

Below American Standards

Controversial Residences To House Over 1200

Two Y-shaped buildings, the objects of heated debate and controversy, stand nameless on the campus.

Flanking a circular companion, the 11-storey structures represent the first change in the university's "residence philosophy" in over 50 years.

The man in charge of establishing homes for the 1,218 students who will move into the \$7,000,000 residence complex next year is Mr. George M. Tauzer, the university's first Director of Housing.

DIRECTOR'S JOB

It is his responsibility to recommend room and board rates for the buildings, to ensure their financial soundness, and to supervise the educational and social facilities which they will provide.

Mr. Tauzer points to the need for a comprehensive residence philosophy, which has fallen behind the needs of the university. University President Dr. Johns is in full agreement: "We should be formulating such a policy."

Administration officials say they have tried to give the residences some of the comforts of home, comforts which will compensate for rooms which Dr. Johns concedes are "too small."

CONCRETE BLOCKS

Three months ago, Dr. Johns described the residences in this way: "The residences are bare concrete block with plywood furniture in rooms of minimal size. Student's double rooms are smaller than any others being built today in Canadian universities, and are far below American standards."

But he adds, "You have to see the whole picture." The proposed room and board rates of \$96 per month for a single room and \$90 for a double, are based upon the need to make the

new residences pay for themselves and upon the facilities offered in them, say administration spokesmen.

The Provincial Government is reluctant to subsidize the residences to the extent that rents would not increase from their present ceiling of \$80 per month.

DEMONSTRATE

Opposition to the new fees has been strong ever since they were announced one month ago. A demonstration by 500 placard-bearing, chanting students three weeks ago brought the matter into the public eye.

At that time the Residence Committee for Lower Rents, an independent group of senior residence students, presented a petition for consideration by the University Board of Governors.

The Committee conducted a survey of Garneau to find out whether the university residence charges are "generally lower than the cost of room and board in private homes and apartments," as a university press release claimed.

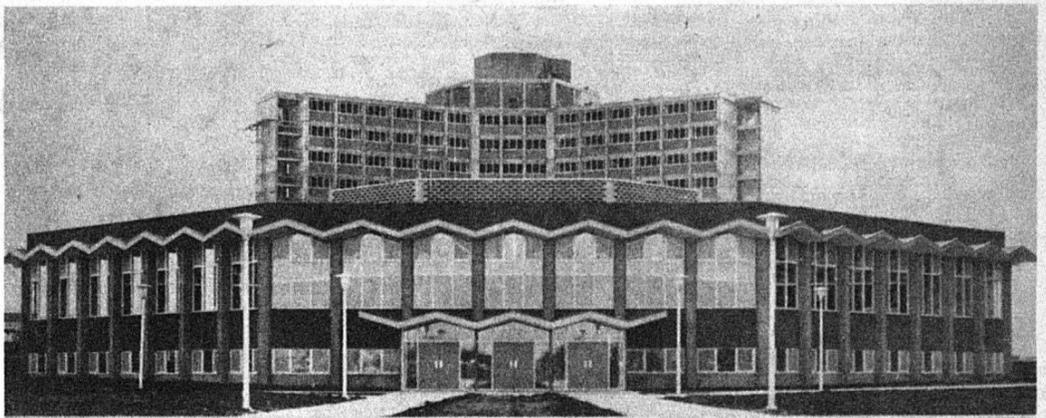
GARNEAU CHEAPER

They found the average room and board charge in that district to be \$66.25, in comparison with the \$80 single room fee in the old residences.

Students' Council gave unanimous support to the students' fight against the new rates. The Committee wrote letters to the major newspapers in the province, presented a petition to Lieut. Gov. J. Percy Page, and arranged a meeting with the Provincial Cabinet to discuss the rent increase.

The Committee cancelled its plans to stage a march on the Legislative Buildings when it was advised that any such action would alienate it from both government and public support.

All literature being issued to incoming residence students was withheld by the university soon after the controversy arose. The Board of Governors' executive reconsidered the original fee structure. A decision was expected Feb. 19 (after The



\$7,000,000 WORTH OF EXPANSION—That's the new residence-food services complex, located to the immediate west of the Jubilee Auditorium. The complex has been the centre of much controversy since January, when the administration announced that the opening would signal a 20 per cent rent increase.

Gateway went to press).

What facilities are offered in the new residences?

ROOMS HAVE CLOSETS

All rooms, both doubles and singles, are the same size: 10'6" x 15' x 8'7". They are equipped with desks, bookshelves, beds with back bolsters, tackboards, study chairs, chests of drawers, mirrors, built-in lighting, and closets.

All rooms are equipped with telephones, the cost of which is included in the rents. Each floor is equipped with a lounge and three bathrooms. The Y-shape of the buildings will eliminate noise by separating students into three separate wings. Carpeted hallways will further reduce noise problems.

Study rooms, libraries, and sun-decks are also offered. Janitorial duties will be reduced by the new buildings. Maid services will be cut to a once-a-week basis. The residents of both buildings will make their

own beds and keep their rooms tidy during the rest of the week.

DOWN PAYMENTS NEEDED

All accommodations will be on a full session basis, requiring students to pay \$30 in advance which will be credited to their accounts.

Applicants will be required to sign an agreement which will not normally permit them to leave the residences unless they are withdrawing from the university or in the event of marriage.

The semester fees will be due on the first day of occupancy, but can be paid in two installments without penalty. The second installment is due immediately after the Christmas holidays, and a fine of \$3 will be levied for each extra payment.

