

There's no power to the people at Park Hill

Events in the past few days at one of the city's larger apartment complexes make it obvious that tenants have few, if any, rights in landlord-tenant conflicts.

All electrical power was shut off to 22 inhabited apartments in the Park Hill Apartment complex a week ago by order of the fire marshal.

Power was restored to most of the apartments Tuesday, but the inconveniences experienced by the apartment-dwellers apparently were not taken into account.

The provincial fire marshal ordered the power interruption after an inspection revealed leaking roofs were causing a fire hazard in the three-building complex.

The tenants were given no notice of the shut-off, and were forced to wait three days before they were given any indication of when power would be restored.

The buildings were financed by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and are presently being managed by Mar Sand Property Holdings.

Tenants were unable to contact the company and apparently the company made no attempt to inform the tenants of their status.

The company had no such problems in contacting tenants when a \$20 per month rent increase was announced a few weeks ago. The increase will take effect in February.

The apartments first began leaking about 10 months ago but the company made no attempt to alleviate the problem, despite warnings from the fire marshal that a dangerous situation could result.

Some tenants have lived with the leaks for months with no indication of when, if ever, the leaks would be fixed and ceilings repaired.

The complex, which is comprised of about 150 apartments, has had a history of poor relations between management and tenants since it opened.

When parking conditions

became hazardous at the complex, tenants were forced to sign a petition to have improvements made.

The present manager, hired by Mar Sand, has given eviction orders with as little as two weeks notice.

While the company is responsible for normal maintenance the manager has told at least one tenant he would rather the tenant moved than paint the apartment.

Most tenants are unsure of the status of their leases, since most have expired and the company did not allow tenants to sign another, claiming the expired lease was automatically renewed every 30 days. Tenants have only the word of the complex manager on this, since, as in most cases, the Montreal-based company could not be contacted.

Apparently the original intention of CMHC was to provide the funds to establish low-rental

housing — a type of housing which is desperately needed in this city at present.

CMHC certainly succeeded in establishing the housing, and should be commended for that, but it was negligent in its supervision of the complex.

The problem at Park Hill are symptomatic of the problems of all tenants in this city.

The Residential Tenancies Act under consideration in this session of the provincial legislature is a good start toward improving the situation. However, we question if the act goes far enough.

We feel the provincial government should seriously consider implementation of rent controls in an effort to curtail the rapidly escalating rents in this and other provincial cities. Rent controls should not be considered as an aspect of wage and price controls, but as a method of

alleviating serious housing problems.

In a city like Fredericton, students have a very difficult time in finding adequate housing, as evidenced by the serious housing shortage experienced in September.

We can only predict the situation will be worse next year. Rapidly escalating rents will drive many apartments out of students' ranges, and there has been no large-scale construction to remove the pressure in a city which already does not have enough housing.

The amount of available housing is a determining factor in the number of students who register at this university. If the housing situation does not improve it is likely the decline in student enrollment Statistics Canada predicts for the 1980's will hit UNB before the predicted date.

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The upcoming SRC president marked by one clear fault — campaign platforms expounding an ignorance of what this city is like.

One candidate has listed National Union of Students, Canada platform is so easy to should even bother to comm

First, withdrawal from N majority of students who vote the referendum.

Second, the SRC has no residences, and can only receive operation.

Third, lowering student fees reduction in services offered reduction in funding for all

Another candidate has establish an SRC forum in T issues will be discussed in a

Other platform planks for lighting on campus with mo Saturday banking hours.

The candidate has never of forum in this paper, and the Brunswickan office does editorial board of the paper decides to print.

The other planks mentioned paramount importance to a problems.

Voters in this election must candidate to support. This el candidates in the offing who student government if elect

We are facing the possi misinformed, candidate elect

An interesting line of graffiti sum up what most students no issues, admit it."

The issues are there, the have ignored them.

The alumni power conference some startling repercussions Most student leaders have government on this campus

While I deplore the idea of I sincerely applaud the alumni say in the operation of this

The alumni association he students in every way po leadership conferences the

With the current situation would certainly be an oppor association with the alumni

The upcoming student Sunday, Nov. 30 will be a go

A National Union of Students campus, and has already undertaken.

Some of the issues the com are student aid, housing a

Anyone interested in ass next meeting at the Atlantic Tuesday.

The scheduling of Christmas for students than the previous year.

The last day for exams is rates are blacked out from

With a large amount of st complete their exams many Christmas flight home — if afford to fly at all.