

Residential Life blamed for poor conditions

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A student living in Rodman Residence Hall has complained about conditions in his building and in the dining commons.

Keith Curtin, a sophomore computer science major, said the big-screen TV in the dining commons purchased with funds from the Residence Hall Association is not being used because only two people have keys needed to turn it on or to switch channels.

Terry Piper, director of Residential Life, said the TV equipment and staging is worth \$12,000 and, due to its complexity, only trained users can operate it.

"Students have complained to RHA about the fact that the TV

is sporadically on, typically in the dinner hour," Piper said. "RHA has had trouble finding students willing to take responsibility."

Another of Curtin's complaints concerns the single working elevator in Rodman Hall. He said one of the building's two elevators is continuously out of service and that one is not enough in a four-story building.

"Elevators are a high maintenance item in all halls," Piper said. "We've had problems with vandalism in Rodman and Boyd."

Curtin also said there are no drinking fountains in Boyd and Rodman Halls.

"That's correct," Piper said. "That's the way the building was constructed. I don't know why. We have a commitment to install

them, but will have to re-route plumbing." He said the reconstruction project will be costly.

Another hardship for Rodman students, according to Curtin, is the condition of vending machines in that building. "Last semester, there were seven weeks when we had no service," he said.

Curtin said, later, there was a three-week period during which Rodman students had no working vending machines.

"This year the university split the vending contract between Status and Pepsi," Piper said. "Residential Life has worked with Status for five years to improve service. We continue to be dissatisfied with the level of service."

On another issue, Curtin said two floors of Boyd and Rodman Halls were sprayed with fire extinguisher dust by an unknown person early Saturday, and the area was not cleaned for at least two days.

When this housekeeping complaint was presented to Piper, he said, "They [students] have every right to be upset. Residential Life does not provide housekeeping service on weekends. There is a schedule for each floor to get housekeeping service."

Piper said the students should raise the issue with the floor standards system to solve the problem of vandalism.

"Chances are someone knows who did it. That person should be made to clean it," he said.

Curtin said he moved into Rodman last summer and that he will probably live in a residence hall next year, although he hopes conditions will improve.

Jason Weber, hotel administration freshman and next year's RHA president, said, "RHA deals with the students' side of issues. One of the big problems we have is involvement and understanding that we are there for students. They can come to our weekly meetings. We're always open for new ideas."

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and women's volleyball. According to Maxson, one of the task force's recommendations will not be adopted at this time. The recommendation that the athletic director report directly to the vice president for Student Services, instead of the president, will not be implemented at present.

"At this stage in UNLV's development, I believe it is important that the athletic director continue to report directly to the president," Maxson said in a statement released by the university.

Maxson, in a letter at the beginning of the report, outlined what he hoped the changes would provide:

"Academic integrity at UNLV will be an integral part of all our intercollegiate athletic programs, which, I hope, will find new and even greater respect among all segments of our community as the recommendations of this new report are realized."



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