



The housing problem at U of A

For the last goodness-knows-how-many years, housing has been a problem for University of Alberta students. Next year, the situation promises to get worse.

Adequate space at reasonable prices for out-of-town students is the heart of the problem. Some students go into the antiseptic confines of Lister Hall, and are never heard from again. Others, who are willing to spend a little more to get a lot more, move into apartments or rent houses. Still others rent dingy, dank dungeons in Garneau. They don't appeal to everyone, but they do have a certain air of tradition, and a certain atmosphere conducive to learning—an atmosphere that can't be had in a residence or apartment. But with the

impending levelling of more of Garneau, many of these places must go.

Some co-ops are also doomed. Co-ops are a new concept of living for U of A students. They came into being last fall. They have had their problems, but are still alive and functioning. Many people see them as the eventual solution for much of the housing woes now plaguing the campus.

This issue of Casserole examines housing at the University of Alberta, with particular attention to co-operatives. When residence fees go up next year, and more of Garneau is axed, new ideas for student accommodation will have to be found. Co-ops may be an answer.

