

Writing rules changed

by John Watson

The General Faculties Council has adopted a new writing competency policy.

Undergraduate students enrolled in a degree or diploma program will be required to write the competency test and will be allowed a total of three retests.

Students enrolling in the first year of a program with no transfer credit have 24 months to pass the test.

Students with transfer credit entering a program will be allowed 12 months to meet the requirements.

Under the new policy students who fail to obtain a satisfactory grade after the three retests have been given a final course of action.

In such a case the student may petition his faculty to review his overall performance. The faculty will then make the final decision on

whether or not the student may continue registration.

In the event of being denied re-registration, the student will be readmitted to the university only after passing the exam.

The significant change from the previous policy is that the faculty now has the final decision on allowing students to continue their enrolment.

Also, students who entered university in September 1983, or those who entered in September 1984 with advance credit, previously had until September 1985 to complete the writing requirements. Now they have until December 1, 1985 to do so.

Students receiving a marginally unsatisfactory grade after the third retest will have their names sent to the faculty "for information and possible further action," according to the policy paper.



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Rents down in Lister

by Bill Doskoch

Rental rates have been reduced for Lister Hall but may increase by "insignificant" amounts for other residences, says acting Housing and Food Services director David Bruch.

Room rates are reduced by 14 per cent to \$199 per month for singles and by 3.3 per cent to \$139 for double occupancy. Board charges will be reduced by 3.5 per cent to \$199 per month for both singles and doubles.

In addition, the security deposit will be reduced from \$500 to \$50 and students will be able to pay room and board monthly.

The reason for the decreases was Lister Hall "has had trouble attracting customers." Bruch felt this, along with more aggressive marketing and improvement of services, would help fill it.

The decreases would not extend to other university residences such as Garneau, HUB and Pembina Hall because those facilities had "incredible waiting lists."

Whether or not rents would be increased for those areas will be determined during the budget preparations in October and November.

SU president Mike Nickel was "very disappointed."

"Housing and Food Services is being cheap," Nickel said, claiming that the board of Governors finance committee determined that rents

could be reduced by up to 20 per cent. "So why weren't they?"

However, the 20 per cent figure was only a "ball park" estimate, countered Bruch.



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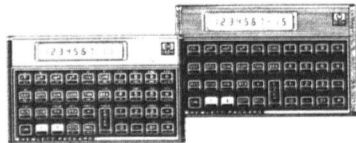
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