

Rip Off

Apparently, there is some confusion among students and administration alike concerning the issue over the Residence fees. Here is the situation:

When students registered for accommodations in the residences last Sept., many were assigned a room to themselves although they had requested "double ac-

commodations". They were assessed fees in accordance with this request. Similarly, in January for the second semester. Then the storm began to brew! Mr. Arnold MacLean--through the proctors-- advised those occupying a room alone that they were being charged an additional \$100 dollars which represented \$50 for the FIRST semester and \$50 for the Second semester. If a student did not want to pay the additional \$50 for this semester, he would have to find himself a roommate!

Nevertheless, the \$50 for the first semester was being charged retroactively.

There was considerable discussion among students with the Residence Manager, Business Office Manager, Registrar, Comptroller, and with the Residence Council. It was then decided to "forget" about the \$50 for last semester but the \$50 for the second semester still held. According to the minutes of a meeting between Mr. Denis Clough and the Residence Council, Mr. Clough said, "...they would have to pay for it this semester

or agree to live in a double room..."

That's peculiar because the students had agreed to live in a double room--as indicated on the original assessment of fees and as indicated on the contract when the contract when the student was allocated a room!

A discussion with Mr. Murray Stevenson, the manager of the Business Office, revealed that ANY amount due the university, whether it be for residence, late fees, etc., are guaranteed to the university in the case with many students because of the P.E.I. Bursaries. When these bursaries come in at the end of February, the Business Office intends to hold on to them until ALL owing monies are paid in full. This is a simple procedure, as Mr. Stevenson indicated, because the cheques are made out to the student and The University of Prince Edward Island. All the university has to do is to refuse to endorse the cheque which would make it uncashable.

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Ripped Off Again

Well folks, we are back again! Your greivances about the rats in Dalton Hall, the lousy food in the cafeteria, everything you have always found so enjoyable about living in residence here at good ol UPEI. The powers that be have decided that you have been right all along so they are going to build you a brand new apartment residence and only charge you \$280 a month, not bad, eh!

For this you get to split a room with someone and the apartment with 3 other people. Now, I will not put up with any vile thoughts concerning this. It will not be two guys or two girls or any other type of heterogeneous relationship. It will be four guys or four girls. The exception to the rule is married couples. They will allow couples who have been legally sanctioned as such to live together, but only if there are two couples.

The building is apparently along the lines of the now infamous Dale Place. Some of you who have been here for awhile will remember that wonderful abode.

In conversations with the people who live there, they were more than enthused about those modern, fully-equipped, luxury apartments.

I ask you, would you go downtown and pay \$280 for a two-bedroom apartment? I doubt highly if you would foster an idea like that for more than a few minutes. Even lovable Stu would rent you a two-bedroom apartment, furnished and heated for \$135 a month. Maybe we should revive the *Broad Axe* Landlord of the Month award. Just look another laurel around the ankles of the university. If it was judged on the price, guess who would win. At \$40 a month per room, with two persons in each comes to \$80 a month. If it is based on quality, the university wins again. The mice and rats in Dalton Hall, the broken plaster, and everything you have heard about it will surely guarantee this destination.

But cheer up folks, you can move into this Taj Mahal, painted brick walls and all. Yes, this wonderful building will give you



all the joys that human minds can derive. Stairs, pay washers, pay dryers, running water, everything for \$280 a month.

Think about it! Is a place to live really worth \$280 a month? There is an attempt to organize a boycott of this building. If no one moves in at \$280 a month, they will be forced to drop the price to some-

thing reasonable. If they don't want to leave it empty. We can succeed in doing this with your support but we need YOU. President Baker said, "You don't have to live there", so agree with him and don't. Stay out until it is reasonable!

Remember Ceasar Chavez
Don Gray