

Housing plan ignores N. Garneau

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The highest academic authority at the university refused Monday to mention North Garneau redevelopment in its Long-Range Student Housing Plan.

North Garneau has been the

Selfishness wrong, Christ right, according to survey

What is the basic problem of humanity? Is it racism, poverty, war, economics, sin, religion politics, greed/selfishness, lack of communication, or something else?

Over 40 per cent of people surveyed recently on campus reported the problem uppermost in their minds was greed and selfishness.

The survey, conducted by Campus Crusade for Christ, asked over 150 students from a broad range of faculties and denominations questions that ranged from "Do you have a well-thought-out philosophy in life - one that will answer the basic question: what is the purpose for life and human existence" (56 per cent said yes) to "Who, in your opinion, is Jesus Christ?" (5.8 per cent weren't sure, but most identified him as the Son of God).

Perhaps the most interesting responses, according to Ken Reimer of Campus Crusade, were to the question "If you could know that there is a God and that you could know Him personally, would you want to?" Eighty per cent said yes.

Such a question went far, Reimer said, in understanding the spiritual needs of students at the

subject of on-going debate for about a decade, and is now dangerously close to being destroyed to build accommodation for the 1983 World University Games. But it was deemed inappropriate for inclusion in General

Faculty Council's new long-range plan.

Instead, GFC approved a plan that includes a break-even policy for university housing units and defeated an amendment that would have called for lower rents.

Among the amendments proposed by student reps on GFC but defeated was one that, "In the event that such new housing is placed in an existing community, the historical and architectural integrity of that community will be retained as far as possible."

The same amendment came forward at the previous week's GFC executive meeting, and though there was some amazement there that North Garneau was not mentioned in the long-range plan, the amendment was defeated because executive members considered it outside their purview to amend the plan so drastically.

Rather than sending the report back to the originating

GFC Housing and Food Services Committee, the GFC executive decided to let GFC as a whole decide whether to amend it.

Student representatives were disappointed with GFC's approval of the unamended plan, but earlier at the executive meeting, U of A President Myer Horowitz downplayed it.

"To my knowledge, we have never had a policy on housing, at least not a comprehensive one," Horowitz said.

At the time, he cautioned student representatives not to doubt the Board of Governors' ability to make an intelligent decision on North Garneau in the absence of a GFC long-range policy statement.

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"We're going to use the surveys basically to see what students think, to see what they think about spiritual issues," he said.

Of the about 150 surveyed, 37 per cent were Protestant, 33 per cent were Roman Catholic, 12 per cent Evangelical, 2 per cent other, and 16 per cent had no religion. As well, 34 per cent of the respondents were male, as opposed to 66 per cent female.

Campus Crusade an interdenominational student club that attempts to give students on campus exposure to religion, says there's no specific purpose or end use of the survey. It is to become an annual activity, with the results to be sent to Abbotsford, B.C., national headquarters for Campus Crusade, to be compiled with similar surveys across Canadian campuses.

But in the meantime, there's room for optimism: in response to the basic problem of humanity, and to people's philosophies of life, 55 per cent said their

philosophy provided an adequate solution to man's problems.

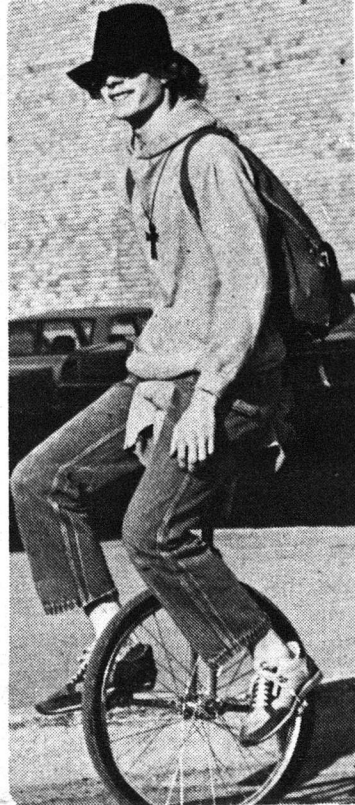


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