

The idea stinks: HUB tenants HUB won't subsidize

by Dave Cox

HUB residents are upset at the prospect of an 8-12 percent rent increase proposed to them at a meeting Friday with Gail Brown, director of Housing and Food Services.

Other changes suggested for HUB have students concerned that it may become "just another residence."

The members of the recently revived HUB Tenants Association (HTA) objected to the subsidization of Lister Hall by the revenue derived from HUB. Last year, HUB contributed \$182,000 to the total Housing and Food

Services budget, partially offsetting deficit operations like Lister Hall.

"I don't want my rent going to subsidize Lister Hall," HTA president Johnathan Calk said.

"When they take the profit from one area and use it to cover the deficit in another, they're hiding the problem," said Dierdre Ah Shene, HTA executive.

Brown admitted HUB subsidized other operations, but said this was changing.

"We are trying to reduce the extent to which HUB supports the other facilities," she said. The

subsidy for the current year was down to \$146,000.

The HTA also objected strenuously to unjustified rent increases without an accompanying increase in services provided. Besides the facelift being given to HUB to meet health regulations, the only changes for next year will be increased storage and closet space and improved lighting.

Another change that irritated tenants was the proposed removal of the "head tenant" policy. Instead of one person holding the lease in a two- or four-man unit, each tenant would hold an individual lease. This would remove from tenants the freedom to choose their own roommates.

"We don't like this idea," said Calk. "In fact, it stinks."

If HUB became like a res, it would be a much less desirable place to live."

Tenants were also disturbed by other impending policy changes. Brown announced that periodic checks on housekeeping and general upkeep would be made in the units. This, she said, is aimed at "reducing the risks associated with poor housekeeping."

The checks are intended to maintain healthy living conditions and forestall any possible fire hazards.

Some HUB dwellers considered this an "unreasonable invasion of privacy"; eliminating one of HUB's most attractive qualities - non-interference by the administration.

"The original intent of HUB was more like a student apartment than a residence," said one HUB tenant.

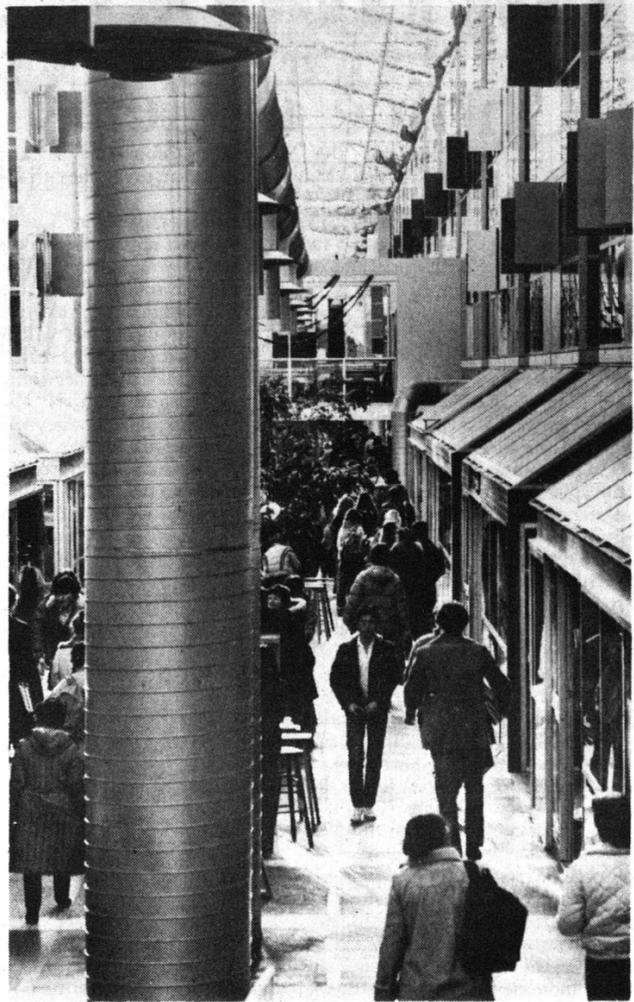


photo Ray Giguere

Thousands of aimless students wander around HUB everyday, looking for a place to hide from February's mid-term exams.

But Brown assured residents guidelines would be issued regarding what housekeeping standards would be expected. She also said students would receive adequate warning before inspections, but did not specify how much time was "adequate."

