

# Grad students protest move to Lister Hall for summer

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Student morale is being sacrificed in favour of finances, contends Nick Keis, chairman of Athabasca Hall house committee.

Keis has strongly protested the administration's decision to move Athabasca Hall students to Lister Hall for the summer months.

Joel Stoneham, director of housing and food services, alleges that a deficit of over \$9,000 would be incurred if Athabasca were to remain open over the summer.

Mr. Stoneham feels that it is impossible to justify this large deficit "for so few students."

Most of the costs incurred by keeping Athabasca open during the summer are fixed costs and would

be acquired whether or not we made the move, says Keis.

"Therefore the money made by moving to Lister Hall would be negligible."

At present, there are approximately 150 students in Athabasca Hall, the majority of whom are graduate students.

There will probably be at least 70 students staying in the residence this summer, says Keis.

### GRAD STUDENTS MOVE

"We believe more graduate students from off campus will be moving into Athabasca in May," he said.

At this time most of them will be working on the semi-final draft of their theses which should be completed by the end of June.

In a letter to Mr. Stoneham, the

Athabasca Hall house committee stated the move would cause a disturbance when research was being done in earnest.

The girls from Pembina Hall did not enjoy their stay in Lister Hall last summer, and Athabasca was appointed as a graduate residence for 12 months—not nine.

The graduate students also object to being moved so far from their laboratories and the library.

A graduate student should not be treated in such an offhand, dictatorial fashion, Keis contends, since this hurts student morale.

Mr. Stoneham is also protesting discrimination of Canadian students in Athabasca Hall.

Any Athabasca student who leaves the residence before the end of April is subject to a \$60 penalty.

When foreign students move in, they have seven days of grace in which to decide whether or not they want to stay.

Mr. Stoneham feels that such a policy for foreign students is discriminatory and should be dispensed with.

### DISCRIMINATION

Foreign students need time to compare the condition of the building, the food, and so on with what else is available, Keis says.

"Therefore they should be allowed to retain their period of grace."

Also, the penalty should apply only when there is no waiting list, Keis said.

He feels the penalty clause should be changed so that the students are charged only for those days during which the room is empty.



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## Four win local bridge title in international tournament

U of A bridge enthusiasts staged a Feb. 8 International intercollegiate bridge tournament at U of A.

Thirty-two players participated in the tournament for supremacy of U of A.

Winners in the competition were:  
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 • east-west—Richard Hewko and Jack Ferrari.

The tournament consisted of playing 18 pre-set hands with

points awarded on the basis of proper bidding, offensive play and defensive play.

Scores from the U of A tournament will be evaluated by bridge experts and compared with the results of tournaments in other regions.

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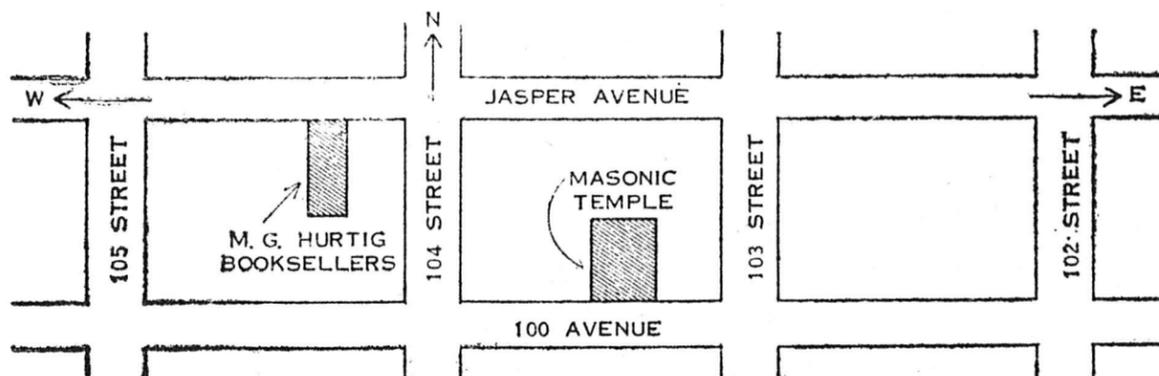
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