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## Flats to cost \$280 per month

UPEI students have seen the construction of the new apartment residence this year, as well as the pamphlet that has been distributed with information concerning this project.

The student complex is situated on the south end of the university behind Bernardine Hall. There are 68 units with four students to a unit.

The publicity pamphlet reports that there will be one chesterfield, one chair, one lamp, and two small tables in the living room and one table and four chairs in the dinette. In the bedrooms will be two beds, two desks, two reading lamps, and two chairs, and the kitchen has a stove, a refrigerator, and dishes and cutlery for four people.

According to the pamphlet, the university is charging four students a total of \$280 a month to lease one apartment. This fee includes heat and electricity.

The information given in the pamphlet, however, is not entirely satisfactory as it does not answer many pertinent questions.

The pamphlet states that there is a recreation room on the main floor for the use of the tenants, but it

does not mention that it does not have the space for most of the tenants to congregate at one time, which is the reason residence manager Arnold Maclean gave for the absence of a television in the recreation room.

An interview with University Comptroller, Dennis Clough revealed that the apartments are to be heated centrally, with no individual heat control in the apartments.

The apartment is coed although two men and two women cannot rent the same apartment if they are not married. This arrangement said Mr. Clough, will not be accepted because of public comment. Officially on the lease, it must be either four females or four males, except in the case of married couples. No provision has been made for married couples unless two couples are willing to rent the same apartment or one couple is willing to pay the whole \$280 per month for the apartment. There are no children or pets allowed.

There is a normal landlord tenant relationship in that if things like the pl-

umbing, the stove, the refrigerator, or the heat break down it will be repaired at the cost of the landlord; the tenant, meanwhile, will be responsible for upkeep of the apartment. The maintenance man will have a master key but will enter only in emergencies.

Although the building is designed as apartments, for which leases are signed, there will still be a house committee to decide on the rules and regulations for the building.

Considering that the tenant must supply bedding, a kettle, a toaster, pots, pans, food, a phone, and, in case of visitors, or dinner guests, extra cutlery, dishes, lamps, and chairs, the rent may prove a heavy burden for not too well off students. The authorities, however, say that they will have heavy losses even if they fill up 80% of the apartments in the first years.

Eventually, however, the interest and the mortgage will be paid off, and the money collected in rent will be direct revenue for the University.

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*Here are the new apartment residences which students are scheduled to start moving into in September. Rent will be \$280 per month for each two bedroom apartment.*