

Lister, Michener Park rates increased \$5 and \$10

The Board of Governors approved residence rate increases Friday of \$5 and \$10 a month at Lister Hall and Michener Park effective July 1.

Students at Lister now pay \$90 a month for room and board. Residents at the Michener Park married students' housing project will pay \$118 to \$122 a month rent for two-bedroom apartments. The increase will affect about 300 families.

"I don't think the Board of Governors considered the brief as seriously as they should have," said Michener Park resident Jack Chambers.

"Last year the director of housing and food services asked for an in-

crease to \$120, but the Board of Governors said the students wouldn't be able to pay it. This year he asked for \$131 and it went up to \$120. I'm wondering where it will end."

"With the increase people will have to settle for basement apartments and go back to the squalor."

Student's union president Al Anderson said Sunday, "I'm very, very disappointed to hear the announcement."

"I feel the rate was too high to begin with. Room and board are available at considerably less than the price of accommodation at Lister Hall," he said.

"Initially the need to find room and board is a penalty to out-of-town students. With the high rates it is a double penalty."

"The long-run answer is to have the residences financed by capital grants as other university buildings are."

"We are concerned with filling Mackenzie Hall, the third residence, next year. Students will be finding accommodation elsewhere," he said.

"At present we are waiting for student reaction and considering what further action might be taken," said Anderson.

University president Dr. Walter H.

Johns said Sunday, "I regret it (fee increases) very much. I don't want to see costs rise, but they have risen and the student should bear his share of it."

"This increase does not fully represent the increase in cost the university is obliged to meet."

"It is most unfortunate there had to be one, but with the costs increase it was the only thing possible in these circumstances," said vice-president for finance and administration Dr. D. G. Tyndall.

"After all the residences are supposed to be on a self-supporting basis," he said.

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MONOPOLY MASOCHISTS—Four residents of eighth floor in Henday Hall started playing monopoly at 6 p.m. Wednesday and never got done until 50 hours and 39 games later. Down on second floor 14 residents started playing at the same time, and in shifts continued for 101 hours and 86 games. The second floor team was breaking a record of 72 hours established by students at the University of New Brunswick earlier this month.

Board requests hike in tuition

Basic fee of \$400 subject to approval of commission

The Board of Governors has recommended a tuition fee increase, subject to the approval of the Universities Commission.

"The board made its decision Friday morning," said students' union treasurer Phil Ponting.

"The board is recommending that tuition be \$400 for all faculties except graduate studies and engineering, which will be \$500, and medicine and dentistry, which will be \$600," he said.

Dr. J. E. Bradley, chairman of the board, said definite figures have not been set. Board decisions at the universities of Calgary and Lethbridge could change the amount of the recommended increase.

SHOULD ACCEPT IT

He said Saturday the board hopes to have its recommendations before today's meeting of the Universities Commission.

"I think they'll accept an increase," said Dr. Bradley.

"Fees haven't kept pace at all with other rising costs," said university president Dr. Walter Johns.

"I think the board has been scrupulously fair."

"It appears the university has bent backwards in limiting its budget," said students' union president Al Anderson.

"The Universities Commission has requested (from the government) \$2,540 per student," said Anderson. Last year, the university received \$2,314 per student.

"Even if that request is granted, it wouldn't be enough to prevent a fee increase at this university."

"The university is operating in excess of \$3,000 per student," he said.

NO INCREASE

He quoted academic vice-president Max Wyman as saying, "Due to increased cost, the real level of spending will not have increased."

Anderson explained, "Things will be no more luxurious. In fact, they will be less."

He emphasized the university has done its best to limit its budget.

"The government is going to have to come through with more money," he said.

Anderson and treasurer Phil Ponting are presently working on ways to approach the government.

"We will distribute our brief (presented to the Board of Governors Wednesday) to all members of the legislature," said Anderson.

TO BE CONTACTED

Ponting said all press media in the province will be contacted within this week.

"The way to sway the government would be for all students to write their parents to get the parents to write their MLAs," said Anderson.

"It wouldn't hurt for the students to write, too," he added.

He said this plan was especially aimed at rural students because there is a good possibility rural people know their members personally.

"The budget goes before the legislature during the first week of March," he said, so letters will have to be written before that time.

Student birth control booth open for VGW

A booth distributing information on birth control remained open in rm. 140 of SUB Saturday despite a closure order by students' union president Al Anderson.

Anderson refused permission to the Committee on the Status of Women to set up the booth Saturday because the information would be directed at a non-university crowd.

"The Committee applied to us to direct their information to university students. The Saturday of Varsity Guest Weekend, anybody but university students come here. It's teenagers, children and their parents," he said.

He said he was in favor of the booth, but not in favor of the way the information is being distributed.

"The booth has legitimate aims in drawing attention to the problem and offering the students information," commented Anderson.

"But these people are attempting to take political advantage of my position by saying I am against the whole thing," he added.

"I wouldn't have allowed it in the first place if I didn't agree with what they are doing. There is a scarcity of birth control information," noted Anderson.

He said it was interesting to ob-

serve the membership of the Committee on the Status of Women is approximately the same as that of New Democratic Youth, Student Power, Students for a Democratic University, and the U of A Vietnam Action Committee.

"This is quite significant since this group of people is attempting to gain power in the students' union election coming up and to discredit the present student government," observed Anderson. "They are creating an issue in an attempt to pre-campaign."

Lynn Hannley, sci 3, spokesman for the Committee on the Status of Women, said, "The information should be distributed to high

school students because more than half of 25,000 illegitimate births in 1963-64 were to girls under 21.

"It would be really nice if the students' union would tear the booth down. Then we could stage a sit-in," said Hannley.

"The booth is a protest against Student Health Services for not distributing birth control information, and against the people who assume the absurd position that it is not necessary," she added.

"If a person comes to our house, we supply them with the names of doctors who will prescribe the pill. More doctors have telephoned to volunteer their names lately," she said.