

## The co-op idea; pro and con reactions

By RICK FOWLER

Predicted tuition and residence increases have given rise to the concept of co-ed or co-op residences.

The idea seems popular judging from the Brunswickan Viewpoint (Feb. 3) where nine out of ten opted for this form of living.

Co-operation living is a hold over from the sixties which is being considered today to combat the rising cost of living.

In previous years co-op living had been attempted in the form of the Magee and McLeod house co-ops several years ago.

These former co-ops folded in the spring of 1974 and were taken over by the university in the fall.

UNB president Dr. John Anderson said that his only close experience with co-ops had been rather "bleak" referring to McLeod and Magee.

He said the university was left "holding the bag" in the case of

those quarters, as it had provided the land and guaranteed the mortgages. In addition the cost of renovating the co-ops into residences was substantial.

Dr. Anderson feels that while a co-op may be practical on a small basis the security and discipline seem to break down when a co-op is tried on a larger scale.

He said that unless the social economic outlook of Canada has changed since 1974 a co-op on a larger scale would not work. He

pointed out that any experiment with them would be on a large financial risk.

Dean of Men, Dean Chernoff, feels that a large scale co-op would not be feasible. He also referred to the failure of McLeod and Mcgee. He said that a co-op depends upon the personnel involved, and the more persons responsible, the wider the spread of responsibility.

Dean Chernoff said that while co-op may work on a small scale, in a larger one there will always be people who are unwilling to do their share or stick to the rules.

Dean of Women, Dean Kidd, feels that co-op residences are a good idea, as they would provide a more realistic lifestyle. She does not feel, however that turning residences co-op would prove as any great incentive for people to enter them or would make any great economic difference.

She said that the people already

living in a residence should be consulted before turning it co-op, because it would be unfair to ignore them.

Co-ops already exist in Fredericton. There are two on Aberdeen Street one at 555 and one at 556.

The co-ops have a capacity of thirteen persons per house, though they are not filled at present. The work load is divided on an equal and rotating basis. Discipline is stringent, and people who refuse or neglect to do their share, have their work load increased. Should they continue to do so, they are asked to leave.

Bruce Oliver a former member of the Aberdeen co-ops said "the (co-op) system works satisfactorily but not brilliantly."

Whether or not the UNB residences will go co-op is still undecided. Presently, a Senate sub-committee is in the process of examining the various possibilities. Their decision is as yet unknown.

## CHSC preparing for move



on necessary renovations.

CHSC is financing the move largely by itself which leaves the club with a small debt according to Baker.

Liquor prices are expected to increase - beer prices shall go up in June, Liquor in April, with the price for the autumn remaining the same.

Baker said she has found people that she has had dealings with very "considerate and co-operative". She recently resumed her position as manager due to the resignation of John Giles, who left as a result of what he termed "unco-operation".

Baker said that she hopes to make the social club "what it was meant to be", a meeting place for social activity. She said that live entertainment is being considered on weekends although "quieter corners will be provided for those who wish to play cards or talk.

Social Club to the basement of the Student Union Building, according to Jean Baker, CHSC manager.

Contractors, Maritime Engineering commenced work last Monday

By CHARLIE DIONNE  
April 1st is the expected completion date for the long heralded move of the College Hill

## Fewer students to be hired

OTTAWA -- Paul Dick, M.P. (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton) and Progressive Conservative Caucus Chairman on Youth today said that the federal government has reduced the number of students to be hired this year in its interdepartmental summer job program.

The "Canada Summer Youth Employment Program" announced by the Minister of Employment and Immigration will actually create 3,000 fewer jobs in 1978 than its parent programs, the Student Summer Employment and Activities Program (SSEAP) and Young Canada Works did in 1977.

Last year SSEAP and Young Canada Works created 62,952 jobs at a total cost of \$83 million. The Government's new program will provide only 60,000 jobs at a total cost of \$96.2 million. The 1977 figure only includes those programs that will be continued under the Canada Summer Youth Employment Program.

"At a time when youth unemployment is reaching crisis proportions," Mr. Dick said, "the government has shown its concerns by reducing job oppor-

tunities for young people this summer."

Statistics Canada's unemployment figures released today showed that there were 426,000 unemployed young Canadians in January, accounting for just under one-half of Canada's unemployed.

The Government has also said that it hopes to place 250,000 young Canadians in jobs in the private sector this summer through its Canada Employment Centres for Students. Mr. Dick pointed out that in 1977 only 198,000 placements were made through those Centres, that figure including jobs of only a few days duration, and all students placed in jobs with government departments.

Mr. Dick added that in both 1973 and 1974 the Federal Government spent \$85.4 million to create 67,000 jobs for young Canadians. In 1974 the unemployment rate for Canadian youth was 10.6 per cent. In January 1978 the figure was 14.9 per cent. "Given our rate of inflation since 1973", Mr. Dick said, "it would seem that the Government has chosen to allocate funds in inverse proportion to the number of young unemployed in this country."

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## Whoops

A California Ballot initiative, which would have banned homosexual teachers from the State's public schools, has been foiled by typing errors.

According to supporters of the measure, petitions now being circulated contain misinformation caused by typing errors. Consequently, the petitions will have to be recalled and new ones circulated -- a process that will make it impossible to collect enough signatures to get the initiative on the ballot by the December 1st deadline.

But the measure's chief sponsor, State Senator John Briggs, says the initiative drive will not be dropped, and predicted that it would appear on next year's ballot in November. And another spokesman denied that the initiative died for lack of signatures. He told Newsprint that there were at least 300,000 petitions in circulation, but did not know how many people had actually signed them. (Newsprint)