

Co-op digging to begin

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Digging on the new co-op should begin this month if all goes well. All that stands between the bulldozers and the vacant lot on Montgomery Street are the federal cabinet and UNB Board of Governor approval.

A 2.7 million dollar mortgage has been recently negotiated with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, providing the funds necessary to begin digging.

If construction starts immediately, the dual-building co-op should be completed by next fall. According to past president of New Brunswick Residence Co-operative Limited, rubber stamp federal cabinet approval is practically guaranteed.

At their next meeting on December 19, the Board of Governors is expected to give their approval to the operation. The project will provide accommodation for 103 married couples and 240 single students, faculty, and staff.

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so similar to the replaced group, and since time was of the essence, I acted.

This precipitated a meeting of the Winter Carnival Committee, and what occurred then was unbelievable. A suggestion was made by a Committee member that the "Carleton Show Band" and "The Bermuda Sounds" be cancelled, this in the face of my explanation that I had given my word and that my reputation was at stake. Someone even went so far as to say that even if contracts were signed they could still be broken.

Finally, after over two hours argument, the committee decided to drop The Bermuda Sounds and add "Spanky and Our Gang" a rock and roll group at an

expense of \$13,500 for four one-hour shows. I still find this hard to believe. A group that cost \$3,000 and would do four two-hour shows (and having heard them and about them, I was sure they would be a real hit at Carnival) was replaced by a group that suddenly raised the Carnival entertainment budget from \$14,000 to over \$24,000.

As a result of hiring "Spanky and Our Gang" passes which would have originally have sold for a maximum of \$6.00 will now have to sell for at least \$9.00 a price which I felt was far too high. While I realize that Carnival is not out to make a profit, but is for the enjoyment of all, I feel that hiring a group for \$13,500,

which exceeds all four groups I had obtained, is ridiculous and a great financial loss is in the offing.

I do not wish to be associated with Winter Carnival any further. I spent many, many days searching out entertainment and attending meetings only to end up with having to break my word and dishonour my reputation. This is certainly not the way I would have wished to leave, but I want nothing further to do with Carnival as I foresee a great financial deficit in February and I wish now to disclaim any responsibility for it.

David L. E. Peterson
Entertainment Chairman
UNB Winter Carnival
Committee

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forestry association said that he had talked to registrar Blue and that the forestry association had agreed to pay the \$70 assessment. President Smith of the business association said that he had not yet talked to Blue and therefore he could make no comment as to whether the business association might not be able to pay the \$230. He also stated rather ironically that the business association might not be able to pay even if they agreed to Registrar Blue's requests, because of financial difficulties.

But two people from Liberation 130 received a summons signed by UNB's chief of security James Barnett, for similar damage. They were to

be arraigned in court on January 7.

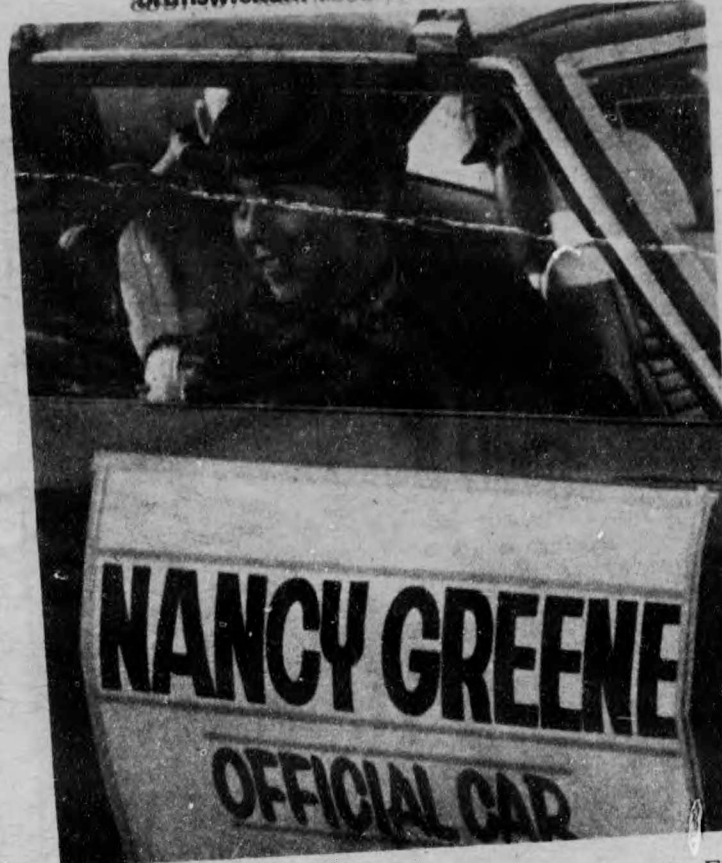
The two, John Robinson and Richard Archer, were charged with "public mischief" and "willful damage to university property under \$50." These charges have since been dropped by the administration. If proven guilty they could have faced a maximum penalty of 5 years in jail.

Robinson, a student at UNB said "We did not receive any invitations from the administration to pay for the damages nor were we given a chance to clarify our position to the administration before being issued the summons." Robinson also said he felt the administration was inconsistent in not giving him a chance to clarify his position, as was the case with the business and

forestry associations.

Blue said, "To my knowledge Robinson and Archer were the only names the university had received concerning the paint damage and this was probably the reason why they were issued a summons." Blue also said that he was not responsible for laying the charges.

"The administration decided to drop the charges against Robinson and Archer along with the charges against the seven people in Liberation 130," said Blue. "The administration was not anxious to give anyone a criminal record." "In order for the administration to drop the charges, said Robinson, "I had to sign a bond stating that I would not sue the administration for libel."



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Strax in jail for Xmas

Dr. Norman Strax may well spend his Christmas leave in the York County jail. He was sentenced on Nov 20 to thirty days and an additional \$500 fine or fifteen days for violating a court injunction designed to keep him off the UNB Campus. Indications are that Dr. Strax will spend the additional fifteen days in jail rather than pay the fine.

Professor John Earl, who received special permission to visit Dr. Strax, told the Brunswickan that he (Dr. Strax) has not made a final decision on the matter but earlier he stated he would not pay the fine.

York County Jail regulations permit visiting privileges only to members of the immediate family or girl friends of prisoners. Professor Earl received special permission from superintendent of New Brunswick jails, Hennifer, and the supervisor of the York County jail, Stewart, through Dr. Strax's lawyer, Duff Harper of Fredericton.

According to professor Earl, Dr. Strax spends his time reading and talking to the other prisoners. "He is also doing some writing", said Professor Earl. Apparently no students are permitted to visit Professor Strax. When asked by the Brunswickan, the jailer suggested that the only way to get permission was to contact supervisor Stewart.

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