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An analysis of the Spicer house by one who tried to rent it.

Sir:

There are several facts which need to be brought out in relation to Mrs. Spicer and her refusal to rent her now famous estate to students. Perhaps we should begin with a brief description of the house.

- located at 700 King's College Road about 100 yards from the University gates.
- constructed of concrete block painted on the exterior
- valued between 6 and 7,000 dollars
- mortgage payments on a 20 yr. basis would be \$75.00
- Mrs. Spicer wants \$150.00 - that's a 100 percent profit margin
- unlighted and unheated
- the mud basement floor is

ideal for parties, etc.

- the linoleum floor in the living room adds charm and grace
- two bedrooms (one has no window in it)

Despite these appalling conditions, I and another law student attempted to rent the house about a month ago, due to the lack of alternate living places in Fredericton. (This shortage may be because the Accomodations Office is sleeping on the job- or busy with their side interests.) We were taken on a tour of the hut by a man from Central Trust (Mrs. Spicer later confided to me that this was to prevent anyone from finding out that she owned the house- especially students who were refused solely on the

basis that they were students.)

After this tour the salesman informed us that unless Mrs. Spicer dropped the restriction on students he wouldn't be able to rent it to us. If she agreed then he would gladly rent it to us (he works on a percentage-of-the-rent basis and it has been vacant for several months). It is only reasonable that the owner should decide who rents a house and not her agent, despite what Mrs. Spicer said to the BRUNSWICKAN. That was an untrue statement which only adds to her long list of infractions; not renting to students is one thing, lying to them is another!

I went to see her at her office to try and reason with her

she informed me that there were two reasons for her rule- the manner in which students treat their accomodations and the fact that she felt the two of us couldn't afford this \$150 rent (the latter being damned accurate). I trust these facts will give students insight into the accomodations situation at UNB and may explain why we don't have proper places to live. There is only one choice open to Mrs. Spicer- she obviously doesn't trust students and is acting as a hinderance on students rather than aiding them as she is paid to do. If she doesn't have the decency to quit then I feel that it is up to the Administration to relieve her of her duties.

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