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Well, here we are starting another year of university and I, for one, am looking forward to it. Right now, just finishing off an excellent summer, I plan to become a real keener: study until three every morning, get up for my eight-thirty class and, yes, do all my assignments. This is what I plan but I am sure come next Friday I will be doing my studying at the Social Club.

Here is one more welcome for you welcome-weary frosh. Although you are probably sick of hearing "welcome to UNB" We here at the Bruns would like to welcome all of you to our illustrious university and hope you have a good year. Oh yeah, welcome back to all of you who are not frosh.

Tim Gorman and his crew should be congratulated on the job they did of orientation and welcoming the frosh to UNB. There were a lot of fun events and the whole thing was well organized.

I went to the bank and the bookstore earlier in the week. It was a lot easier to get into the bookstore than the bank but when I did get in I was disappointed to notice that the book lists were non-existent, or if they did exist, they were where they didn't want us to see them. The lists were nice to have because then you knew for sure what text was required for your course, that is, if the prof did not change the text he wanted. All of you who are not in first year will not be surprised at the lines at the bank. For those of you who are new here, welcome to the land of standing in line. Hurry before those second-hand books are sold.

CHSR is undergoing renovations for their expansion and change to FM. Best of luck to them in their new endeavor.

I might as well do my bit to recruit people to work for us. Really though, we are short of people this year. Once we filled our editorial and managerial positions we were left with about two people on our staff list. Not only does this not look good but it makes it difficult for the editors. Come on down to the office, Room 35 in the SUB, Monday at 12:30 and see what the paper is all about. I am sure you will have a good time. We do need an Offset Editor (Offset Editor ~ What the h*** is an Offset Editor?). If you think you would like to give this a shot, then drop in. There, that is my little bit of propaganda for the paper. (I hate doing this, it makes you feel so cheap.)

Musically this was a very busy week. At the time of the writing of this column I can see the Coyote Brothers setting up outside our window. Marc Lulhan and Steven Peacock have been playing at the Woodshed, Peter Alan played there Wednesday night. And of course, we cannot forget about those lovable Angry Young Ducks who played up at the Hilltop. I hope most of you took this show in.

By now, all of you frosh and about half of you upperclassmen have gone through the pain of registration. Isn't it fun? Seriously though, things can and will get worse if you let them. Just try to change your courses or (God forbid) faculty. I have gone through both and they are not too much fun.

There will not be anymore pubs at the Stud; the reason being that fire regulations will not allow them. This leaves only two options open to those of you who wish to have pubs: One is to use the SUB, but this requires the use of SUB staff, thereby increasing the cost of the pub; the other option open is the use of the d'Avray cafeteria.

The writing of this column is becoming an ever-increasing difficult task the further I get into it. The trouble is not that I cannot get the ideas from my head to my fingers; no, the trouble is that I cannot get the ideas into my head. Oh well, this should fill up at least an inch of the column. Maybe a trip to the Social Club will loosen up my thoughts.

Thanks to CHSR for fixing the radio in our office.

For all you people who are inclined to think that "disco sucks", read the article "Disco can be beaten" on page 17 of this issue. Join up and support the cause.

Well that is about it for this issue. Welcome all frosh and upperclassmen, not to mention all you old staffers.

Power lines cause cancer?

According to a new University of Colorado study, people who live near electric power lines may run a greater risk of developing cancer.

When Nancy Wertheimer started a health survey of childhood cancer in the Denver area, she decided to visit the neighborhoods of the victims - hoping to uncover some hidden environmental cause of the disease. She noticed one strange fact - many of the houses occupied by cancer victims were near electrical transformers. Even though the clue seemed like a long shot, Wertheimer decided to compare the cancer rate in homes located near power lines and transformers to a neutral "control" group. The results were startling. Children living near the power lines developed twice as many cases of leukemia, lymphomas, and nervous-system tumors as kids who weren't exposed to high-voltage electricity.

The study could provide some ammunition for groups fighting high-tension power lines and radar installations. Power lines, along with microwave ovens, radar bases, and TV sets, give off a form of energy known as electromagnetic radiation (EMR). For years, people living near or

working with sources of EMR have been complaining of a variety of effects including cataracts, tumors, and blood disorders. However

power companies and the government continue to insist that the radiation is not harmful in small doses. (Newscrip)

Generation gap growing

A new Canadian study says the generation gap is growing because people are segregating themselves according to age.

Before World War Two, there was only one generation gap - between parents and children. But now, according to Statistics Canada demographer Sylvia Wargon, a whole new series of gaps has emerged. For the most part, they coincide with life's major stages - infancy, youth, young parenthood, middle age, early old age and old age.

Wargon says that more and more people are refusing to share their homes with others from different age groups. And she blames the increasing age segregation on longer life expectancy, higher divorce rates, birth control, and post-war

affluence. She also warns that the new trend could have a bad effect on the nuclear family and the values of sharing and caring it has traditionally encouraged. (Newscrip)



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Are you sure this is how you do the aboriginal mating dance?