

# Girls at McLeod continue to live under hardships

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McLeod House has been under a refinishing program since May of this year and has been open as the newest ladies' residence at UNB for close to three months now. A lot of controversy still surrounds McLeod because the girls are continuing to live under many hardships due to the lack of completed services and facilities.

According to many of the girls interviewed, the most serious deficiency is the lack of a dining hall. The residents are presently being fed at McConnell Hall for lunch and dinner - a continental breakfast is provided by Saga Foods in the main lounge at McLeod. Recently, however, according to the Don, Ilsa Greenblatt, some girls are getting "fed up with going to McConnell twice a day and have taken to buying 'junk food' at a nearby variety store". Each floor is supposed to eventually have its own complete kitchenette, but so far, there are only two installed. Toasters and kettles have been provided for each floor, however, and this seems to have helped ease the situation a bit. University workmen are working day and night to get the dining hall open and Dave Anderson of Saga says that the big holdup now is waiting for some vital ventilation parts and installation of the dishwasher plant. Barring complications, Anderson and Greenblatt both hope to see the facility open by the new year. Until then, the girls will continue to march down to McConnell Hall.

Another major complaint is that there are still no telephones in the residence, except for the two in the main lobby and some private lines. The NB Telephone strike was partly to blame, but most of the problem seems to be that telephone lines were neglected in the original revamping plans - as a result, NB Tel must spend a lot of time installing wiring that should have been there to start with. Hopeful reports suggest that this job may be completed this week.

Other, more minor complaints were also expressed, such as irregular heating (a common residence problem), no atmosphere or curtains in the main lounge, and no mirrors, but the girls spoken to indicated that these were not unbearable.

Many positive points were expressed, however, and one which always seemed to come up was the spirit that has developed as a result of the common hardships. McLeod house's 200 girls in a physical situation that spreads them out from each other considerably but, despite this, a good spirit has evolved. It is not a perfect house spirit and not everyone is caught up in it, but the general opinion is that it is better than was expected.

The UNB Board of Governors voted the McLeod residents a partial rebate of their residence fees ranging from \$40 to \$75 last month, and this gesture has been greeted with mixed feelings. Most girls are pleased with their rebate but a few are unsatisfied, claiming that they "expected more upon arrival" than what they got. These girls will be appealing to the administration for a larger rebate.

One veteran of the Residence System compares the situation in McLeod to the climate that existed a few years ago when Tibbits Hall was opened. "Sure, not everything

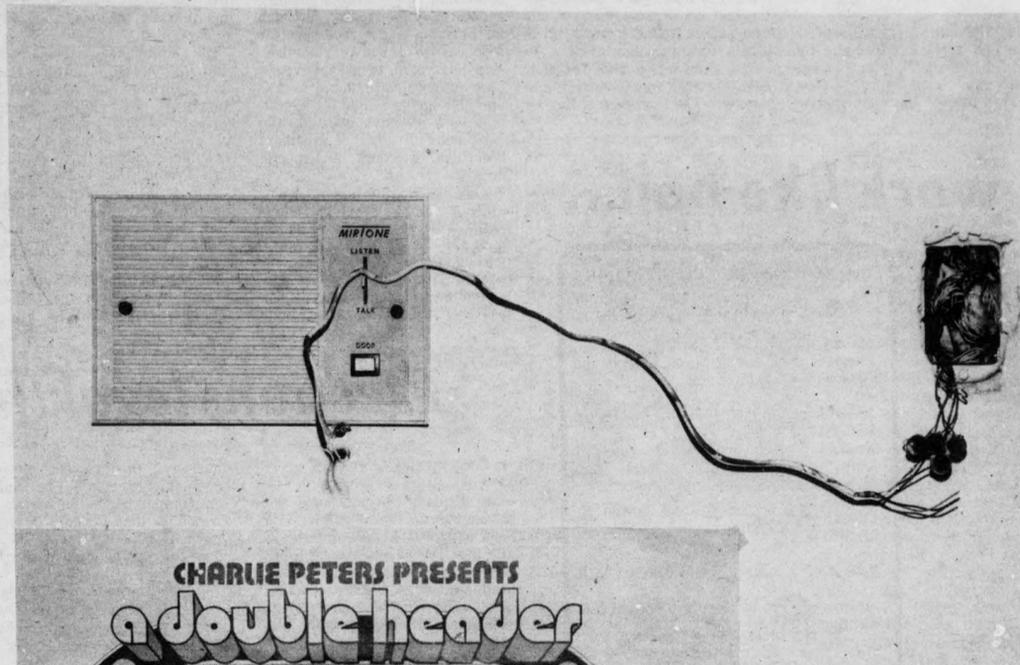


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The girls at McLeod House hope that their surroundings will be normal by the new year.

was finished, but that made us more determined to make it work!"

