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# OPINION...

## Whoever Told You UNB Students Come First?

By LAURA LEE MACLEAN

For those of you planning to spend your summer in U.N.B. residences, I suggest you start thinking of what bank you're going to rob to pay for the skyrocketing rental prices.

Yes, that's right your loving U.N.B. residence system under the supervision of one Mr. Roy Brostowski (for the summer) has decided to stick it to the students where it hurts most ... the pocketbook.

Rent for a single room including a place to cook, shower, and even sleep will cost you not 150 dollars a month as in past years, but a whopping 195 bucks .... including heat which we all need in the summer.

Why such a big jump in price you ask? For reasons of basic inflation we all expected the rate to move up from 140 dollars to perhaps 150 to 160 dollars - that's inflation. However, Mr. Brostowski, did some comparing with other universities and found to his utter horror that U.N.B. students were paying much less than other university students ... GOD FORBID! He passed this information onto Mr. J. O'Sullivan Vice-President of Finance who heartily approved it. Could it have something to do with the raising of the G.P.A. to two for the residence students ... leaving a vacancy of 102 beds in the residence system? Empty beds equals loss of profit which must be made up somewhere; answer summer residence dwellers ... *NICE LOGIC GUYS!!* Who cares if this increase puts many of those on set budgets under heavy financial strain, they're only university students after all ... a mere detail.

Being a first year university student I must say I have been pretty naive thinking the university was out to help struggling students financially. While we are trying our damn best to get our degrees and stay out of debt; the residence system is determined to make us pay through the nose. Don't get me wrong mind you ... if U.N.B. really does need to increase its rates to avoid financial disaster ... I'd be the first one to do my fair share. BUT let me see the cold, hard financial figures to prove it not only to me but the entire student body. Until actual debits and credits are shown to us, the tenants of U.N.B. residences, why should we commit ourselves on blind faith to our money hungry landlords?

Was this entire scandalous affair ever brought to the board of Dons? Were their opinions or suggestions ever asked for?

### NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

Who better than the Dons of each residence would know how this increase will affect university students living in residence? But hey, who really cares if it makes life even tougher for U.N.B. students ... what do we matter?

It seems ... and rightfully so that all those involved were and are relying on the usual apathetic attitude of the student body to let this increase slide on by and become law. As one frustrated, extremely furious student all I can do is inform the student body of U.N.B. of the assinine policies being approved right under your noses ... it's up to you to make waves.

OH .... wait there are more goodies if you care to keep reading. Those graduating students of U.N.B. who remain in their particular residence rooms until graduation may find themselves moved to another part of their residence or to a totally different one to make way for people staying to attend conferences. Why?

Well, actually it's a rather amusing coincidence. Mr. Brostowski who as previously mentioned is director of conferences at U.N.B. feels that should there be a conflict of schedules between graduating students and conference attenders ... conferences take priority because they bring in more money ... looking out for the student right?!

If the idea of trying to meet this extreme price hike in rent irks you even a little make your opposition known. With pen in hand write to Mr. Dwight Scott Dean of Residence or better yet to Dr. James Downey President of U.N.B.. Surely he would be very interested in any output from members of his valued student body.

As for the rest of you uninterested academic year residence dwellers who feel that this has nothing to do with you wake up! If drastic changes are going to be made in summer rental prices ... what's to stop them from slapping you with exaggerated residence fee hikes in the fall of 86? Don't think they wouldn't try it, obviously they haven't had any input from the students. Time to give it to them.

Meanwhile, if these changes are made official it will force many summer students out of residences into apartments. The residences will gather dust all summer because someone is out to make a fast buck.

Now is the time to show them how far they can push students of U.N.B. Time to get off your butts and do something. Otherwise university will end up being just too expensive for the average student ... and you'll be the one to lose out!