

Administration needs to set their priorities right

By JEFF DAVIES

The front page of last week's Brunswickan presents a disturbing commentary on the priorities of the UNB administration.

On the one hand we're given yet more details of the luxurious arena to be constructed on campus, courtesy of Sir Max Aitken and the Beaverbrook Foundation.

On the other, there is a report of janitorial workers at the university struggling to get a raise in pay to \$3 an hour — not much, but still better than many of the non-academic workers are receiving.

Granted, the funds for the arena and the workers come from two different sources. But as a friend said to me shortly after the announcement by Sir Max last fall that he was to bestow another gift

on us, "If it wasn't for Dr. Anderson, we wouldn't have gotten that arena."

In other words, there's little doubt the administration was influential in obtaining the arena.

Good old John M.! Just what we need!

Small matter that there are already three rinks in the city. And the one owned by the university — the Lady Beaverbrook Arena — is seldom full. (I've been there hundreds of times, and have seen a capacity crowd on only one or two occasions.)

But the university — having second thoughts, perhaps, about the lavish treatment accorded Dr. Anderson during his first year here — has decided to let the students in on some of the benefits. First an arena, then a parking lot. In short,

a big fat bribe to keep the students happy; at least until the next hike in tuition fees.

Unfortunately, many students seem to have been conned by the acquisition of these new toys. They couldn't wait to try out the new parking lot with those heaps of metal Daddy bought them to commute back and forth to the SUB. And they're just as eagerly awaiting the construction of that 5,000 seat arena with its cushioned seats, spacious foyers, etc., etc. Ah, the concerts, the hockey games.

After all, isn't that what university is all about? Learning the realities of Life?

Just ask those janitorial workers.



Students voice favor with janitors' demands

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned residents of MacKenzie House Residence, wish to express our support for the employees of Custodian Services who presently work in our residence with regard to their letter of intent dated January 9, 1974.

The specific points that we wish to support are: 1) A wage of \$3.00 per hour for janitors and \$2.35 per hour for maids; 2) Blue Cross coverage; 3) Two weeks paid holiday per year; 4) Recognition of all statutory Holidays; 5) No union affiliation.

We feel that the above are the rights due the employees and request that the University of New Brunswick in its handling of the new contract see that these rights are met.

We further request that there be two full time janitors in the residences as there is too much work for the present one and one-half janitors.

Copies of this letter have been sent to:
 President J. Anderson
 Dr. B. F. Macaulay
 Brig. A. Knight
 Mr. Lloyd Dawson
 Mr. Jack Smith

Dean I. B. Ward
 Custodian Services
 Modern Building Cleaners
 Capitol Window Cleaners
 Jet Cleaners

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The above letter contained 72 signatures of MacKenzie House residents.

Another petition arrived just before press time with the signatures of 135 STU residents who also support the janitors' demands.



In the continuing saga between residences which have carpets and those that don't. One Neill House resident seems to feel that carpeted halls don't necessarily produce good athletes.

Neill House is not for tourists

Dear Sir:

I would like this letter published for two reasons: first, that it otherwise would not be read, and secondly, because a few clouded points need clearing.

Neill House is definitely not one of our greatest prides on campus as far as a tourist's opinion might lay. Since the tourist is probably someone's parent it doesn't matter too much anyway as they don't

have to live here. But Neill fights as well as any house for respect and a good impression. That the Residence Office has somewhat neglected us, to throw their goodwill on houses like Jones and Aitken, isn't all that important, although it is hoped they realize this and take some action.

I don't begrudge LBR for their considerably better living conditions — it still hasn't helped their sports performance. As for Tibbits and Lady Dunn, hell,

anything less would be improper as well as in poor stand. I hope everybody practises a little patience because, after all, it could be for worse. Besides some conditions in the houses like Neill have been fostered by disrespect for public property by the students, themselves.

Stephen L. Ward
 Neill House

Photo by Mike Carey

Student suffers loss in trunkroom cleaning

Dear Sir:

I suffered heavy personal loss due to an irresponsible trunkroom cleaning action which, according to the Dean of men, Dr. Ward, was his initiation. I was in Aitken House during the academic year 1971-72. Then I stayed off campus the following years. Some of the House members told me that it was perfectly safe to store things in the trunkroom and there was no regulation or whatsoever available to residents concerning the facility of the trunkroom. It turned out that the room I rented had not much space so I left my books and other articles in the trunkroom. They were all properly stored in carton boxes and sealed, with my names and address clearly printed on all sides of the boxes. I also left my present address in the residence office.

In October 1973, the trunkroom was cleaned for the first time in the last ten years. There was, however, absolutely no advanced publication in the Brunswickan or even a small notice elsewhere. Everything in the trunkroom was removed from the trunkroom and house members were asked to identify their properties and move them back to the trunkroom. According to an eye-witness, the remaining stuff, instead of turning them to the authority concerned, was opened and searched. The results were easily predictable.

I was very upset to learn this

misfortune. I complained to Dr. Ward, and I was told that the action was his initiation and there was really nothing he could do about it. It was only after my second visit that he issued a notice to Aitken House members and that resulted the return of about ten text books. Certainly I am deeply grateful for the cooperation of the Aitken House members and Dr. Ward's willingness for writing such a notice. I was able to recover most of my text books in the House library.

There are, however, two articles I desperately want to get back. One is a stamp book filled with Indonesian stamps which I spent some 10 years to collect. Almost all of the stamps were not post-marked and therefore should have no value to anyone at all. The other is a wedding photograph album of my friend Mr. L.Y. Ho's. It was, according to some House members in the House library about three months ago.

May this matter have your immediate attention?

There is, at least, another guy who also suffered the same fate. All his stuff was thrown away although he was in the residence in 1972-73. I learned this from the Aitken House President.

Yours Sincerely,

Harry Soepangkat (EE5)