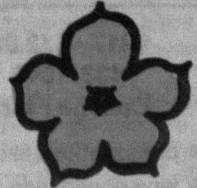


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Boards raised to rebuild residences

by Philip Preville

Two committees are being formed to deal with the problem of funding for campus residences — one by the Ministry of Advanced Education, the other by the University Board of Governors.

The Advanced Education committee will be called the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Student Housing Funding. This committee will have two student representatives among its 22 members.

"The government has recognized the urgency of the problem," said John Mark Fisher, SU housing and transport commissioner. The Ministerial Advisory Committee is expected to formulate and present

long-term policy recommendations to the Minister by the end of December 1989.

The Board of Governors committee, an eight-member board with 50% student representation, has a mandate "to undertake a major policy review of student housing and to recommend a policy re-student housing in the future," said Paul Robinson, administrative director for the BOG.

The scope of the BOG committee is particularly broad. "The administration is questioning whether or not they should be involved in housing at all," said Fisher.

Fisher, who will sit on the BOG committee, added that the SU opposes any move by the administration to disassociate themselves from student housing. "They are providing an extremely important service," he said.

David Bruch, director of Housing and Food Services, said that although such broad questions would be addressed, he felt such a direction was highly unlikely. "I'm confident that our residences will

be with us for a long, long time," he said.

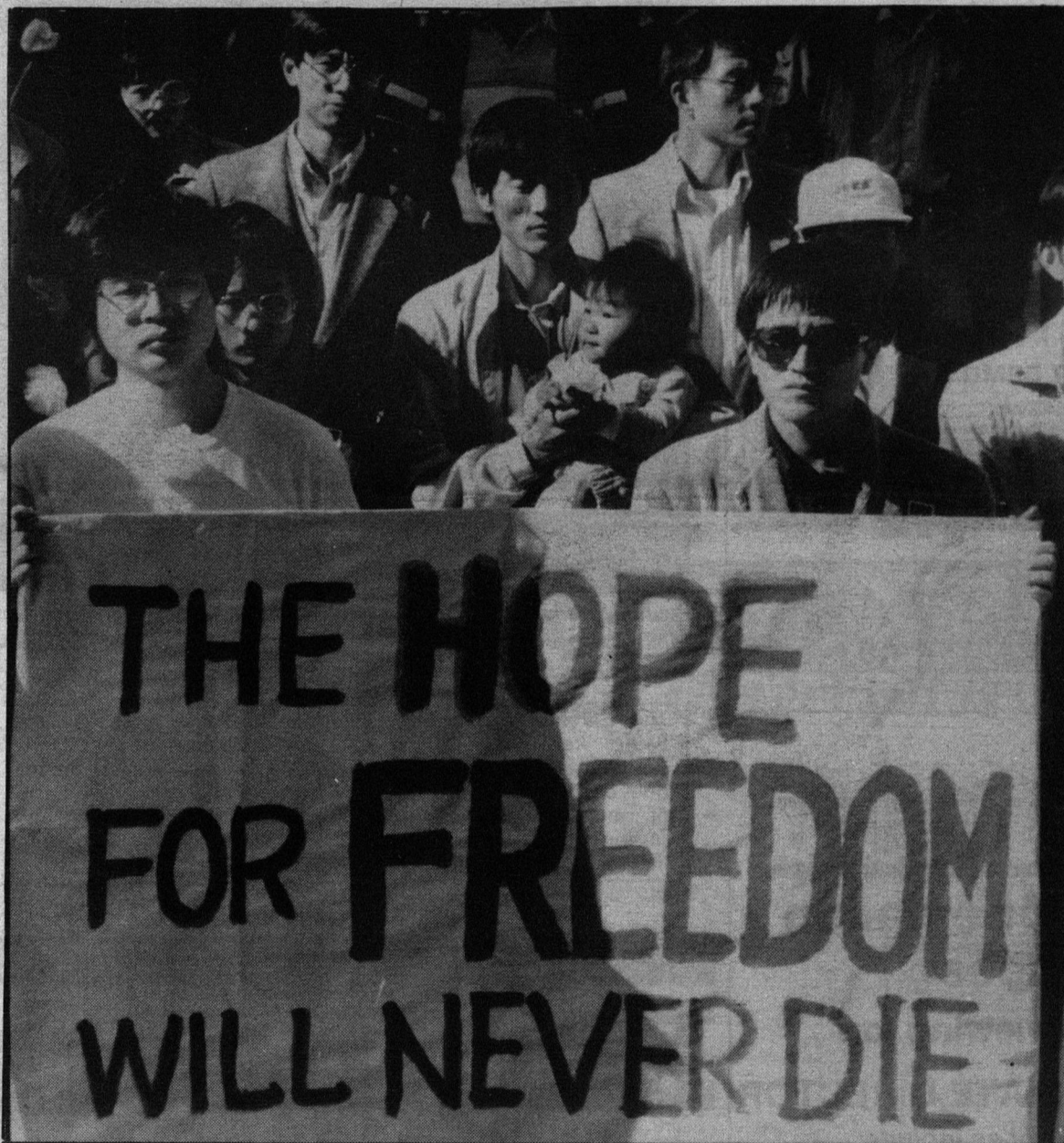
Most university residences are in terrible structural shape and are in urgent need of repairs costing over 60 million dollars.

