

Residence fees and where they go

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by Bill Richardson

After the increase in residence fees for this year, the *Gazette* decided to look into the matter. We went to John Graham, the director of housing, as well as general manager of the Student Union Building.

This is what we discovered:

AMOUNT	USES
\$450,000	Food and Catering
\$150,000	Wages
\$ 86,000	Mortgage
\$ 80,000	Upkeep
\$ 70,000	Utilities
\$ 33,000	Telephones, Washers / Dryers, etc.
\$ 30,000	Salary For Dean & Don's
\$ 3,000	Water & Fire Protection
\$ 2,000	Insurance
\$904,000	Total

* The above amounts apply for Howe Hall only. Those of Sherriff Hall's are much the same.

During the 1976 / 1977 school year, the revenues for Howe Hall amounted to \$815,000, whereas this year they're up to \$830,000.

Another important fact is that Howe Hall ended up with a debt of \$75,000 last year. This debt is, according to Graham, made up out of University Revenues.

Before residents can scream about the increase in residence fees, that being upwards of \$100.00, in most cases, they must look at the figures.

Consider that there are 2,350 students in all Dalhousie Residences, and that the University takes a loss of \$110.00 on each student. In a total amount, Dalhousie loses out on \$258,000 a year.

Now scream!!!

Realizing that not all Residents live in Howe or Sherriff Hall, we gathered figures on Fenwick Place. They run as follows:

AMOUNT	USES
\$368,000	Mortgage
\$100,000	Maintenance
\$ 93,000	Taxes
\$ 85,000	Heat
\$ 72,000	Utilities
\$ 50,000	Wages
\$ 42,480	Security
\$ 10,000	Incidentals
\$ 8,000	Water
\$ 2,500	Insurance

For the 76 / 77 year, the revenues for Fenwick Place came to \$760,000, with expenditures of \$830,000, resulting in a loss of \$70,000.

In light of these facts, although residence fees did go up over the previous year, they could go up quite a bit higher. It is false to hope that these fees will ever go down, just as it is hopeless to believe that inflation will ever end.

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