

SEX SEPARATION SOUGHT



IN THE BRIGHT OF NIGHT—As the lights lit up one by one earlier this week, the \$7,000,000 residence complex came to life for the first time. In the foreground, Lister Hall glows brightly. The new residences will provide accommodation for 1,200 U of A students.

Three Quebec Universities Withdraw CUS Membership

TORONTO (CUP)—Three Quebec universities have withdrawn from the Canadian Union of Students.

Sherbrooke and Montreal announced their withdrawal Sept. 12, the second day of the 28th CUS Congress held at York University, Sept. 10-16.

Laval later presented a motion calling for the dissolution of CUS and the formation of ten provincial associations similar to the proposed Quebec union of students (UGEQ). A bureau of Canadian affairs was suggested to coordinate these unions.

BATTERED UNION
Upon rejection of their resolution by the 175 delegates, Laval withdrew from CUS, leaving the battered union with 40 members and only two French-speaking universities.

Spokesmen for the universities of Montreal and Sherbrooke told the congress the present form of CUS does not suit French-Canadian needs.

But both Robert Panet-Raymond from Montreal and Pierre Hogue from Sherbrooke stressed the decision to leave was not motivated by separatism.

HINDRANCE REMOVED

Hogue said the withdrawal of the French-speaking members would allow both English and French-speak-

ing students to pursue their separate interests without hindering each other.

Referring to the Federal Student Loan Scheme, M. Panet-Raymond said the French-speaking students of Quebec are opposed to the plan and think it unconstitutional.

But they realize, he said, English speaking students look to the Federal government for aid to education, and so the French withdrawal would allow CUS to pursue these aims with a more unified voice.

"If we remain in CUS our position will be that of either a suppressed minority or a minority that defeats the majority wishes," he said.

CONTACT SOUGHT
Even with the separation, Hogue hoped that there would be continued contact between French and English students.

Earlier Jean Bazin, CUS national president, said the status the French universities seek parallels the associate state role advocated for Quebec by some French-Canadian nationalists.

Bazin said that although French-Canadian students feel CUS has not met their needs, there is no widespread resentment in French Canada against CUS or its English-speaking members.

Housing Office Sets Standards

Sexual separatism for students in off-campus housing is being recommended by Student Housing Services.

A list of "policies and standards" sent out last week to prospective landlords by the housing office recommends landlords rent accommodations exclusively either to men or women.

And it further suggests: "Students shall not entertain students of the opposite sex in their living quarters."

Also set out are housing standards designed to ensure adequate study facilities, room furnishings, beds and bedding, light and ventilation, heat and water, bathroom facilities, kitchen facilities (where provided) and emergency allowances.

With the standards comes a warning: "Failure to maintain these minimum specifications shall warrant revocation of the listing."

Landlords also received a rental agreement form recommended for use wherever living-quarters are rented to university students.

The rental agreement calls for a description of rental accommodations, sets out a rent-payment schedule and provides for a security deposit.

It is to be filled out in triplicate, with copies going to lessee, lessor and student housing services.

The agreement further states landlords or students may present disagreements regarding breach of contract to the Director of Student Housing, who has authority to "take such steps as he deems necessary" in solving disputes.

Most landlords renting to students would be included in this arrangement, but Housing Director George M. Tauzer says the plan is purely voluntary, aimed at protecting "irresponsible" students.

Mr. Tauzer says the housing director's power in contract disputes is solely "advisory".

"We hope there will be a time in the future when both landlords and students agree to acceptable housing standards," he says.

Mr. Tauzer says he does not believe the policy statement or the contract represents an invasion of student privacy.

"The two are only a guide," he said.

It's Budget Time

Campus finance commission chairman Richard Price is asking all Students' Union organizations to complete budget estimate forms available at the Students' Union office.

Deadline for forms to be returned to the secretary-treasurer is Oct. 2.

The finance commission will scrutinize submitted budgets and hold hearings Oct. 2-18 in certain instances.

The final budget will come before Students' Council Oct. 19 for ratification and approval.

The approved budget will appear in the Oct. 23 Gateway.

Club treasurers or executives may consult with Business Manager Bryan Clark or finance commission members. Copies of last year's budget are available at the Students' Union office.

Residence Halls Fill

U of A students began moving into their \$7,000,000 residences at the weekend.

The two Y-shaped, 11-storey structures are opening for the first time to fall session residents.

Resident advisers say there will only be a few empty beds this year, with a large number of unexpected arrivals already turning up this week.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The University Housing Office reports there were nearly 1,100 applications received for residence by Sept. 16.

This figure includes about 300 for Athabasca and Pembina Halls. Assiniboia Hall this year will be converted into office space.

The increase in the number of rooms available on campus this year means one out of every seven students will be living on campus.

PROGRESS MADE

Registration and plans for governing the new complex are progressing smoothly, according to housing office officials.

Students are paying \$90 and \$82 respectively for single and double rooms, after the Board of Governors lowered the rates from their original \$96 and \$90 levels last spring.

This fall, governors will explain how the rates were established after student demonstrations and agitation during the winter.

REPORT REQUESTED

In April, Liberal MLA Bill Dickie won passage of a resolution in the Legislature requesting a Board of Governors report on the rates.

The Board's annual report will be out sometime this fall.

Mr. Dickie told The Gateway this week he will take further action in the Legislature on the rent question if the report proves unsatisfactory.

RESIDENTS SATISFIED

But students are moving into residence buildings which so far appear free from dispute.

Senior residence students have been busy helping freshmen to settle into residence quarters for the first time.

Lister Hall, where residence students will eat, is equipped to serve 10,000 meals per day.

And each meal this week has seen a greater number of students getting into line at the cafeteria turnstiles.

Government in the new buildings is to be directed on a floor-by-floor basis, with resident advisers serving as sub-wardens.