The university has taken out a 2.5 million dollar loan for repairs currently under way at Lister Hall's three highrises and Michener Park's Vanier House. The repairs — which should be finished within two weeks — will stabilize the buildings at Lister for a period of four to five years.

At Lister Hall, water vapour has seeped into cement cracks in the concrete support columns of buildings, causing a considerable degree of erosion.

Structural problems are not unique to Lister and Michener Park. "All of the university residences except for HUB need substantive work," said Bruch. He said the total bill for the repairs needed to return the residences to lasting condition would be in the area of 75 million dollars. This estimate includes Lister, Miche-

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Students maintain a moment of silence in memory of the Chinese that were killed in Tianenmen Square. About 150 students held a rally in quad Tuesday to mark the 100th day since the massacre in Beijing.

Fall arrives and tuition rises

by Dawn Lerohl

Like death and taxes, tuition increases are inevitable.

Tuition has increased 4 1/2% this year said Dave Tupper, Students' Union president.

In concrete figures, with general fees included, this translates into an increase of approximately \$140.00 for a full-time student in an undergraduate program.

According to figures in the university calendar and the registrar's office, a full-time student in an undergraduate program pays approximately \$1304.00 this year as compared to \$1160.00 last year.

This year's 4 1/2% increase brings

tuition up to the ceiling imposed by the provincial government.

The ceiling is set at "no more than 1 1/2% of the percentage increase in the standard operating grant," said Dr. Paul Davenport, university president.

In addition to a tuition increase, library and computing services fees have doubled since last year. Students paid \$60 for both fall and winter sessions last year. This year, that amount has been raised to \$120 for the two terms.

"These are simply charges for services," said Davenport. He adds that "we have one of the finest libraries in the country and extensive micro computing labs."

Currently, student tuition covers 10-11% of the University's operating costs.

The Next Decade and Beyond, the University's document of policy planning for the future, states that student tuition fees should not rise above 20%.

"My own view is that it is a sensible proposition," said Davenport. As a second alternative, tuition could be raised to the Canadian average of 16%, he said. "It is difficult to make judgements as there are changes from year to year."

There is a "need to recognize what is a reasonable student raise," said Tupper. He adds that "as long as students are involved in making decisions it will be a fair one."

New and removed SU record store

by Mike Spindloe

Following a year of headlines, turmoil and uncertainty, Students' Union Records has emerged alive and well in a new HUB Mall location.

The future of the store, a flagship tenant of the mall since the early 1970's, had been in doubt following a series of decisions by last year's Students' Council and extensive renovations in HUB Mall.

The new location of SU Records is on the east side of the mall, between Academy Pizza and Ho Ho Chinese Food.

The store has been reduced in size, from 2700 to 1600 square feet, but, according to manager Taras Ostashevsky, the wide-ranging and eclectic selection SU Records offers will not be dramatically affected.

Ostashevsky notes that the store has been phasing out classical vinyl long players in favour of cassettes and compact discs. This space-saving move has been given impetus by classical music labels which are no longer issuing vinyl LPs.

As for other areas of music, Ostashevsky says that "we'll try to maintain our strength in our jazz, blues and rock catalogues. We'll also be placing greater emphasis on CDs as their sales increase, although records are still our best sellers in these areas."

Ostashevsky also notes that the store's special order services will remain the same, and "greater reliance will be placed in that area to help compensate for the space

loss. But we'll still be able to find the more obscure titles."

Along with its new location, SU Records is also sporting a new look, with all-new store fixtures emphasizing neutral colours. Patrons may miss the old location, but the new is still a far cry from the garishly-lit and decorated interiors of most record stores located in malls.



Third-year business student Sarah Dafeo visits the new SU Records.

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