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## Toiletrina closes Nugent Sharp, Davison accept refugees from Nugent floods

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The devastation of "Toiletrina," the recent explosion of a toilet in Nugent Hall, forced Nugent Hall to cancel the stays of its dorm occupants for as long as one week. Yesterday, people in Sharp and Davison halls established the Nugent Hall Visiting Scholars program allowing students staying in Nugent Hall to enjoy the amenities and rooms that Sharp and Davison have to offer.

Under the new program, Sharp and Davison have opened their doors to up to 60 students previously planning on staying in Nugent for the next week. Those who stay in Sharp or Davison will bunk with as many as four other people. In addition, students local to the area who were staying in the affected dorm can stay in Sharp or Davison with free water.

Few of those interviewed were particularly thrilled to hear the news. "I never want to see another toilet as long as I live!" shouted one particularly upset Nugent resident, crossing his legs to avoid having to actually go to the bathroom.

Others had qualms about the technical aspects of the move. More than one person has reported price-gouging on CAT5 ethernet cables following the inundation, as several unscrupulous persons attempted to sell replacement waterproof cable. Nugent residents expressed concerns about the ability to retain free internet as well. "If I can't finish this World of Warcraft trial, how shall I be able to feed my children?" one person was cited as saying.

Shirley Ann Jackson has, as usual, taken no stance on the issue, but has promised that RPI is still the best

damn engineering school around. When asked her opinion on Nugent's closing, she replied, "Why not change the world?" followed by other jingoistic jargon.

A small number of Nugent Hall dwellers have expressed extreme exasperation with the administration of RPI for their lack of aid in the situation. "Shirley Ann Jackson doesn't care about upperclassmen," said one student as he left the embattled building. "I hate the way they portray us in the media. If you see an upperclassman, it says they're partying. See a freshman, it says they're buckling down for work. I mean, is that what this is about? Clearly the administration wants us to fail."

People on upper floors of Nugent also expressed disappointment at the situation. "The least they could have done is let me get my laptop," said one student. "I mean, it's not like it's going to get wet, but I really need it for class. That and Guild Wars... Mostly Guild Wars."

Public Safety was on site since the flood was reported, attempting to calm people down, but it was said to be ineffective and unable to prevent calculators from being thrown at the people hired to drain and air out the building to prevent mold buildup. One officer was reportedly struck in the chest.

"Where's Public Safety when we needed this stopped an hour before it started? We needed this fixed, but it wasn't, and now look what happened!" shouted one person in a fit of anger. Only time will tell, however, if Nugent will be able to rebuild...



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**PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS TRAVEL through a flooded second floor in Nugent Hall. The recovery process in the dorm continues. For more details on the clean-up, see Page 2.**