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U of S Students Speak Out About Affordable Housing Issue

The issue of affordable housing in Saskatoon hasn't gone away, and now students at the University of Saskatchewan are being asked on how to help solve the problem.

In coordination with National Housing Day, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) is hosting "How's Your Housing?" - a two day event geared towards providing students the opportunity to speak out about the housing issues in Saskatoon, and offer ideas on what could be changed to reduce the problem. A booth has been set up at the University's main hub, Place Riel, to interview students about the housing challenges they currently face, and to offer suggestions about the role government could play to create more affordable housing choices.

"Housing is still a major issue for students in Saskatoon," said Shannon Dyck, USSU V.P for Student Issues. "The USSU exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students, and because the student experience is diminished when housing is a daily concern and constant burden, we've started this event to better communicate with students as well as raise awareness and education about affordable housing."

Dyck said the information gathered from students during the event would be used as part of an overall housing report that is currently being prepared by the Union.

"The housing report is in its last stages and will be presented to the municipal and provincial governments in the new year, said Dyck. "The report will identify major problem areas with housing in Saskatoon, and we hope it will help shape future University and government policies relating to this issue."

This event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information about the event, go to www.ussu.ca, or contact:

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