

Student housing denied



'We have listings' - Baker Real Estate

Former Student Union Building Now Vacant

For the past three weeks six U.P.E.I. students have been sleeping on a floor in one room in sleeping bags in an apartment already crowded by eight other students.

Throughout the summer these same students conducted a futile search for apartments and houses always meeting with the same opposition. The majority of landlords refuse to rent to students.

Why don't you live in residence as their is space available, you might ask? The answer is obvious. Even if we were all getting the full amount of the loan, after paying both tuition and residence fees we would be left with thirty to forty dollars for books, personal incidentals, recreation etc. Clearly an impossible situation.

Finally an opportunity seemed to present itself in the form of this house owned by the University. This house is located at 285 Kent Street, the former Student Union Building.

We went through what we thought were the proper channels. First going to Mr. Griffiths who is in charge of student housing. We talked with Mr. Griffiths on the possibility of renting the house. As far as he was concerned, he was in complete agreement to renting the house as he understood the predicament we were in. Mr. Griffiths then referred us to Murray Stevenson, the Bursar to clear up matters of finances and other details concerning the house. Mr. Stevenson was also in agreement in renting the house to us. We were satisfied with the suggested rent and other details worked out by the Bursar.

But, as in the usual decision making process at U.P.E.I., HE had to get the permission of Mr. Baker, President of the University.

First in the series of stories was the house was given to 'The Square Deal' a Charlottetown newspaper having no affiliation with the university whatsoever. During a telephone conversation with Reshard Gool, Editor of Square Deal,



King Ronald Surveys Domain

it was found that he was not aware that he was to receive the house. The next story to come from the President's office was that Marc Gallant was to use the house for layout of University publications, which requires only two rooms of the house. Both Gool and Gallant agreed to the idea of letting us use the rest of the house for living accommodations as they realized the seriousness of the situation.

But yet another story was to unfold before us. Now according to Baker the house was unfit for habitation. After consulting the health authorities of Prince Edward Island, it was affirmed that the house satisfied rental regulations. As this story goes to press we are awaiting what will undoubtedly be another highly inventive reply from Baker.

'no participation' say committees

Many student committees on campus are finding it difficult to function effectively due to sheer lack of interest by U.P.E.I. students. Some committees are reluctant to initiate programs because they fear their programs will be sparsely attended, while others feel that they must close out operations due to lack of student staff members.

At this university there are many organizations in which students can get involved to help make their university life more enjoyable for themselves and help build a university which we can be proud of. Unfortunately the attitude here at UPEI is that unless I get paid for something I won't do it. Too many students think the committee they are interested in is the one which requires most of the work. They fail to realize that other students are putting many hours without getting paid for it, so that students may benefit more from being at the university.

When you go to a dance on Friday night you don't stop to think that people put in hours making the necessary arrangements for the dance plus those who work at the door at night. If the dance is not held then you complain because there is no dance but you are not willing to

give a few hours a week to help out. You want things to go on but you want someone else to do the work. You are willing to say someone else didn't arrange a dance but you do not offer to help. It is time you students started asking yourselves how much you are willing to give to make for a better university rather than sitting back and accusing others of not doing their job. The opportunities are there right within your own Student Union so there is no excuse for people not getting involved.

The time for you to get involved is right now or else you won't have a social committee or a carnival or a radio station. The Union has a tight money policy because money is not

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Four young hippie types making a public nuisance of themselves by playing frisbee in Victoria Park in full view of any good citizens who might drive by wishing to view the scenery. They were casually dressed; socks are apparently not good enough for these transient types.

upeei elects senate

A change in personnel, but no visible change in ideology, seems to be the result of faculty elections to the Senate.

The vote, taken on Friday, elected thirteen members of the faculty to the University Senate; five for three-year terms, four for two years and four for one.

In the future, faculty members will be elected for three-year terms, with one-third resigning annually.

One-year newly-elected members are: Wei-Ching Lin, Physics; Leon Louks, Chemistry; Robert Ellison, Business; Clarence Murphy, Sociology.

The new two-year members are: Roy Campbell, Psychology; James Kelly, Classics; Doris Anderson, Ho-

me economics; and Ivan Dowling, Mathematics.

The new three-year members are: Fred Driscoll, History, Iain Galloway, Modern Languages; Frank Ledwell, English; Lawson Drake, Biology; and David Morrison, Religious studies.

At present, there are six students on Senate; four of them (Paul Lynch, Dennis MacKay, Richard Montigny, and Gerry Gallant) will be replaced in October. The other two (Connie Cullen and Jim Ross) are members by virtue of their positions on the executive of the Students Union. They will be replaced automatically when the new SU executive takes office in March.