

# L.B.R. may be open in February '72

By LIZ MURRAY

In spite of a slight delay caused by the electrical strike, work on the Lady Beaverbrook Residence is proceeding more or less according to plans, and, barring future delays, it is probable that the planned completion date, February 29, will be met.

Meetings will be held during the next few weeks to select new furniture for the residences. It is hoped that sample furniture will be available soon for inspection and students will be asked to examine it and express their opinions on a questionnaire.



photo by DeFries

Here workers show how it's done as they rebuild Lady Beaverbrook Residence.

The plans include such improvements as carpeting, acoustic ceiling tiles and doors at stair wells to cut down on noise, new wiring and heating systems, and a common room on each floor.

In some cases partitions have been removed and 3 small rooms made into 2 large ones. Specially equipped rooms and wash rooms on the ground floor will be made available to paraplegics. Last year the residence held 75 students, but when it reopens will only hold 63.

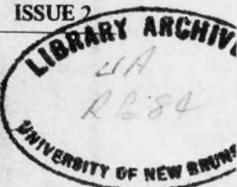
It has not yet been decided whether or not the residence will be opened to students this school year.

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## New \$ 1.7 million co-op proposed



### New residence to hold about 320 people

By NEIL DICKIE

UNB - The NB Residence Co-op Ltd. has proposed that a new 1.7 million dollar co-op be situated behind the present Montgomery St. cooperative.

The New Co-op, if plans are approved by Murray and Murray, the UNB official architects, and finally, the Board of Governors will be ready for occupants by next September.

The planned co-op will have 144 apartments - married and single - and should hold 320 people. It is planned to include study rooms, as well as meeting, activity and laundry rooms. Also planned is a child day care centre. The buildings will have cable TV hook-up and intercom systems.

NB Co-op Ltd. met Tuesday with UNB architects. If the plans have been accepted, and the project is accepted by the governors UNB will take responsibility for the mortgage, which is put out by the Central Mortgage and Housing Commission. The mortgage is to be paid off to UNB, at the rate of \$92,000 per year.

President of NB Co-op Rick Fox, feels that the Co-op sys-

tem is a positive for ward in solving student housing problems.

The new project is expected to make only a small dent in the student housing problem. But, Fox feels, "a dent that will start a major solution".

When asked specifically why a Co-op should be built (at great expense) instead of relying on present facilities Fox stated, Co-op housing is the only housing that offers students saving, a chance to exercise responsibility by governing themselves and the affairs of the residence structure." The Co-op system can only work "if people get together". Fox states that "this ideal state of freedom and responsibility has already been achieved in the down town Co-ops."

Fox also states that cooperative living provides an opportunity to dissent".

Aside from these are more pragmatic values e.g. cheaper food (10 per cent discount) day care and communication over homework between students. Closer relations between student and staff are expected as they live together.



Shown above is an artist's conception of what the new co-op will look like.

A Baggy Photo

## Drinking age may be lowered to 19 by spring says gov't official

By ROY NEALE

FREDERICTON - The drinking age in the province will be lowered to 19 "with any luck" by spring, according to a provincial Minister without portfolio.

The minister, Horace B. Smith, made the comment early last week after he and others in the government were contacted by the BRUNSWICKIAN amid rumours that the age would be lowered soon. He stressed in the interview, as did the others, that this was only a personal opinion and not that of the government.

The current drinking age here along with the age of majority, is 21.

"It is a problem we should address ourselves to before too long", said Youth Minister Brenda Robertson, "and I am looking forward to discussions with my colleagues." Smith agreed with this viewpoint and said that the proposal would go before the cabinet in the first step toward amendment of the act. From there any policy would go into caucus for ratification by senior party members.

The last phase would be introduction of the amendment

(s) to the house. As this legislation would be of intense general interest it is almost impossible to predict in what form it will emerge.

A spokesman for the Justice Department enumerated the various benefits of retaining the age of majority at 21. Those now classified as youths receive protection by not being liable and, not being able to write contracts without parental countersignature. Indeed these are plus factors that should, if possible, be retained.

The legal age in regard to

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## Phds unemployed

Of the eleven Phds awarded at Spring Convocation at UNB, two are now unemployed, one in the US and one in Canada. Those employed include four in government or university work, and five who are Post Doctoral fellows.

According to R.J. Kavanagh,

Dean of Graduate Studies, it is "a little early to tell" for this fall, but from ten to fifteen are expected to receive doctorate degrees.

The recent Phds from McMaster School of Graduate Studies show a lower rate of 6 per cent unemployed.