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LISTER STARTED AS A HOLE TOO—And some say it still is. Anyway, when our intrepid photog stumbled upon this Bugs Bunny-type dwelling out in our quad, he decided to save the scene for posterity, and us. It could very well be the new, inexpensive way to live on campus. Arise res students, and go underground. What's good enough for Bugs is good enough for you.

Time and effort needed for students to obtain representation on GFC

By **BERNIE GOEDHART**

It seems to be only a matter of time before students achieve representation on U of A's general faculty council.

Time, and effort on the part of students.

"I don't think students have agitated very vigorously about that (representation on GFC)," said Dr. D. D. Betts, member of the council's executive. "One gathers they're not really very concerned."

"On the whole, I think they're a very dead lot," he said.

Dr. Betts said he thought students would have a good chance of getting representation if they tried.

He said it would probably be a good idea to have students represented on GFC.

MEAN OLD MEN

"It would be valuable for us to hear from the students directly and it would probably make the students happier," he said. "It would make them see that we're not all such mean old men," he added.

Executive member Dr. F. V. MacHardy said if students have a case, there is no reason why they should not get representation.

Under the amended University Act, provision is made for the appointment of students to Faculty Council at the discretion of the statutory and elected members.

Dr. J. G. MacGregor of the executive thought there would be "no harm" in having students on council.

He claimed students would be "in for a great deal of meaningless trivia and a great deal of work."

"If this would improve student-staff relations, then I am in favor of it," he said.

Registrar and council secretary

A. D. Cairns spoke in favor of student representation because it would improve communication between students and faculty.

NOT APATHETIC

However, he did not think students were displaying an apathetic attitude regarding the question of representation.

"The students' union submitted a brief before the University Act was amended," he said.

"I think students have just been marking time until the official decision."

"They haven't overlooked the matter. I believe that they have desisted from pressuring GFC out of appreciation of our pre-occupa-

tion with re-arrangement," said Mr. Cairns.

Dr. W. H. Johns, university president and chairman of GFC, said he would see that the question of student representation would be put before Council very soon.

But he did not know whether students would be given representation.

"The decision would rest with statutory and elected members," he said. "How they would react, I just couldn't say."

"I'll be hanged in effigy, I suppose, but I feel students views would be much more effective if presented at the level of the classroom and the individual instructor," he said.

Rents up across the nation

By **DON SELLAR**
Canadian University Press

From Vancouver to Halifax, students are being hit in the pocketbook by a general rent increase in university-sponsored housing facilities.

Spiralling food costs, increasing wages and higher operating costs are being blamed for the rent hikes—which average about ten per cent across the board.

As residence administrators pore over columns of red-inked figures these days and submit estimates for next year's operations, they seem to be reaching the same, inescapable conclusion:

Rents must go up.

Many residence administrators, however, are reluctant to say what the increases will amount to in many cases.

Housing directors contacted at several Canadian universities during the past week—perhaps fearful of angry student reaction to rent hikes—refused to reveal what new fee schedules they will recommend

to their particular board of governors.

More than one would say only that he intends to recommend rent "adjustments" for next year. And in university budgets these days "adjustments" is a good synonym for "increases."

Already, increases for next year have been announced or rumored at the universities of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, United College, Queen's, Carleton, Ottawa, Waterloo, Saint Mary's and Mount Allison.

In Ottawa, the Canadian Union of Students secretariat is keeping a watchful, activist eye on current developments, hoping to assist local student governments combat the increases.

As CUS vice-president Dave Young puts it, residence students are the easiest to mobilize in any campaign, mainly because they live in close association with one another and are thus easy to gather together.

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B of G awaits council report

Res rates decision delayed until all sides heard from

By **RON YAKIMCHUK**

The Board of Governors is in no hurry to raise residence rates.

"We are waiting for a report from students' council," said Dr. J. E. Bradley, chairman of the B of G.

"If the students are dead against it we would have to decide if we will subsidize it more out of the general revenue or get the money from the students," he said.

"Personally, I don't think the provincial government should subsidize residences directly."

"If they start subsidizing them they will want to control them," said Dr. Bradley.

No decision will be made before Feb. 17, when students' council is expected to present a brief to the board.

The B of G have been presented with three alternate recommendations for raising residence fees:

- Raise all rates by five dollars.
- Raise all rates to \$90 per student.
- Raise all rates by eight dollars.

Derek Bone, director of housing and food services, made the first two recommendations. The third was made by the B of G finance committee.

"University residences are being quite substantially subsidized out of the general university revenue right now," said Dr. Bradley. "If the residence loss increases the academic parts of the university may not get enough money."

"If we continued in this housing business with a third tower in Lister Hall and the entire married students housing project, the loss could become a significant sum of money," he said.

"Funds are becoming more and more difficult to obtain," he added.

He admitted that the recommended increases would not form a significant part of the university budget.

"We would have to raise rates an awful lot to cover all the expenses and finance charges—well over \$20, I believe," said Dr. Bradley.

Council opposes rent hike

Students' council Monday night passed a motion opposing a hike in residence rates.

Council mandated the executive to prepare a brief for the Board of Governors on the proposed increase and another for the provincial government on the increase and fees in general. Council favors government subsidization of student housing.

Councillors questioned director of housing and food services Derek Bone for nearly two hours in an attempt to find a reason why the burden of increased costs should fall on the student.

Methods of increasing revenue and efficiency, particularly during the summer months, were discussed.

NO NOTICE

Council asked why no notice was given the students about the recommendation until immediately before it was to be considered by the B of G.

Mr. Bone said it usually takes two or three months to get an item on the board's agenda, and he didn't expect to see it appear so soon.

When asked if he had consulted with the students in residence before making the recommendation, he replied, "No, it is not my position."

He said he queried the inter-residence council three days before the recommendation was to be taken to the B of G.

Asked if the residences were self-supporting at any time Mr. Bone said, "In some months the costs are met, others they are not."

LESS SERVICES

He indicated co-ops were self-supporting at lower rates because they do not offer as many services. "We serve three darn good meals a day," he said.

Constant redecoration is also a problem, but housing services will provide the paint and brushes necessary for a student to redecorate his own room if he wants to.

"If the students would go without maid service, that would avoid an increase. But they don't want to give up the maids," he said.

During the summer months a loss of about \$120,000 was incurred, the

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