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Thoughts on Residence Life Campus Inn has no in on campus—Craighead



Residence Life: before and after.

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"Your university years are a time to grow; University is a rewarding and enriching experience; University can provide an education for living"

Such phrases are examples of the language that universities often use to explain to students the social value of higher education. Beyond the academic knowledge dispensed through the classroom, the experience of going away to university is presented as an opportunity to face new challenges and to mature as a person. And, as with most forms of official communications, there is a truth nestled within the indistinct phrases. An education is not the gaining of the BA alone but is instead a larger concept that extends into the students' life beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

But how and where does the non-classroom education take place? If asked, some would, no doubt, define it in terms of their extracurricular involvement in faculty based clubs, sports teams, student politics or campus volunteer organizations. All of these are wonderful and worthy interests which will help students to develop leadership and other skills. But many of the experiences from which a person will learn are far more private and casual encounters that take place outside the planned or programmed side of university life.

Living on campus will expose you to a variety of new people and new situations which will form the basis of the social education that you can receive in residence. Academically, residence life at UNB stresses the importance of developing good study habits and effective learning strategies.

Would you like to see your name in print? Do you have ideas for articles or stories about residence life at UNB? The Dean of Residence Office is looking for a student(s) to coordinate our new column in The Brunswickan. Interested students should contact the Residence Office.

But living with others will help you to develop interpersonal skills, respect for others and sense of self. As a result of being away from home, students have an opportunity to experiment with change.

Old roles may be examined and perhaps discarded and new roles may be tested and perhaps adopted. Activities such as spending time in the TV lounge, late night discussions, the extended supper in the dining hall,

involvement in relationships (romantic and not), trips to the mall with friends and generally interacting with others in residence will also consume a portion of time. These are valuable learning opportunities. And how you respond in these situations, how you treat yourself, how you relate to others, how you form and maintain friendships and how you express your autonomy are all aspects of the social education that occurs in residence.

A university education is not simply the ingestion of subject matter but is an opportunity for individual growth as students examine their own beliefs and values in the light of new friends and experiences. As students, you will be researching, reading, and writing for others at the same time that you are worrying, hoping and planning for yourselves. Going away to university is about meeting challenges but not all of the testing will occur in the South Gym.

Apartment hunting pointers

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My sister, who had just returned from a year in Winnipeg, needed to find an apartment. Off we went, at the beginning of September when everyone seems to be looking for a place to live. Here, to help you if you ever need housing, are some of the things I figured out:

Act early or act fast: Seeing as this is pretty much a university town, looking in September, when all the students are returning, is not conducive to finding a place to live. A better time would be May, when signs proclaiming "to sublet" overrun the campus. (Some have an option to take over the lease, which would set you up for the next year, too.) If you must look in September, look quickly. After a week or so of scouring the classifieds (only to find all apartments rented), my sister finally found an affordable, appropriate place. She claimed it the first day it was advertised.

Look high and low: There are ads for apartments everywhere!

Newspaper classifieds (*Bruns* and otherwise), Housing and Food Services (in the Residence Administration Building on campus), bulleting boards all over campus, and that really boring tv channel that plays country music are all good sources. Sometimes friends know of places for rent, too.

Watch out for hidden costs: Sometimes an apartment that looks inexpensive actually isn't. Find out before you take it if you'll be expected to pay utilities (heat, hot water, electricity) and extras (cable, telephone) on top of the rent. Consider whether the apartment is furnished or whether you'll have to do that yourself. Transportation may also be costly if you live far from campus.

Know your rights: The Rentalsman's Office in Saint Mary's Place has a pamphlet (which is also available around campus, including at the Student Resource Centre) which explains your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Out of curiosity, I asked the Rentalsman if saying "no students" counted as discrimination. He referred me to the Human Rights Commission, who told me it isn't. "It only counts as discrimination if you know that there is a student living there, and they're

older, and they say no to you on that grounds. Then it might be discrimination on the basis of age, if you get refused." You can discriminate against an entire class of people, it seems, but not against an individual.

Be non-descript: An awful lot of ads had very specific requirements for their tenants, so it could be difficult to find a place unless you're a non-smoking, non-drinking working Christian with no kids or pets. My sister's biggest problem was because of her cats. Nearly every landlord we contacted said no, even if they'd allow children. I'm not really sure why cats should be a problem in an apartment with a damage deposit, especially since they're no louder than the average baby. Some did, however, say that they could look the other way.

Be yourself: If you're not actually non-descript, don't pretend to be. Concealing something from your landlord is stressful. Find out what the rules are before you take the apartment. Will you be able to paint the bland white over with vibrant green? Can you walk around naked without upsetting anyone? If you practice your bassoon, will your neighbours complain? Remember: a repressed home is not a happy home.

E-mail: you've got it, learn to use it better

If you've waded through the claim procedure and remembered to enter in your "mailhere" command, you're set to begin using your very own e-mail account that comes free of charge with your tuition.

E-mailing is a new form of interaction for many, a different kind of communication than what you may be used to. E-mail offers the luxury of writing thought-out, edited letters and the speed of the telephone. It also combines the ways we communicate through phone and letter: e-mails are generally more casual than letters, so the conversational tone you use when speaking directly to a person may be used in e-mail.

