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## College Hill Residents form committee

by Melanie O'Hara

Cracked walls, peeling paint, little or no heat, and mice in the basement or attic. These are some of the conditions that students are living with.

In a city which prides itself on cleanliness there are actually slums developing. Several of these less-than-adequate facilities are being rented out to UNB and STU students at a yearly increase.

Professor Kent Thompson UNB Dept. of English head wants UNB and STU and their landlords to get involved with the newly formed College Hill Neighbourhood Association. Thompson is the vice president of the CHNA and acting liaison for the university committee. Both of these groups are trying to combat the decreasing quality of proper housing in and around the two campuses.

The CHNA's concerned with illegally rented apartments, high rents, dirty rent conditions, absentee landlords and the tenant rentalsman act.

"Enrollment has gone up 40 per cent in the last ten years at UNB alone," says Thompson, "but housing certainly hasn't. We want students to live happily during their stay in the capital city, so we have to better the housing situation together."

Thompson says the CHNA wants City-Hall to enforce city

by-laws.

"For example there are landlords who are renting illegally. Meaning that they are not registered with the Fredericton Rentalsman. These particular apartments are in violation of the Zoning law. Some landlords aren't even conforming with fire regulations."

The CHNA is also concerned with housing on campus. "Residence housing is filled to capacity on-and-off campus. It's getting to the point where students are living in cramped quarters and doubling up to pay the high rents.

Thompson says the Association has also looked into providing Shuttle Bus transportation so that rent won't be difficult to pay each month.

"Students have enough rent and heat bills to pay a month that they shouldn't have to worry whether their car is going to last through the winter. The use of Shuttle Buses is something the Maritimes Higher Education Commission has been looking into for universities in the Maritimes. Hopefully it can be implemented here someday."

Thompson would like to see a better list of accommodations made for next year's students. And UNB Student Council president Greg Lutes agrees.

"The Student Council is taking the CHNA and its concerns seriously. Having a blacklist

and better list of accommodations is a great idea. But the problem is only one part-time person is available to put them together during the summer months. If students, parents and neighbours wanted to get involved next year's students wouldn't have to waste their time looking at dumps," says Lutes.

Lutes will be acting as a student representative for the CHNA.

A committee within the university has been formed as well and will be meeting in the near future.

Thompson says the CHNA wants students and their landlords to live happily and hopes they will join the committees, or at least voice an opinion.

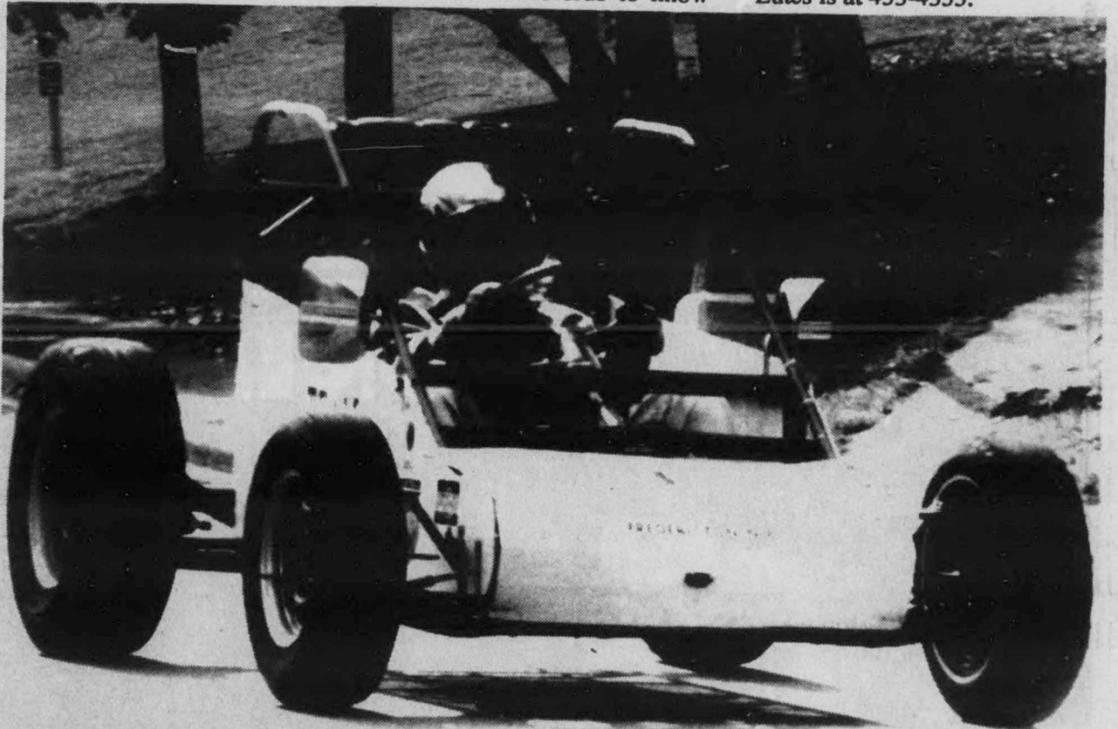
"We know that everyone has a desire for good housing for a reasonable rate. We want students and landlords to know

what their rights are and the conditions they are entitled to live in."

"There are landlords renting illegally."

- Thompson

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Engineering Week held: The 17th annual coaster derby was held on Saturday. See page seven. Engineering Week special on page 8

James Rowan photo

## Law faculty studies gender related policy

by Jeffery Czopor

The "gender related policy," hence, "being politically correct" and the such, has brought about animosity, confusion, and disgust amongst many students and faculty, male and female alike.

Despite the Women's Studies attempt to clarify their convictions and purposes for staunchly supporting the policy of gender neutral language and other revisions on campus, many have stated that they feel victimized as

students, suffocated by the "attitude" regarding women's "new role" in society, and stripped of their right to "free speech." However, it has been the efforts of the Faculty of Law here at UNB to further clarify this issue which they feel is gravely misunderstood.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Gender Related Policy, who coordinated the study with the Faculty of Law, stated that "legal education in New Brunswick has reflected a white, male tradition...The Faculty's [Law] curriculum

structure, and pedagogical style arises from the interests, expectations, and values of men of a certain social class and race." Despite the fact the survey was conducted within the Faculty of Law, it appears that the attempt was to make a statement regarding "many faculties" at "many universities."

During the summer months of this year, the Ad Hoc Committee examined the "extensive survey of law student attitudes, beliefs, and experiences relating to gender." Responses to the survey

showed "how short of full gender equality the Faculty falls." Many feel that most classes don't even shed a glimmer of the feminist view.

The study also found "a disturbing level of anti-feminism." Many feel that feminism has become greatly disregarded as an issue and has strictly become the object of cruel and derogatory remarks. The study also examined student's and professor's behavior toward "sexism" both in and out of the classroom, and stated that "the conduct of

UNB law students produces an environment which is not adequately woman-friendly."

In a previous interview with Dr. Wendy Robbins, coordinator of the Women's Studies Department, stated that feminists did not wish to take control of the classroom at universities, but justly integrate women's perspectives into courses that have generally dealt with the male's view. She also states that UNB is no exception in needing this approach in presenting material.

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