

Administration , SRC officials' views vary on housing

Continued from page 1. see another housing project along the lines of the Co-Op. He feels that in this case too much money was spent on luxuries while not enough attention was paid to increasing the housing capacity at the lowest possible expense. Among the styles which he suggested would be included on the questionnaire were single or double story, town house, or high rise.

In addition, the students will be asked if they would like to have a cooperative food store accompanying the housing development.

Naturally, the question arises as to how the project would be financed. Poore stated

that the ideal situation would be for the Board of Governors to lease the land to the Student Union at a token fee of one dollar per year and the Student Union in turn to lease the land to a developer who would do the work to the Student Union's specifications. The developer would be in charge of all maintenance and would accept all the responsibility. No muss, no fuss. Best of all, no mortgage.

Poore suggested I contact influential people on the campus, such as individuals from the Administration, Senate, Board of Governors etc. to see what direction they thought future housing development

should take. The particular individuals Poore suggested were not all available for comment but I did speak to Dr. Pacey, the Academic Vice President and Mr. Blue, the Registrar. Poore was sure that if I asked, say, five different people I would come up with five completely different responses. He seemed to think the five different replies would look humorous if they appeared together in the Bruns.

Pacey and Blue, admittedly, did differ somewhat in their opinions as to what form a new housing development should take.

Blue expressed interest in seeing a "village" constructed

on the campus to house students, such as was proposed last year. He also stated a preference for residences over apartments, explaining that the university should not be responsible for providing apartments. He feels that these would not be as convenient as residences as many students would not have the time to cook their food properly.

Blue felt that the shortage of accommodations for students actually is not as acute as it was two or three years ago, before the construction of the Co-op. He intimated that students tend to be a little fussy about their accommodations on occasion. No doubt some students will disagree with the Registrar on this point.

Dr. Pacey stated that a need for more accommodations had not yet been proven, but he believed personally that there

probably is a shortage. He said there have been contradictory reports concerning the amount of available housing.

Pacey also brought up the subject of the temporary student "village" but he said that if it were constructed, it would tie up the land for about twenty years and might obstruct other campus development. It was also his opinion that the space on the lower campus was needed for academic purposes so any new housing would have to be located above the present campus site. This apparently ties in with the suggestion in questionnaire that the development be situated above the Trans Canada.

Pacey, unlike Blue, thought the students should be left to decide whether apartments should be constructed rather than residences.

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