

Student housing policy report finally released

A report on housing policy compiled by former student union vice-president Gary Stairs, has finally been placed in the hands of the student union office.

The report had been held up over disagreements between Stairs and former union president Warren McKenzie.

Stairs said large portions of the original report were stricken since the government passed rent control legislation, thus making those parts of the report irrelevant.

The text of the report is as follows:

As we are painfully aware, housing conditions in the city of Fredericton are not always conducive to the pursuit of a well rounded university experience. This problem is characteristic of college towns everywhere, and UNB students should not feel they are especially victimized.

PREMISES

1. Through legislation, there is now a greater degree of control, and a

more definite description of the contractual obligations of both landlord and tenant. With the introduction of the New Residential Tenancies Act; (and a rentalsman with powers of arbitration) a more equitable handling of damage deposits, and standard lease form, may provide some protection for student tenants. Recent wage and price controls will constrain drastic increases in rent.

To monitor the administration of legal and contractual problems, the legal counsel of the Union should be allocated a larger retainer than is currently in effect.

2. An aggressive building program must be initiated by the University, probably in the McLeod-Magee area. Apartment development, (as used at Memorial University) must be seriously considered. In the event that the project did not receive student patronage, the units could be marketed to private developers. The University could also lease

such property with detailed stipulations of usage.

3. The Student Union should seriously consider purchase of townhouses, operated on a minimal profit basis, or engage in research of a fraternity house situation. Murray House has been quite successful, as a concept, although not an economically wise investment, due to age and upkeep costs.

4. A Standing Committee comprising Dean of Students, President of SRC, and Accommodations Officer should be created to advise on matters of housing concern.

5. The Accommodations Officer should be employed directly by the Student Union since it should not be the Universities responsibility to "adjudicate" student housing disputes.

6. An Inspection and Certification program must be carried out, with the coordination of the housing officer. Students would then boycott accomodation not certified and listed in the Student Housing Directory. If we continue to compromise in these matters, we perpetuate landlord ripoffs. With Occupancy and Maintenance By-Laws of the City of Fredericton, and provincial building codes we could prompt civic or provincial investigations where needed.

7. The Accommodation Officer for the Union should be aware of appraisal techniques, and perhaps take a course in Real Estate from N.B. Community College.

8. Since the Union has a functioning Discipline Committee, this Committee should take disciplinary action against students who violate landlords trust. With the assistance of legal council, a sub-agreement could be signed to reassure landlords of student intentions to promote responsible tenancy. This would stimulate credibility. The Accommodations Officer would lay

the charge on the behalf of the Union. Similarly, unfair landlords would be blacklisted (we would simply refuse to list them). This would not constitute restraint of trade.

9. A Complete Housing Guide, explaining legalities of lease, Occupancy standards, general information - role of utilities, community services, campus services, outline student loan act, explain banking system, etc.

OTHER JUMBLED IDEAS

1. Sharp transportation system to place all student accomodations within economical bus distance.

2. Develop non-profit student taxi system.

3. Provide residence rooms for househunting students, provide consulting and access to telephones and transportation system. Frosh squadders could avail themselves as counsellors.

4. Plan a used furniture bazaar or auction to aid those searching for furnishings.

5. Establish an award for meritous landlords, reinforce cooperative Frederictonians.

6. Promote students (like nurses) to conduct an apartment cleaning operation.

7. Provide weekend retreats or "escapes" to lodges, attractions, etc. See N.B.

8. Revitalize interest in our polycultural environment, displays, foreign students lounge.

9. Flog psychiatric education, birth control and V.D. information.

10. Lure a dentist to campus.

11. Create career workshops, self-employment seminars etc.

12. Advertise craft courses, publicize campus Artists, Musicians.

13. Reinvestigate music listening room. It might work.

14. Build a laundromat for off campus students, adjacent to reading room or whatever.

15. Put students services in a Mall!

16. Use ballroom in SUB for noon hour recitals, films, acts, etc.

17. Watch out for Gordon K - he's bananas.

UNBSJ positions established

By K and P

The positions of Vice-President, UNBSJ and Associate registrar UNBSJ have been established and will be filled as soon as possible after July 1, 1976.

These positions proceed from the Deutsch report and were esta-

blished by the Senate and approved by the Board of Governors.

The faculty council will review the terms of reference of the UNBSJ senate committee and their approval will be subsequently followed by the approval of the Board of Governors and the UNB Senate.

Arabs sponsor contest

OTTAWA (CUP) - The Arab Information Centre in Ottawa has announced an essay contest for Canadians between the ages of 18 and 30 with first prize being a four week tour of major Arab states.

Contestants will be required to write a 4000 word essay on "Palestinians and the Right to Nationhood." The submissions will be reviewed by a five-person jury composed of Canadian specialists in Middle East affairs.

First prize will be a four week tour of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon,

and Syria and will include meetings with some of the leaders of these countries as well as those of Palestine.

Second prize is \$1000, the third \$500, the fourth \$400 and the fifth, \$300.

Completed essays should be sent in triplicate to the Arab Information Office no later than March 22. Further information and background material can be obtained from the Arab Information Centre at 170 Laurier Ave. in Ottawa.

Letters to the Editor continued

Dear Editor;

As a follow-up to my letter published in the Brunswickan of 5 Dec 75, could you please publish the enclosed two letters: Dean Graham's letter and my response to same.

Thanking you for your assistance past and present.

Yours truly,
Moe Latouche
President,
Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental
Society of the University of New Brunswick.

dence over those of individuals intent on being "public nuisances".

Sincerely yours,
Lois E. Graham
Dean, Faculty of Nursing

Dear Dean Graham

Thank you sincerely for your welcomed letter of 10 Dec 75.

I seem to sense that the tone of your letter, like your excellent article of 6 October 75 in University Perspectives, is one of conflict between smokers and non-smokers.

I would earnestly suggest that we, as human beings, must cease this ridiculous fighting amongst ourselves and concentrate instead on the real cause behind the problem - the fact that someone, somewhere, is making a considerable amount of easy money by: (a) paying farmers to grow that useless substance, tobacco, rather than the food so badly needed in this world; (b) duping several millions of healthy people (especially youth) into the terrible, expensive and useless habit of "smoking" in the interest of appearing "grown up" (or, to use a passe word, "chic"), under the influence of peer pressure and social conformity; (c) all while hiding under the guise of "legitimate business practice" with the petty and perverted excuse that "we in the cigarette industry are creating jobs for people".

I say, to hell with "jobs". Let's concentrate instead on "people" rather than "money".

Thanking you again, and wishing you continued good health and happiness.


Very truly yours,
Moe Latouche

Dear Mr. Latouche;

I have just read you column in the Brunswickan of December 5. I am reassured to find that there are individuals in the area and among the student group with views such as yours. I agree completely with the assessment of smoking as a self-destructive habit and regard the reasoning used to defend the practice as completely illogical, short-sighted, and contradictory to all other positions taken in the "scientific community" and by the "humanitarians" who are otherwise intent on saving the environment and human beings from pollution if it does not affect their own habits.

In case you missed my recent article in Perspectives on the subject, I enclose a copy.

I hope the day is past when those who would like to keep reasonably good health for a lifetime are not intimidated by the aggressiveness of those with the habit harmful to others as well as to themselves. It seems to me that logic requires that the rights of those without the harmful habit must take precedence



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Applications for UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENT LOANS (not Canada Student Loans) are now being received by the AWARDS OFFICE, Room 109, Memorial Student Centre.

Should you require a University Loan second term, apply at the AWARDS OFFICE before Friday, January 30, 1976. Applications will not be accepted after January 30.