right across Canada."

"You've got rocks in your head if you think I'm going to make a statement on this."

A short time later, however, after the U Vic student newspaper, Martlet, had phoned the Saanich

police station, Pearson explained the riot control preparations employed by Victoria police departments.

The consisted, said Pearson, of making phone calls to the area departments to see how many men could be made available on short notice.

Pearson said no special equipment was issued, "We don't even have any clubs," he said.

He noted that police had been alerted to possible trouble at U Vic several times in the past.

Nels Granewell, assigned by administration president Partridge to disperse rumors at U Vic, said the university hadn't contacted the police prior to Tuesday's meeting. "Let me put it to you this way," he said, "We're looking into that rumor."

Later Granewell said he couldn't confirm whether or not the police had been prepared for trouble.

He did say, however, that "the president certainly didn't call them."

Judge wants ID cards

Ontario Supreme Court judge Fred MacKay said at a University of Toronto law forum January 16 that honest men shouldn't mind surrendering some of their civil liberties if it would help police combat crime.

The panel was discussing Quebec Justice Minister Jerome Choquette's proposal that all residents of Quebec be issued identity cards, and be obliged to produce them at any time for the scrutiny of police.

The Quebec government is carrying on negotiations with the U.S. Polaroid company for possible mass production of ID cards similar to those Polaroid once supplied the South African government.

MacKay told his audience of Toronto law students that the Canadian crime rate would be greatly reduced if everyone was obliged to carry cards with their picture and thumbprint. It would be an offense not to produce them at the request of a policeman.

"If you are not committing any crime and do not intend to, what are you worried about," he said.

Ontario police commission chairman Percy Milligan supported MacKay, saying that by refusing to give up the right "not to identify yourself you may be harming the right of someone else who has just been robbed in his

home, his wife raped, or probably murdered."

"Suppose you went out in the street and fell down. Wouldn't it be nice to have an identity card for the police when they found you?" he added.

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