

# concerning off-campus housing

There are problems in the off-campus residences.

Each of the five residences is faced with its own particular problems, but there are problems common to all of them.

## LESS FOR THE SAME PRICE

One serious problem is that you may find yourself paying the same price for rooms of different sizes. This situation exists at both MacKay Place and Caroma Lodge. It's more serious in the case of Caroma Lodge here rates are the same for single, double and triple rooms. In MacKay Place all the rooms are double but although the sizes vary, the rates are the same.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is a common problem. Montgomery Hall finally has a bus service to the Malpeque Campus, and Dale Place, luckily, happens to be quite near the campus.

Students living in other off-campus residences, however, must hike to and from classes.

Complaints in this area come mainly from MacKay Place, an all-girl residence located in Sherwood. Students in other residences agree, however, that those without cars will definitely suffer during the winter.

Students are also faced with the awkwardness and inconvenience of finding transportation to and from the campus for general activities. These students tend to be out of touch with the campus, thus losing any sense of community they may have harboured.

## APPLIANCES AND REPAIRS

Maintenance in the older residences is generally poor; students in MacKay Place suffer from the inconvenience of malfunctioning stoves and slow repair service. Both Caroma Lodge and Hennessey House

are without washers and dryers. Students living here have to go downtown with their laundry or to one of the on-campus residences. These two residences also have a scarcity of electrical appliances, mainly toasters and electric kettles.

Students in the older residences, particularly Hennessey House, must cope with the problem of a poor heating system. It isn't uniform, with the result that the rooms are drafty.

## FINANCES

Going into the financial situation, off campus residence students pay less for rent than those living on campus. Added to the cost of food however, which is bought by the students, the living expenses almost equal those paid for by on-campus residents. This seems reasonable except for the situation at Hennessey House, last year, students living there paid \$275 each, yearly,

for rent, and the rent this year has been jacked up to \$460 each per year. Since there has been no radical improvement in living conditions this year, the increase in rent is very questionable.

## PREFER BEING ON THEIR OWN

Despite the problems facing them, the students in the off-campus residences prefer their way of living to living on campus. With the exception of those living at Monty Hall, which is under campus rules, being part of the downtown campus, they stated an appreciation and preference to being on their own. They have established their own house rules, and with co-operation, everyone gets along reasonably well.

The problems mentioned however, can't be overlooked. Living conditions in off-campus residences in many instances are absurd and there is certainly much room for improvement.

## it's in

Women's liberation is not a new movement by any stretch of the imagination but the demands are increasing in number and strength. Our extreme liberationists are even laying it heavy on God for certain biological characteristics women possess.

There is a lot of talk in the States among women about how badly oppressed and suppressed they all are. - No fault of their own, of course.

To be serious, would the weaker sex mind pondering these few points? Do you wish to dominate the male - or do you merely wish equal rights? If you don't want children why don't you swallow a pill or two? Are you willing to give up your social privileges or are you fighting on a purely professional basis?

Women must prove by action, study, and involvement in all aspects



## the mind

of living that they are on a par with the male.

I do not support women's lib but rather I concentrate on putting myself across as a person. Men and women are biologically different but they are as people - one. They have minds with which to learn. They also have mouths with which to share ideas and thoughts.

In this age the body is, though beautiful, a secondary thing. We must remember that to make love there must be two people. The fact that one is male and one is female should not matter, in sharing an experience in which one must give as much as the other. Thus the physical aspect of man versus women is not terribly relevant.

It is then a question of intellect. Women of sound intellectual character are not only respected but have, in many cases, been depended on and looked up to.

## LETTERS - ATTACKS & COUNTER-ATTACKS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

erty occupied thus minimizing deterioration. I repeat, Mr. Baker stated to me that THE SQUARE DEAL was going to be allowed to use the house for layout purposes. This was also stated to one of the authors, of the article in question, by a member of his administration.

FACT- Mr. Baker stated to me that the house was not suitable for accommodation because of inadequate plumbing, a broken radiator and the state of the walls. Mr. Baker didn't realize at this time that I was a plumber for three years and about three weeks earlier had surveyed the house in question. The plumbing for the type of rental the students were seeking was unquestionable adequate. I never found a broken radiator. The poor condition of the walls could have been fixed for less than \$50. The students are now paying a \$160 per month for rent.

FACT- Mr. Baker stated to me that the house was unsuitable for habitation and the University Later I told Mr. Baker that I had confided with Alex Burke and that he had echoed my previous statement to him.

FACT- The authors of the article find Mr. Baker's sympathy for 'the very few unfortunate was not interested in spending money to change it's condition. I told him that it was suitable for habitation by the particular students in question. student' to be in 'excellent taste' after the raise in residence and tuition fees last year. Some of the students living in the house are thousands of dollars in the hole, as a result of the college experience.

FACT- Mr. Baker stated to me emphatically, about a week before the paper came out, that the University would not rent the house for stu-

dent accommodation. I indicated that someone was interested in writing a story about this.

In conclusion the only thing inaccurate in the in the article was that Mr. Baker had changed his mind between the printing and distributing of the paper. I feel, and present circumstances bear this out, that the article was accurate and did serve its purpose.

I do, however, admit that it was unfair to Mr. Baker considering he had decided to rent it to the students before the paper was distributed. Had Mr. Baker not decided to rent, and I told him this, the article would have been most fair.  
Rod Hildebrandt

P.S. As far as I know, the Authors used none of the above information I had for their story. The information they used was gathered by themselves directly.