

Lack of heat plagues blanchard hall

BY KRISTEN PATTERSON

Starting this August, consultants from Coles and Associates, who have yet to be officially hired, will be performing an analysis of all three of UPEI's residences, paying large attention to the heating problems at Blanchard Hall.

Marc Braithwaite, the current Residence Manager, states that this "is the day of reckoning. Residence conditions have come to a head."

The analysis and repairs, estimated to cost between \$140 000 and \$150 000 are expected to be completed in September of 1998, in time for residents' return.

Braithwaite is quick to reassure that non-resident students will not be paying for the

repairs, as the residence program is a business run outside the university's budget. The money will come from the program's own budget, to be paid out over several years, and therefore will not affect tuitions and student fees.

When hired in November of 1994, he came with a mandate to increase residence occupancy and improve maintenance and conditions of residence facilities. He is confident that repairs will be completed this year.

"It is a credibility issue," he said.

Since 1979, when the Residence Manager at the time wrote a letter to the physical plant, expressing dissatisfac-

tion with Blanchard Hall, students have been subject to unacceptable living conditions.

Gaps in insulation, poorly-installed windows, and erratic heating patterns that students have no control over are the obvious reasons for what can be unbearable situations.

To ensure residents' future comfort and well-being,

the analysis will cover more than just the obvious, to include other possibly problematic areas such as plumbing and electricity. By tackling everything now, the residence program will switch from its present "reactionary" attitude to a "pro-active" attitude where maintenance is concerned, which will save the program a lot of money.

Braithwaite contends that "it is time to invest in the residence program. We do have a problem." He states that there is great support for this investment from both the university's President and Vice President.

"Students are only looking for windows that close and beds that are comfortable. These up-grades are quite doable."



Miranda Wadman
July 26, 1979 - March 1, 1998

The first words that come to mind when thinking of Miranda Wadman, are "What a beautiful person".

Anyone who knew her, would agree.

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I don't think anyone could say a bad word about her.

She was loved, and is sadly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

*Taken from our lives, but not from our hearts-
to sing with the angels, for the short time we're
apart.*

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