

Lotus eaters can't sleep

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Despite intensive efforts to locate student housing, more than 3000 University of British Columbia students are without accommodation as the fall term begins.

Student housing shortages "look tighter" than last year, when students considered pitching tents at lower mainland colleges and universities to cope with the crisis, said UBC Housing Director Michael Javis, September 14.

The waiting list for a spot in any one of the university's residences tops 1700, while Vancouver's rental vacancy rate hovers around one tenth of one percent. Beyond that, the cost of rented housing has jumped by one third since last September, according to housing experts. A two bedroom suite costs an average of \$450 and one bedroom suites average \$300.

A third year science student, who called the housing squeeze "pretty difficult" said landlords are wary of student tenants this year.

"There's a very distrustful attitude on the part of people renting - less trust in reliability and ability to pay."

Another student said he walked 60 miles in five days before finding a room to rent.

Small apartments, basement suites and shared houses are now

grabbed by non-students in a market that has not increased substantially in a decade.

Davis said the university "has done about all it can about off campus housing." Vancouver's west side citizens were ap-

proached for help locating housing, advertisements were placed in the local media and a campaign was launched, leafletting thousands of doorsteps.

Every woman's place

Members of the *Every Woman's Place Society* are holding a benefit on Saturday, October 3 at the Garneau Community Centre, 84th Ave and 109th St. to raise funds for the establishment of a Women's Centre in Edmonton.

The benefit will begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Common Woman Books, 8204-104th St.

For further information phone: 484-9820 or 432-0919.



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Last fall, Finance Minister Allan MacEachen announced a \$1.5 billion cut in federal transfer payments to the provinces under the Established Programs Financing (E.P.F.) plan.

The targets of the announced cut were to be hospitals, health care and post secondary education.

National Health and Welfare Minister, Monique Bégin, reacted by declaring that no cuts would come in areas under her supervision.

As a result post secondary education will bear the brunt of any cutback scheme.

It is estimated that the University of Toronto could lose as much as \$100 million from its annual operating budget under the Liberal plan. The University of Manitoba could lose \$40 million, Dalhousie \$20 million.

What will these cuts mean?

- * Smaller universities and community colleges may be forced to close.
- * The quality of post secondary education could be seriously threatened.
- * University and college sponsored research and development could all but disappear.
- * Sky-rocketing tuition fees would make a mockery of the right to education for lower and middle income Canadians.

At a time when Canada is an importer of skilled labour and high technology, the government is ignoring our own national potential.

At a time when the Canadian economy is in desperate need of new economic leadership the Liberals seem too determined to make it increasingly difficult for young people to get a decent education and good skills training.

**THERE IS ONLY ONE CONCLUSION.
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