

"maybe a few rocks through administration office windows..."

By PETER ASHTON

The cry this year is not unfortunately "Go Bombers Go" nor is it "New Brunswick Varsity!" It's "I haven't a place to LIVE!!!"

The University has again

managed to work itself into a corner of no escape. With the renovations in LBR plus the enrollment up by 200 students, we are faced with the problem of housing some 350 (200 plus 70 in LBR extra) students.

Last spring the Board of

Governors turned down the proposal of a Student Village yet set nothing in return to compromise. The Co-op has proposed a new complex costing in the vicinity of \$1.7 million. Thank God someone gives a damn!!

The students are also faced

with the "travelling salesman" problem of going from door to door seeking a room. The usual response especially in apartments, is "No students!" If you are married, you stand a small chance. The Fredericton landlords, to the greatest extent discriminate against the student with the semi-long to long hair and beards. They know they have the upper hand when it comes to renting out rooms and the student is unfortunately the underdog. For those who feel this way you now realize the problems of being a minority group as are the negroes, in the United States.

If you have been on the road for the past three weeks, seeking accommodations, you obviously are pretty fed up with the whole idea of University life and especially living in the Sub as there is no other place to go.

I for one, in the many hundreds have experienced this and have felt like leaving but that would not solve anything. There would be one less student to accommodate.

If the University wishes to expand, it must provide enough rooms for its students and at reasonable prices!! The fire traps and holes along certain downhill streets leave much to be desired. Students are not pigs, therefore they should not have to live like ones. Some beg to differ.

This problem is not only at UNB but also at all other Canadian universities. UNB has set aside land for new academic buildings. How are these buildings going to be used to their capacity when there are no students to use them. Fredericton

can only accommodate 5400 students from UNB plus a couple thousand from TC and STU. If we do not have proper facilities to room and study, we would only be wasting our year. Suitcases are not the best desks in the world.

Contracts made by the University with the land prevented the "go ahead" with the village. It would have been profitable. One solution: build a high-rise apartment/residence complex 20 stories high. But the University has an abundance of land, no need to build up. What will happen in the future when all the land IS used? We are going to have to build up. If this hypothetical complex was not on campus, Fredericton zoning laws would forbid it. So its back to the University land. Can you see it a twenty storey red BRICK building. Carleton University has one, so has Dalhousie University (off campus mind you) why not UNB?? The cost would be great: i.e. management, materials labour but in the long run would be extremely beneficial to the students and the University.

It is fine to talk about the problem of student housing, most of us however prefer action. The above is just an idea and cannot be considered until we have the time to talk it over and especially have the resources to build. Everyone is aware of the problem, maybe a few rocks through the administration office windows would start making people really think. It wouldn't solve the student housing problem, but it might stir up some action. The SRC might have to pay for the repairs but your future is at stake. Think about it....

Some advice for the idiot that pulled the fire alarm Saturday

By ROY NEALE

Last Saturday night at about 1:30 a.m. an as yet unidentified idiot pulled a fire alarm switch in the SUB. At the time between 150 and 200 people were in the building. The SUB was cleaned in under two minutes while the student supervisors checked to see that there was no fire and that nobody was hurt in the rapid evacuation. In this case everything and everybody was found to be safe and sound. To most of them the incident was an inconvenience not worth

mentioning in a letter home. But to that bright boy who did set off the alarm I offer the following advice:

First: write home and tell your parents what you did last night to keep yourself amused. If they live in a rural community they'll realize the danger that exists in having fire equipment and trained men tied up needlessly while somebody's house or barn goes up in smoke. Maybe they live in one of the urban centres such as Montreal. A few weeks ago a fireman was killed there while responding to a false alarm.

Oh! I'm sure your parents would be very proud of their son, the fire alarm puller.

Second: get yourself some competent medical advice. You know as well as anyone else the various dangers involved in crying wolf. From a six year old delinquent it could be understood. From a man of university age it falls nowhere short of mental sickness. Think it over if you're capable of it.

Last: get yourself a lawyer. The law provides a penalty of up to \$500, or 6 months, or both, for setting off a fire alarm falsely. Two people got a good look at you last Saturday night and they are not likely to forget you very quickly. If you do get caught any fun you had while watching the results of your actions just won't seem so funny after all.

Personally, I'd like very much to see you caught and dealt with. You're not the only one who gets his kicks this way and you'd provide an example to anyone else sick enough to try the same stunt. Sleep well. I know two people who are very much looking forward to seeing you again.

Women's Liberation

By Ms. Frieda W. Lovedu

The time has arrived when it just is no longer sane, intelligent or cool to oppose the aims of Women's Liberation. As we all know, the aims are three, free abortion on demand, free day care, equal opportunity in employment and education. The opposition, now dwindling in numbers, still desperately exhaust themselves with silly questions like are you a lesbian, do you hate children, do you hate men, etc. We have patiently answered such absurdities but it's time to move on to the more complicated issues.

Now the subtleties of the Old World cultural view of women are becoming obvious and for those who have arrived at a conscious awareness of the guts of the issues, the work has just begun. For example, why, in standard block letters (check one), Mr., Mrs., Miss? Why, indeed. In days of yore, a woman achieved a certain status by becoming a Mrs. Included in the benefits of her new position were: her means of support were no longer questionable (she became respectable), she was no longer sexually available (sole property of her Mr.) Certainly there is no relevant difference between a Miss and a Mrs. Private commitments should have no bearing whatsoever on your status.

After all a Mr. is a Mr. - married, single or otherwise. This private commitment, marriage, need not be celebrated by the acquisition of a Mrs. and a ring. Such trademarks should be dropped. Not only do the Mrs. and Miss have to be dropped so does the M or F on every card we are obliged to fill out. Such information is not necessary. Not only is this sexual discrimination used unfairly against women, i.e. you lost 10 points on an employment application if you happen to be an F, it has proven to be hard on the M's.

Shaking out the ghosts of the past is sometimes tedious. Even the most liberated in thought male will immediately tease the woman who says she's doing her Master's degree when, if his male buddy says the same, it becomes a serious matter to discuss with regards to his future, his thesis topic, etc, etc. Meanwhile he's pinching the woman's cheek and she's smiling sheepishly back. But she's thinking, "Christ, what's so funny, you don't need balls to be serious."



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