

LBR Residents To Move?

By Cathy Currie

There is a possibility that residents of the Lady Beaverbrook Residence will be accommodated in one of the other men's residences if money is obtained for the complete renovation of LBR. This possibility came to light in a recent interview with Professor Peter Kent Dean of Men's Residences.

LBR has been in operation since 1928 and has probably housed more than 1500 boys. It now has a capacity of 70

boys per year. No significant amount of money has been expended on upgrading since its construction and consequently LBR is shabby, noisy. The basic facilities are inadequate, plumbing, electrical wiring, furniture and space.

This year saw agitation initiated by the students to change the situation and Prof. Kent was approached. Prof. Kent and others toured LBR and were shocked at these conditions.

It was brought before the Board of Governors who then proposed an immediate plan.

\$10,000 was allocated for immediate changes by the Board of Governors, they are as follows:

- to make three rooms above the kitchen into a study area, one to be a library and the other two to have study carrels.
- new desk lamps for every one.
- mirrors in the rooms.

- sound-proofing of inter-connecting doors between rooms and the placing of rubber strips to minimize noise for doorslamming.

- more electrical outlets in rooms.

- more book shelving.
- new locks (at present there are skeleton key type locks, one key fits ten doors).

- more fire extinguishers
- the changing of triple rooms, that is with three boys

in them, to double rooms.

These are the anticipated immediate changes. Major changes are necessary and a long term plan has been suggested. This plan will not be carried out if the party approached decided to withhold donations. If the money is granted then Professor Kent has set up a committee to deal with this problem. The committee is chaired by Prof. Neil MacGill and the secretary is Fraser Forsythe president of LBR.

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