

# MU Halls of Residence

## Annual Activity Report 1998

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### 1. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

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Accommodation plays one of the most important roles in creating a social background for students. In 1998, Masaryk University continued in its efforts to accommodate its students in buildings administered by the university.

In the academic year 1997/98, the number of halls of residence was extended by a dormitory in Komárov on Sladkého 13, which MU received from PBS a.s. As a result, the University's accommodation capacity was increased by 359 beds. However, MU lost the building on Tvrdého 12 with a capacity of 23 beds. An overview of all buildings in which MU students were accommodated in 1998 follows:

**Table 1 MU Halls of residence**

Hall of residence	Address	Number of beds
Vinařská	Vinařská 5, 603 00 Brno	1 226
Tvrdého	Tvrdého 5/7, 602 00 Brno	378
Družba	Kounicova 50, 602 00 Brno	596
Mánesova	Mánesova 12c, 612 00 Brno	351
Sušilova	Klácelova 2, 602 00 Brno	313
náměstí Míru	nám. Míru 4, 602 00 Brno	241
Veveří	Veveří 29, 602 00 Brno	70
Komárov I.	bří. Žurků 5, 617 00 Brno	485
India	Sladkého 13, 617 00 Brno	359
Total		4 019

For the academic year 1998/99, the MU faculties were provided with a total accommodation capacity of 4,019 beds. The International Relations Department, in support of the SOCRATES programme, was provided with 80 beds in the Vinařská hall of residence, where another 20 beds are offered to visitors of Masaryk University. Consequently, from the beginning of the academic year there were 3,919 beds available for MU students.

Unlike in previous years, in the academic year 1998/99, VUT did not provide any accommodation for MU students. Childless families (this year there are 20 married couples) were traditionally accommodated in the Vinařská hall of residence.

Of the total of 13,570 full-time students, 29 % were accommodated in MU halls of residence. With regard to the total number of applications for accommodation, 65.9 % of requests were met. The criteria for the assigning of an accommodation place have not changed: the main criterion is the distance between the applicant's place of residence and Masaryk University.

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**Table 2 The accommodation fee since 1993**

Year	Average accommodation fee	Increase index (in comparison to 1993) in %	Increase in comparison to 1993 in CZK	Interannual increase in %
1993	262,-			
1994	262,-	0,0	0,-	0,0
1995	324,-	123,7	+ 62,-	23,7
1996	377,-	143,9	+ 115,-	16,4
1997	567,-	216,4	+ 305,-	50,4
k 1. 3. 1998	750,-	286,3	+ 488,-	32,3

In the course of 1998, the furnishing of the hall in Komárov, bří Žůrků, was improved considerably (bearing in mind MU's current financial situation): rooms were refurbished, and on Sladkého old furniture was mended and supplemented with bedside tables, lamps and bookshelves. In the hall of residence on bří Žůrků the former restaurant was also refurbished, and now it serves as a student meeting room with billiards. Students have also the opportunity to use automatic washing machines and sports equipment. At the other halls, electrical equipment (televisions, hotplates, refrigerators) has been gradually replaced. The Department of Sport Education helped in this, as well as with the equipping of a gymnasium at Klácelova. In the Vinařská halls of residence students are able to use rooms which were formerly occupied by the Faculty of Economics and Administration.

**Table 3 Structure of accommodation capacity for MU students**

Year	MU	VUT	CCD	Total	Index
1993/1994	3 286	90		3 376	100,0
1994/1995	3 141	300	20+26MA	3 487	103,3
1995/1996	3 167	300	20	3 487	103,3
1996/1997	3 578	200	20	3 798	112,5
1997/1998	3 871	200		4 071	120,6
1998/1999	4 019			4 019	119,0

CCD – Czech Congregation of Dominicans

MA – Military Academy

**Table 4 Distribution of total accommodation capacity for MU students**

Year	1st study year	2nd to final study year	Internat. PGS and short-term research workers	International students
1993/1994	35 %	53 %	4 %	8 %
1994/1995	30 %	56 %	4 %	10 %
1995/1996	32 %	63 %	1 %	4 %
1996/1997	31 %	61 %	2 %	6 %
1997/1998	31 %	63 %	3 %	3 %
1998/1999	38 %	52 %	3 %	7 %

**Table 5 Accommodation request met**

Year	Accommodation capacity	Number of applications for place at halls of residence	Share of positively received requests
1994/1995	3 487	5 040	69,2 %
1995/1996	3 487	5 784	60,3 %
1996/1997	3 798	5 282	71,9 %
1997/1998	4 071	5 913	68,8 %
1998/1999	3 919x)	5 948	65,9 %

x – accommodation capacity was decreased by 80 beds for the SOCRATES programme and 20 beds for visitors of MU

## 2. CATERING SERVICES

The second aspect which helps to improve the social environment of MU students and employees is the MU catering service.

