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USSU Hosts Day of Action Event to Highlight Housing Shortage

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) will be hosting the Provincial Student Day of Action, on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The Provincial Student Day of Action event will raise awareness about the rising costs of post-secondary education throughout the province of Saskatchewan, including the ongoing issue of housing shortages for university students.

"The costs of housing are not only unreasonable for students, but also creates a burden on all costs including food, transportation and tuition," said James Pepler, President of the USSU.

"Students do not have the opportunity to buy houses in most cases and rental properties are becoming less readily available and much, much more expensive. This autumn, housing will become more of an issue than last year if nothing changes now," said Pepler.

The Provincial Student Day of Action event will also include the unveiling of a large snow fort in the West Bowl on the University of Saskatchewan campus. The fort will symbolize the future of student housing in Saskatoon, given the skyrocketing costs of accommodations in the city.

"The costs of post-secondary education are growing quickly, and the cost of living throughout Saskatoon is creating a supply and demand imbalance for everyone throughout the city," said Lindsey Levesque, USSU Vice President of External Affairs.

"Students moving from rural areas, or other provinces and countries will not have a comfortable time during their education here unless new options are created," said Levesque.

The Saskatoon event will also include a speakers' schedule composed of student representatives, who will talk about their experiences at the University of Saskatchewan, and how the costs of education are affecting their lives.

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