Brown also announced a

policy which would prevent first year students from renting in HUB or North Garneau. Present tenants generally considered this unfair because it restricted first-year students to Lister Hall.

"For some first-year students, residence is simply not the right place to live," said an HTA member.

McGill legislates beyond academics

MONTREAL(CUP) — McGill University senate has proposed a new code of student discipline that could seriously limit student activism on campus.

The purpose of the new code would be to "centralize disciplinary decision making in one university body" and "to warn the student in terms that are clear and precise of the conduct that will give rise to disciplinary action."

The code covers academic as well as non-academic matters.

The code was debated at a senate meeting January 28 and was tabled until the next meeting in February.

The code's provisions include that no student shall "knowingly obstruct university activities"; no student shall "without permission or just cause, knowingly enter or remain in any university building, facility, room or office including parking lots, athletic fields and campus areas" and that no student

shall "use words in a situation of clear and imminent danger which incite others to behavior that violates any article of this section."

According to Lawrence McDougall, Board of Governors representative to the senate, "The university is setting up a kangaroo court."

"I'm very upset that we should be forcing students back into a little mould they were in 50 to 100 years ago," he said. "Disruption should be dealt with by civil courts."

Student senator Sean McAlister said the code is "patronizing to say the least. The university should not be an arbiter of civil disobedience."

Student society president Todd Ducharme introduced an amendment to the code calling for the elimination of all clauses pertaining to non-academic offenses.

Toward a feminist perspective System shafts women

by Philip Melnychuk

Feminists must stop worrying about alienating people and should be more concerned with finding their own values and viewpoints, a member of the Rape Crisis Centre said Friday.

Speaking at a Political Science Undergraduate Association forum on women's rights, Brit Griffin, a U of A law student, said that women should question the values of society itself and not worry about a poor public image.

"How much do we want to compromise? Do we want the same opportunities of men or do we want to say the whole system stinks? We have to ask ourselves these questions."

Describing the state of the women's movement in Alberta Griffin claimed that until recently the feminist movement had been poorly organized. However, since the night marches sponsored by the Rape Crisis Centre the move-



Law student Brit Griffin

ment has begun to coalesce. A network of women's groups concerned with various issues has since developed, she said.

Griffin identified the major issues facing women in Alberta: rape, because of this province's boom town mentality; pornography, because it is thought to represent hate literature against women; and the increasing difficulty of obtaining abortions in Alberta hospitals.

Although she said that feminists tend to be idealists, Griffin mentioned specific actions - such as campaigns against sexual stereotyping in education and in the media - which could improve the status of women in society.

Alison Thomson, a member of CJSR's feminist programme "The Witching Hour Collective" commented on women's role in politics and labor.

She said many feminists were disillusioned with leftist political parties because they were traditionally male-dominated and tended to exclude women.

Thomson also said that women's role in the province's labor movement was particularly difficult judging by the government's treatment of Alberta Union of Public Employees clerical workers.

Responding to questions from the audience Griffin acknowledged the humanist aims of the women's movement. She said women "just want to be left alone for a while... to develop a completely feminist perspective" before men and women could find any common ground.

Asked how to deal with men who feel threatened by assertive women, Griffin stated that women can't always be concerned with the male ego.

Squibs by Spike Milligram

Herbert W. Armstrong leads the attack in a full-page ad in the Jan. 26, 1981 *Edmonton Journal*.
Modern science has failed utterly to reveal the purpose of human life, or explain its incredible potential! With modern education it remains in ignorance of the TRUE VALUES! It does not know the way to PEACE — whether world peace between nations or peace in the home and family unit. It has failed miserably to deliver the world from illiteracy, poverty, famine, disease, fears, and worries, frustrations, unhappiness!

Gustave Lebon checks him in his *Psychologie des foules* (1895):
Science has promised us truth — an understanding of such relationships as our minds can grasp; it has never promised us either peace or happiness.

Ernest Becker fumbles for the puck in his 1974 Pulitzer Prize winning book *The Denial of Death*:
(Norman Brown) realized that the only way to get beyond the natural contradictions of existence was in the time-worn religious way: to project one's problems onto a god-figure, to be healed by an all-embracing and all-justifying beyond.

Thomas Jefferson shoots and scores, from *Notes on Religion* (1776):
No man has the right to abandon the care of his salvation to another.

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