In 1998, the Central Concierge of Halls of Residence and Canteens (SKS) provided its catering services in three MU canteens:

- Moravské náměstí (the Rector's Office building),
- Veveří (the building of the MU Faculty of Law),
- Vinařská (the building of the MU hall of residence),

SKS also provided services at three food counters:

- Klácelova (the building of the hall of residence),
- Kounicova 50 (the building of the hall of residence),
- Sladkého 13 (the building of the hall of residence).

In 1998, dinners for students accommodated in Komárov were transported from the Vinařská hall of residence to the food counter on Sladkého 13. As students did not show great interest in this type of service, the delivery of dinners was stopped in December. Instead dinners will be delivered to the hall of residence on bří Žůrků where a new restaurant has been opened, which should be more attractive to students. The food (lunch only) for the counter on Klácelova was delivered from the Vinařská hall of residence. Lunches for the counter on Kounicova 50 were prepared in the canteen on Veveří.

In spite of the fact that the price of meal vouchers did not change and the food limit stayed the same, there was a considerable decrease in the number of servings at all MU canteens. In comparison to the previous year, the number of servings decreased by 27.7 %. The greatest decrease of 78 % was recorded in cold servings for students; the number of warm servings went down by 10.8 %. A certain reduction was also recorded in servings for MU employees – 10.2 % – and servings for other boarders. The decrease concerns mainly cold servings, as students seem to prefer warm dishes.

SKS strives to observe all hygiene stipulations, and signed a contract with the Institute of Preventive Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine which implements monthly microbiological testing on food samples in every MU canteen. The Catering Committee, the members of which are students of the Department of Human Nutrition of the Faculty of Medicine, checked and commented on the menu, also observing food expiration dates and storage conditions. The findings of these inspections performed by the Institute and the Catering Committee were discussed with the heads of particular canteens.

In order to improve its catering service and satisfy its customers, with the approval of MU, SKS decided to introduce a non-voucher system called KREDIT. Among other factors which played a role in this decision was the considerable state of wear of old printing machines and the increasing costs of the printing of vouchers and voucher booklets.

The final aim of the SKS to provide catering service which would allow boarders to use any of the MU canteens throughout the day (connecting of canteens in a university network) and which would serve not only lunches or dinners but also warm or cold snacks (without a previous booking). There have also been discussions about the providing of meals ordered via Internet.

An extended form of catering service is already provided by the canteen on Vinařská where the customer is offered meals *a la minute* without having ordered previously; luncheon soups with fresh bread, pizzas or warm or cold sandwiches; salads; and a wide range of drinks, including beer.

**Table 6 Numbers and shares of servings given in MU canteens**

Canteen	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Moravské náměstí		268 049 (26 %)	592 015 (48 %)	676 523 (52 %)	695 035 (48 %)	716 312 (47 %)	532 943 (48 %)
Veveří	412 741 (46 %)	348 743 (33%)	248 711 (20 %)	295 523 (22 %)	368 342 (26 %)	463 833 (30%)	361 885 (33 %)
Vinařská	475 107 (54 %)	425 289 (41 %)	400 892 (32 %)	344 501 (26 %)	376 154 (26 %)	349 177 (23 %)	212 620 (19 %)
Total	887 845	1 042 081	1 241 618	1 316 547	1 439 531	1 529 322	1 107 448
Index	100	117,4	139,8	148,3	162,1	172,2	124,7

**Table 7 Financial resources for the implementation of accommodation and catering services as part of the main activity for 1998 (in thousands of CZK)**

	Contribution	Income from payments	Total
Canteens	12 703	17 683	30 386
Halls of residence	38 607	28 022	66 629
Depreciation	4 800	0	4 800
Cikhář	308	335	643
Floods	1 826	0	1 826
Accidents	3 840	0	3 840
Total	62 084	46 040	108 124

**Table 8 Administration of the Central Concierge of Halls of Residence and Canteens (in thousands of CZK)**

Year	Contribution of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport	Earnings	Costs	Economic result (MA + EA)	Economic result (EA)
1993	42 191	37 193	74 116	5 268	1 175
1994	37 030	48 704	84 878	856	856
1995	44 626	47 374	91 620	380	380
1996	54 227	53 216	107 004	439	439
1997	58 105	59 672	117 053	724	724
1998	62 084	69 699	131 045	738	738

MA – main activity

EA – economic activity

**Table 7 Recalculated number of employees of the Central Concierge for Halls of Residence and Canteens**

Year	Halls of residence	Canteens	Total
1993	143,3	87,8	231,1
1994	146,3	88,8	235,1
1995	139,2	78,5	217,7
1996	145,1	83,2	228,3
1997	143,6	76,9	220,5
1998	150,6	63,8	214,4