



If you're not looking yet, better start

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Looking for a place to live next year?

You may not have thought about it yet, but the director of the Students' Union Housing Directory says right now is the best time to look for accommodation, not only for the summer months, but for the '77-78 winter session.

Harald Kuckertz said Wednesday students planning to attend next year—and especially those taking summer courses—should be aware that vacancies in many apartments in the university area will come up at the end of March.

And that may be the last time they will be available, Kuckertz says, since the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) officially lists Edmonton's vacancy rate for six-unit plus apartments at "zero point zero per cent."

Two years ago, when the registry was established with "emergency" prefixing the title, the situation was so bad the Students' Union set up a temporary housing trailer park in the courts court. Temporary housing will be offered again this year, Kuckertz said, probably in the Lister Hall residence complex where it was moved last year after the make-shift trailer arrangement.

The Housing Registry, operating on a \$17,800 budget, found an estimated 1750 students places to live last year; Kuckertz anticipates placing about the same number this year.

"But we expect an even greater demand than last year," he said, "because students are beginning to see the registry as a viable service."

"We urge students who leave their apartments at the end of March to ask their landlords to list with us—in such a severe shortage students should assist each other by getting out information on vacancies."

Currently the registry operates from a bulletin posted outside the SU offices on second-floor SUB; it will go into full-time operation June 1 and begin printing the daily bulletin of vacancies many students relied on last year in their search for housing.

The biggest problem is finding "self-contained" living units (apartments and houses), Kuckertz said. "Last year we almost always found something a person could live in — a housekeeping room or a room-and-board arrangement, but they were sometimes not the most desirable places to live."

Since the situation is severe concerning self-contained units, Kuckertz recommends anyone wanting their own apartment for next year should start looking now, sub-let their present apartment for the summer, or simply keep paying rent through to September.

Most students say privacy and a quiet study atmosphere are their priorities for a living place, Kuckertz added, but that sort of accommodation is the most difficult to find.

He added there are waiting lists of one to two years in every university-run residence except Lister Hall, which has always had some space for the last two years. High prices at the Lister complex and a lack of privacy are two reasons for the constant vacancies there, Kuckertz said.

STUDENTS' UNION BUDGET

Total Summary

	Budget # All	
	Budget Final 31/03/77	Budget Preliminary 31/03/78
R1 Fees	(751,000)	(730,500)
R2 Merchandise Sales	(1,079,600)	(1,333,420)
R3 Admissions	(142,000)	(179,500)
R4 Advertising	(64,300)	(101,350)
R5 Rentals	(216,600)	(245,000)
R6 Services	(63,500)	(83,100)
R7 Grants	(260,227)	(239,700)
R8 Commissions	(45,600)	(53,850)
R9 Donations		
R10 Interest Income	(13,000)	(24,000)
R11 Miscellaneous	(1,100)	(26,400)
Total Revenue	(2,636,927)	(3,066,720)
Expenditures		
E1 Cost of Goods Sold	684,300	871,600
E2 Staff Costs	975,475	1,012,720
E3 Maintenance	31,625	34,845
E4 Supplies	64,760	69,235
E5 Office Expense	16,095	17,550
E6 Printing & Advert.	99,365	125,500
E7 Services	66,025	98,220
E8 Food Lodg., Enter.	14,035	18,600
E9 Paid Cuts	1,050	1,450
E10 Travel	10,715	13,775
E11 Communications	18,640	24,100
E12 Debt Retire.	246,197	246,197
E13 Memberships	6,735	7,860
E14 Program Expense	160,475	189,100
E15 Rentals	57,130	86,000
E16 Miscellaneous	2,750	6,600
Capital Equip. Reserve	45,045	40,000
Sub. Expansion Reserve	22,548	70,000
General Reserve	22,547	41,814
Total Expense	2,553,512	2,975,160
Net Income () or Loss	(33,415)	(91,554)
Capital Expenditure	83,415	91,554
Contrib or (Subsid)	0	0

Admin, Office Duplicating

	Budget # 205, 210	
	Budget Final 31/03/77	Budget Preliminary 31/03/78
R2 Merchandise Sales	(2,000)	(2,000)
R6 Services	(25,400)	(24,500)
Total Revenue	(27,400)	(26,500)
Expenditures		
E1 Cost of Goods Sold		
E2 Staff Costs	139,800	134,200
E3 Maintenance	200	400
E4 Supplies	10,500	12,800
E5 Office Expense	3,500	4,600
E6 Printing & Advert.	1,200	1,500
E7 Services	31,000	30,000
E8 Food Lodg., Enter.	900	1,000
E9 Paid Outs	900	1,000
E10 Travel	1,350	2,500
E11 Communications	1,700	2,300
E13 Memberships	750	800
E14 Program Expense	100	100
E15 Rentals	11,500	15,000
Total Expense	203,400	205,600
Net Income () or Loss	176,000	179,100
Capital Expenditure	2,500	4,350
Contrib or (Subsid)	(178,500)	(183,450)