When the rebate checks were mailed out this week, buttons were sent with each one saying, "I am a McLeod House Pioneer." Don Ilsa Greenblatt commented that "It was a great idea - a really nice personal touch," and gave credit to whoever thought of the idea. She went on to say that McLeod's biggest problem with spirit-building was that there was no focal point where people could meet and she suggested that the new dining room will solve this as far as being the Don, Greenblatt said, "I enjoy it quite a bit - it's a lively place!" When asked what

McLeod could offer that other residences couldn't, she pointed to the high availability of single rooms (159), the beautiful view of the St. John River Valley, and the idea that McLeod seems a little more in touch with the outside world due to its physical location.

House President, Heather Ratcliff explained the government system in McLeod. "We have 12 wing reps and 5 executive positions on the house committee and we meet every week. This helps to pull the house together on a regular basis." When asked about Mrs. Kidd's (Dean of Women) involvement in the day-to-day running of the house, Ratcliff said that she (Kidd) is seldom at McLeod but

wants to know everything before it is presented to the house members and that Kidd is trying to run too many things. This is not a situation unique to McLeod, she observed, but seems to be the general way that all the ladies' residences are run at UNB.

Dean Kidd, when contacted had a positive view of things at McLeod. She hopes to have the biggest problem, the dining hall, open by January and feels that it is mainly supply problems that are holding it up. One problem that she is upset with is the lack of action on the telephone installations. "The order has been in for months," she said, "And everytime we speak to the administration about this we

are told that they will be in tomorrow." She went on to say that these types of problems are starting to wear down the morale of the girls, which was very high at the first of the year. "It's hard," she said, "to build a spirit when you have no previous traditions to build on, but it seems to be developing." Concerning the rebate, she termed the girls "extraordinarily fortunate" to get it, and referred to the McLeod buttons as "a really neat idea."

Things are looking up for McLeod though, what with their services being slowly installed, and by the new year the situation should be normal.

## Ingram to take over as new Registrar



Brian Ingram

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On Monday November 18, Brian Ingram came to Fredericton to become the Registrar at U.N.B. He succeeds Dugald Blue who became Secretary of U.N.B. earlier this year.

Ingram is a native of England where he received his primary and secondary education. In 1947, he

was conscripted into the R.A.F. and served for two and a half to three years. From 1950 until 1957 Ingram worked for the Electrical Authority in England for student aid and was an administrator for examinations. In 1957 he came to Toronto Canada where he joined the ranks of the unemployed. Shortly thereafter he began working as a costing clerk for a small Steel Co., in Toronto and promoted to Industrial Relations manager for the company within a year. In the Fall of 1957 Ingram enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program at U. of T. and received his degree in 1963. His courses coincided with his job at the Steel company.

About the same time as his graduation Ingram started work at the University of Waterloo and became Associate Registrar in 1966. From 1968 until his hiring at U.N.B. Ingram's office was responsible solely for Graduate Students and in fact he would probably have been classified as the registrar for the Graduate School. He was more affiliated

with the Dean of Graduate Students than to the undergraduate operations of Waterloo.

In 1964, he came to New Brunswick for a Registrars' Conference held here. Since that time he has been fond of our province, and when the position of Registrar opened up he applied, for one, for the reason above and two, because he said this represented a new challenge in his life.

Some of the areas Ingram's office is responsible for include admissions, enrollment, record keeping (marks) course changes for the time table and the time table and preparations for convocation and Encaenia.

Ingram felt it presumptuous to say that there would be changes made in the near future. He feels that time is needed to familiarize himself with his new office and question the reasoning of the way things are presently done before making any changes. He does not want to jump the gun at this time.

With regards to our new marking system, Ingram said that there is little difference from using letter

grades and numerical values. During his tenure at U. of Waterloo he came face to face with many marking systems and says ours is no better or no worse than anyone else's.

He feels that course evaluation can be a source of good feedback for professors providing it is taken seriously. He did mention that it could have adverse effects on new professors because they may fear it and not perform to their fullest capabilities. Ingram also said that the problem in some classes occurs when a student does not understand what is being taught, and does not try to get this area cleared up. He then ultimately labels that professor as poor, because he cannot convey his complete knowledge.

One area of concern for Ingram is communication. He says it is hard to get the information across when people are not ready to make use of information that they are given. He has found that the only time people understand what is going on is when there is a need for that information.