However, the printed is as definite as a letter, so if there's ever any dispute over what was said, there is a record. With these things in mind, the following tips can help you use your new and wonderful e-mail account with the peace of mind of the most experienced cybergeek:

- Reading off a computer screen can be hard on the eyes, so structure your e-mail for ease of use. Instead of using tabs to set off new paragraphs, use an extra return to give the message more white space - breaks for the eyes. Put important information at the top of the message and avoid wordiness and redundancy.
- Be careful with humour and sarcasm in e-mail. It's harder to make it clear that you're only joking when people can't see your face or hear your voice. Make use of smiley's to indicate jokes if you need to.
- Beware of flaming. E-mail is easy to send and can be delivered almost as quickly as you can hit the "send" button and flame wars can start before you know it. Think before you send negative messages: ask yourself if you would say this to the person's face.
- If you stumble into the wonderful world of discussion groups, it's a good idea to hang around and follow the discussion for a while before you join in. This way, you have some idea who you're interacting with, and you get some understanding of the level of knowledge and the dynamic within the existing group. Be aware that the virtual anonymity offered by such groups sometimes allows people to be more hostile than they would be in a social situation.
- Turn off the Caps Lock. Using all capital letters in e-mail is the online equivalent to shouting. It's also harder to read. If you are really too lazy to use the shift key, go with all lower-case letters. Or go home and have a nap.

Smiley	Meaning
:)	smiling
:-)	happy
:(sad
:	angry
:-D	laughing
;-)	winking
:-]	good-natured sarcasm
:[sad sarcasm
:(want to cry
:(crying
:*	kiss
X-(brain dead
:O	yelling
:-Q	smoker
<:	dunce
;-)	wink
:(frowning
:-O	Uh oh!
:-/	user is skeptical
:-&	user is tongue-tied
:C	what?
O	hugs
:!	Hmmm...
:-:	mutant smiley

Smiley source: *The Elements of E-mail Style*, David Angell, Brent Heslop

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The former Skyline Motel, according to its recorded message, has become a UNB/STU residence for eight months of the year.

Not so, said John Craighead, Dean of Residence at UNB. "It's a private venture. It's not affiliated with UNB. I'm sure [the misnomer] was inadvertent."

Craighead added that he would be getting in touch with the management of the Campus Inn to have the problem corrected. However, "the university is operating a temporary residence hall at Keddy's, [with] students being moved to campus when a space opens up in residence."

"At Keddy's they have all the same services as residence," Craighead continued, "like proctors, dons, and ARPs, but they also have private bathrooms, cable tv, and a shuttle service to UNB."

These extra services are enticing to students. "I was down there for a meeting [on Monday], and the students were asking me if they could stay there all year."

The Campus Inn intends to operate in much the same way as a university residence, too. Since the Inn is only open to students, signs regarding student events and services adorn the walls.

"We also have a Proctor and a House Committee to arrange activities," said Committee Vice-President Cindy Mailman.

A residence alumni, Mailman prefers life at the Inn, in terms of privacy, freedom, and convenience. "We're not affiliated with the university, and we're all pretty much mature students, so we don't have too many rules. I can shut my door and pretty much do what I want, but in residence, it seemed every couple of minutes someone would come running in."

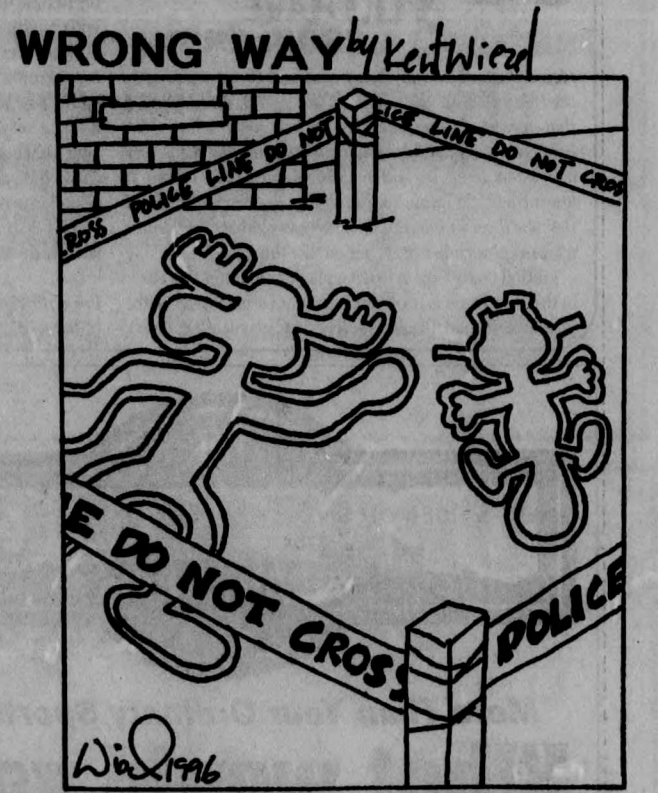
While it is less expensive to rent a single room at the Campus Inn than a double on campus, the price of rent does not include food, which can be prepared in the Inn's communal kitchen. Rent does, however, include personal cable tv and remote, air conditioning, mini-fridge and microwave. "And it only takes ten minutes to walk to campus," Mailman concluded.

Don't catch the flu!

It's flu season again. Just what you need to kick off the new year, right? Flu symptoms include fever, headache, muscle ache and tiredness. The flu is a virus spread through the nose and throat. If you want to be sure to avoid getting the flu, students can get an influenza vaccine.

Changed yearly to correspond with the viruses expected to be most common in the community, the vaccine is given during September through November. Most students can get a flu shot without any problems but physicians at the Student Health Centre specifically recommend the annual vaccination for those with the following chronic illnesses: diabetes, significant asthma, possible inflammatory bowel disease, pneumonia susceptibility or other frequent, recurring chest infections, or immune system abnormalities. Those who are allergic to eggs or are very sick with a fever should not take the vaccine, and pregnant women should take it only on the advice of their doctor. Although the shot does not cause the flu, there are side effects that may include redness and soreness at the injection site, tiredness, fever or muscle aches. Any severe reaction should be reported to the physician immediately.

Students can make appointments at the Student Health Centre on campus for their flu shot by calling 453-3539.



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