UNDERGROUND LIFE

The Food Services Building, Lister Hall, is connected to the residences by tunnels. Designed to serve a maximum of 10,000 meals per day, Lister Hall is set up for quick, cafe-

teria-style service on a "stagger system" of checkpoints.

Lister Hall has been built primarily to serve the residences and will operate at peak efficiency when a third residence building is added to the existing complex sometime in the future.

Residents will be issued with meal tickets which will enable them to eat on a less strict schedule than the one presently in operation in the old residences. Although no second helpings will be available due to the nature of the service, students will receive generous servings in Lister Hall.

CANDLES ONCE A WEEK

A tradition from the old residences—the sit-down meal—will be continued. Each student will have one formal meal per week: a candlelight supper.

Lister Hall is also equipped with numerous lounges and a music room which will be reserved for the use of residence students.

Campus Groups Cramped New SUB Planned Soon

Have you ever thought what it would be like to live in a \$4,000,000 palace? Iain MacDonald and his SUB expanders are about to find out.

Two years ago a small group of people spoke up. Their complaint—the Students' Union Building was too small for a growing campus. With little but a strong desire to encourage them, the SUB Expansion Committee started to plan for the future.

Hours upon hours of hard work were spent trying to find out what the students of this campus wanted and needed in a new SUB. Some members of the committee toured the United States universities. Some conducted surveys among the students.

SOME SEARCHED FOR MONEY

Some searched the continent for a consultant. Some compiled reports. Some met with the University Planning Commission. Some looked for money to finance the student project.

Gradually the vision of the future began to materialize. What was the result? It was a complete proposal for the new home of the Students' Union. Now hopes are raised that the proposal will become a reality.

VIEWS FOR VISITORS

To be built at a cost of \$4,000,000, the three storey building will be located immediately west of the Administration Building.

Half the building will contain recreational facilities. In the base-

ment will be a curling rink with eight sheets of ice. Nearby will be a 10 lane bowling alley. Also located in the basement will be services including barbershops and a bank.

CHAPEL TO BE PROVIDED

The ground floor will house an interdenominational chapel. The chapel will be available to students of all faiths, and each faith will provide its own liturgy for its service.

The university bookstore will be located on the ground floor also. A most important part of any university, the bookstore, will provide students with texts and general books at reasonable prices.

A lounge, courtyard, and bus-waiting area will complete the ground floor plan.

MAIN FLOOR CAF

On the main floor will be found the Students' Union offices, lounges, committee rooms, and a cafeteria. In these facilities the vast amount of administrative work necessary to run our Students' Union will be done. The meeting rooms will be available to all student organizations. Presently clubs meet in lecture rooms around the campus.

The top floor will feature an 800 seat theatre available to Studio Theatre and the Drama Club for their productions. Behind the theatre will be workshops for artists, and stagehands. The theatre will also be used for debates, concerts, and lectures.

Another of the outstanding features of the top floor will be an art gallery to accommodate displays visiting Edmonton. Students' artwork will also be featured from time to time.



DYNAMIC VGW DIRECTOR
... Paul G. S. Cantor

ROOMS FOR MUSICIANS

Students' interested in music will find listening rooms and practice rooms for these purposes. It is hoped that Students Counselling and National Employment offices will be housed on the same floor.

In such an ambitious plan, finances have not gone unnoticed. Planners hope that the revenue producing facilities will pay for themselves over a 30 year period. Non revenue facilities would be paid for by the students over the same period. The initial expenditure would be financed by a bond issue guaranteed by the Provincial Government.

Woodrow Wilson once said that intellectualism derives from what one does between classes.

If a structure such as the new Students Union Building does appear on our campus, the possibility of fulfilling President Wilson's belief will be greatly enhanced.

VGW Director Welcomes Visitors To University

By Paul Cantor
VGW Director '64

It is my pleasure through the media of The Gateway to welcome the citizens and future citizens of the Province of Alberta to the Edmonton campus of the University of Alberta on Varsity Guest Weekend. In addition at this time I should like to also express a profound wish that the students who are now presently enrolled in their particular faculties will make use of the Weekend to explore the campus and discover what is occurring in the other branches of learning.

The theme of Varsity Guest Weekend this year is "Discovery." To every group of people, and of course I suppose to every individual, a word like discovery must mean vastly different things. This differentiation should actually only be in its application however, not in the concept itself. Basically it should to all of us mean uncovering new areas. Perhaps that is the limit of generalizing that we can indulge in when we apply the term to the university community.

To the university student or potential university students, the word could primarily mean discovering the world around him. The university should be the place where he has the opportunity of learning about the problems in the world and more important: why they are in fact problems. The university atmos-

phere should in fact provide the young men and women of the world in which we live the opportunity of broadening their outlook.

The size of the Weekend and the limited time which faces all of us bars the exploration of the entire campus. I would therefore hope that the potential university students will limit themselves essentially to the discovery of the area of their future university careers; or if they are undecided the areas of interest. To the students who are already enrolled on the campus I would urge that they make full use of the Weekend in order that they may discover some of the other (if I may use the term) fields of discovery which are existing on the campus.

We have still not considered two very important groups; the adult visitors and the academic staff. Those parents or other interested visitors that come to the campus we hope are not neglected. We anticipate that the Weekend will provide the opportunity for them to discover the use that their children are making of the university and as citizens of the Province of Alberta that they will be able to examine first hand the fine seat of higher learning that our Government has bequeathed upon us. For the academic staff the Varsity Guest Weekend Committee anticipates that the Weekend will provide not the opportunity to discover but the chance to show the visitors what has been discovered, that is, what advances have been made.

In effect then we hope that the Weekend will fulfill its objective of showing discovery in its coat of many colors.