

Lister liveable, but the chow is not mom-style

by Jennifer Strain

Housing and Food Services have taken a new approach this year. "Attitude and style of management have changed this year," says David Bruch who has tentatively succeeded Gail Brown as Acting Director of Housing and Food Services.

"The department is more pro-student, we're listening more and have a better understanding of student concerns, not only in Lister Hall, but in the other residences as well," he said. "We're in the process of setting up five or six committees to specifically address student input."

Food and Housing Services has been the target of much negativism in the past. Relations between it and the Lister Hall Students Association (LHSA) have been poor.

However, Jeff Millang, president of LHSA said, "I believe this year

that the department is putting forth an honest effort and some things are finally getting done."

Bruch added, "basically we're taking a fresh approach to get this place back on it's feet."

As an example, the department hired a marketing person and instigated a campaign this summer to step up Lister Hall's image as well as that of the other residences through radio ads, posters and comprehensive housing handbooks.

There have been a number of improvements in Lister Hall itself, including renovating the Ship, the residence pub, and adding a pool table. A games room and mini-mart are new this year and a sauna is back in operation. An exercise room has been started, computers are being brought in and there is the possibility of providing movie rentals and VCR's.

Physical activity and involvement is being promoted and there are discussions with the Athletic Department about putting a satellite intramural office in Lister Hall.

These efforts are being directed and making the residence more spirited, more pleasant and more livable.

Innovative this year but already causing concern is the meal card system. The system replaces scrip and gives resident students a 10 per cent discount in Food Service eateries, Millang said, "A \$150 administration fee is included in the \$1,600 price of the card. However, non-resident students can purchase a \$500 card which includes no such fee."

"We're trying to work that out," said Bruch.

"Another contentious issues concerns damages to the resi-

dence," he added. "If the culprits can't be found, financial responsibility rests on the LHSA. We're talking about possibly altering that policy."

Finally, room rates have been lowered. Last year a single room for 8 months was \$1,800. This year the same room is \$1,592 for the same period of time.

Students queried about Lister Hall life responded consistently and positively. All seemed to find the atmosphere good, had no particular cost complaints and were enthusiastic about the recreational and other facilities and activities.

Most find their room comfortable but some students in Kelsey Hall agreed that carpeting would be much nicer. A few people complained that the wings are too noisy but one student commented that he was moved to a quiet wing

when he so requested.

All had favorable things to say about their floor coordinators.

When probed about any real beefs there was no hesitation and again answers were consistent, but not so positive.

"The food stinks," said one student. "The hot meals are gross," grimaced another. A third commented that the tacos were soggy.

A second year student said that the food "improved from last year, but not much."

As Millang said, "It's a matter of what you're used to. First years can't expect mama's cooking."

One fellow cheerfully illustrated the other side of this coin. "The food's not bad at all. Then again, anything is better than my cooking!"

Women walk

by Ann Grever

Women will be walking through downtown streets this Friday night to protest the violence directed against them.

The Take Back the Night Walk is an annual event done in solidarity with the Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres.

"This walk is a collective vision of a non-violent future," said Anne Dolina, one of the organizers of the walk. "We are expressing our right to walk the streets unescorted."

The walk attempts to reach individual women. Some cities across Canada have adopted the walk to publicize a specific issue. For example, Calgary women are walking to bring attention to the violence committed against prostitutes.

Statistics show how often violence against women is occurring. For example, every 18 seconds a man batters a woman in her home. One out of every three women will be raped during her lifetime.

The walk will be leaving the Women's Collective Building (10055-110 Street) at 7:30 p.m. and will return at 9:30 p.m..

Men are welcome to support the women by providing childcare or preparing refreshments afterwards.

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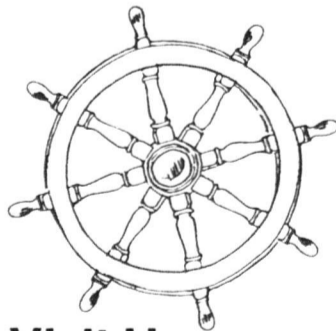
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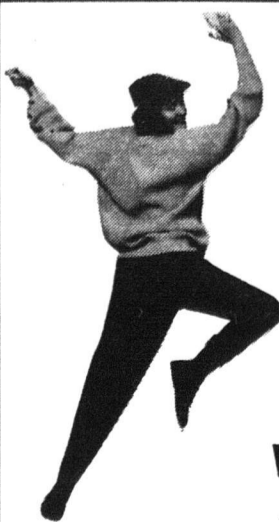
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