Hear You Need Some Help

"This man came to the door and said: 'I hear you need some help' and we couldn't figure out whether he was the electrician, the telephone man, the plumber, or the furnaceman."

Steve Ballantyne and three of his friends have been living in a dingy yellow bungalow on Armada Drive in Rockingham since September 25th. Since they moved in there has been no hot water, no furnace installed, the pipes are plugged, (as is the toilet) spiders crawl all over the house as if they were the sole occupants, all the electricity is on two fuses, and piles of dirty garbage litter the backyard. Their landlord wants them to pay \$150 a month for the two bedrooms, living room, dining room, and kitchen that constitute the house.

Ballantyne is demanding at least \$50 be deducted from the rent until the necessary repairs are made (they were supposed to be made before the students moved in). The landlord has offered to take \$25 off the rent, but as Ballantyne points out: "We've spent more than that just coming into town for a bath."

There are also other hassles. The lack of heat in the building has resulted in two of the occupants becoming sick enough to have to see a doctor. If they were able to cook a square meal, they wouldn't be able to wash the dishes because there is not hot water — but they can't even cook a meal. The electricity situation is such that if you use more than one plug at a time, you blow a fuse.

The landlord says he can't get anyone to fix the place, but the tenants argue that it's not their fault. They still want their reduction in rent. When the furnaceman came to put in a new furnace, he raised his head and broke a pipe. Every pipe in the house is in bad shape — they'll all

have to be replaced says the plumber.

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haggling over how much he would give them for the inconvenience. A meeting was slated for Tuesday, but the tenants were adamant – they want the fifty dollars taken off.

Many students are living in similar conditions because landlords know there is a housing shortage. They can charge what they want and expect to get it regardless of the condition of the house. Like Steve, many have been looking for close to a month for reasonable and decent accommodation. They're just not available. Though their immediate problems may be solved soon, countless other Dalhousie students are facing the same hassles and getting the same responses from landlords who don't have to care. The money just keeps rolling in.

As Ballantyne says: "What a hassle — you have to go all the way to Rockingham just to find such a crummy place!"

Girls Interfac Sports Schedule

Tuesday, October 14, 8-10 pm, Dal Gym: Women's Interfaculty Soccer. For details, contact your faculty sports representative.

Wednesday, October 15, 12:30 — 1.:30. Dal Gym: Recreational Coed Volleyball.

Saturday, October 25, 1–3 pm, on the Dal Track: Women's "Little 500" Interfac Bike Races!

Coming

Women's Interfaculty Tennis Tournament is coming. If interested, leave name and faculty in D.G.A.C. box in the Physical Education House.

Specific Role Needed For

Dal. Campus Police

"Sometimes I get pretty damn frustrated... After one and one half years I think it's about time I got some answers from the Students Council." Two years ago David Bright was asked by Council to form a security division for the Dalhousie Student Union. The duties were never clearly defined. As it turned out, Mr. Bright, by joining his forces with those existing in the Athletic Department formed an effective working unit. The duties, that he determined alone, included the security of the Student Union Building and policing of athletic events.

For its size, the force of twenty men and two women has proven to be as successful as any understaffed force can be. Out of necessity the force will be increased but no numbers were quoted, except that the increase is still under study. At the present time on any given night, there is one campus policeman on duty for approximately three hundred students spread out in a four storey building. The number of Campus Police on the night of an event is increased but the facts seem to show that the number is not great enough.

Mr. Bright has set the qualifications of the Campus Police as simply "maturity and reason." He said, "Size is not important.. He must be able to use the reasonable-man approach; what would the reasonable

man do in a specific case."

Mr. Bright's frustration does not count from the men working on his

force but the administration around him. "I would like to have some perimeters defined." The ideal situation in Mr. Bright's opinion would be a force that has control of the student body, not only in the Student Union Building and football fields, but on the streets of Halifax as well. In the event that a student is picked up by the City Police off campus, he believes that the student should be turned over to the Campus Police. Justice in such a case would be done by the student disciplinary committee. Serious criminal matters would of course be dealt with by the city authorities.

As Chairman of the SUB Operations Board, David Stevenson plays an important part in the role of the Campus Police within the SUB. When Mr. Stevenson was asked the role of the force, he stated, "I don't determine that role. but probably Dave Bright and I will end up setting the guidelines because no one else will."

If Dave Bright thinks he is frustrated now, the best is yet to come. In Mr. Stevenson's estimation, the Campus Police should have no outside jurisdiction off campus. They should be for the security of the SUB and environs only.

In the event that these two gentlemen are left to tell everyone the role of the force, it could end up in a lifelong stalemate and the role of the Campus Police might never be decided upon.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Be it known that on Friday, the tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty nine, one James Alexander McCleave (Big Al) formerly of Halifax, Nova Scotia did espouse one Heather Chisholm, formerly of Heatherton, Nova Scotia in the City of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

We, the staff of Canada's Oldest College Newspaper, Ye Dalhousie Gazette, do hereby proffer our salutations and felicitations on this momentous occasion.

THE MAN BEHIND THE MAN

"Marty" Martell, right, Manager of the Dalhousie University Canada Manpower Centre, is a familiar figure on campus, and takes every opportunity he can to make students and employers aware of the services the UCMC is able to provide for them.