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## Fenwick ill still here

by Bruce M. Lantz

Fenwick Towers, the bane of Dalhousie's existence since it was purchased for \$5,000,000 last spring, may be ready in the near future; then again it may not.

"I don't dare set a completion date any more," said John Graham, Student Union General Manager. He had set a target date of September 20, only to find that this could not be met.

The entire building has been rented for some time, although much of it is still far from completed. Payment of rent was required on Sept. 20, with a five dollar fine charged per day for late payment. The total rent in a five-person unit (for the academic year) is \$2635. For a three-person apartment it is \$1674; a bachelor is \$140 per month.

According to Graham, "it's probable that exceptional cases will be individually reviewed." Those who have lived in the building rent free for some time previous to the rent date should not complain. Says Graham, "It's a question of give and take."

One of the major difficulties has been the elevators, only one of which may be used by tenants. The building plans call for three, but as the freight elevator is awaiting a lock system, the second elevator is being used by workmen. The

other is run by an operator at all times. Those tenants who wish to move from floor to floor must pound on the doors and yell their floor number into the shaft so the operator will hear them. It is generally accepted that such a system is not the most effective and service is slow.

Of course, such facilities would make a fire a frightening consideration. The lone elevator could hardly handle the sudden flow, and the majority of people would be forced to use the stairs. This hardly makes for an orderly evacuation. It should be at least a week before the final elevator is in operation; then there will be two automatic elevators for tenant use.

A major complaint among the student tenants is the lack of furniture in several of the apartments that were advertised as fully equipped. Many are without stoves or refrigerators, and some have no toilet seats. Chairs and desks are missing in some rooms. Some students are still compelled to use mattresses on the floor instead of the beds they were promised. In addition to this, it is also evident that some rooms have not yet had some windows installed. The window areas in such cases are still boarded up.

The largest living unit in Fenwick is the five-person unit. This was originally intended to be a two-bedroom apartment,



by Stephen Wright

with the living room now being partitioned to accommodate two people. Here another problem arises: there are no

brackets to support the partitions for the living rooms — they have yet to arrive. Not much privacy for those sleeping

in the living/bed room.

There is a freight elevator running up the outside of the (cont'd on p. 2)

## HelpLine a necessity

by Beth Burke

Loneliness. Depression. Emotional break-downs. Unwanted pregnancies. Inability to make decisions. Potential suicides. These are just a few of the problems Help Line volunteers are confronted with every day.

The Help Line is a central counselling and referral service established to deal with crisis situations. Understanding and confidentiality are the principles on which it works.

Averaging about 1,000 calls a month, Help Line has firmly established its "raison d'etre". The Line's specific role in the community is to provide for supportive counselling, community services information,

referrals to appropriate government or private agencies and immediate access to emergency aid.

Students are frequent users of the Help Line. Throughout the school year, students are faced with a multitude of problems: examination jitters, unwanted pregnancies, drugs, housing, male-female relationships. These can be talked about at any time of the day or night with the volunteers.

Unfortunately, the Line cannot guarantee any aid to students when it comes to financial problems. They will lend a sympathetic ear, however.

The first Help Line was established by the Halifax-

Dartmouth Welfare Council in the fall of 1969. It lasted until June, 1970. At the end of this eight-month service, it was confirmed there was an undeniable need for such a service in the community.

In October, 1970, four students decided to re-organize, coordinate and administrate the Line. It continued to function in this form until April, 1971, when the Crisis Services Board hired one of the students — Marlene Webber — as a full-time coordinator.

In its initial stages, the Line was operated by social work students, local social workers and the staff of the Welfare Council. However, a crisis (cont'd on p. 5)

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