

Housing Subcommittee to make recommendations

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The UNB subcommittee on Student Housing has been meeting regularly on the average once a week since October 1971 and now appears close to handing down its final report. Since the end of the term is fast approaching and other issues such as fee changes, etc. may have become primary in the students' minds, not to mention exams, I shall try to bring the student body up to date as to what has been happening and in what general areas recommendations will be made to the Board of Governors.

Since its first meeting, it has amassed financial and occupancy statistics on the UNB Residence system, the downtown boarding operations and the Co-op. It has been looking into the social as well as financial implications of the several living styles and of course has examined the housing situation as a whole.

It has compiled both married student and single student comprehensive questionnaires and used these to sample the student

body as to get a feeling of the present housing situation to compare it to the past years.

The computer has been fed the data off of the questionnaires and has provided a few of the basic facts some of which are self-evident.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
14 percent of the student body couldn't get any summer jobs or did not endeavour to. 81 percent rely in part or whole on summer income, 31 percent on scholarships or bursaries, 40 percent on loans of some type and 53 percent on gifts from family, etc.

PREJUDICE
17 percent of the students questioned have encountered racial, religious or other prejudice while searching for housing in Fredericton.

WHERE STUDENTS ARE LIVING

9.6 percent - university residence, 16.2 percent at home, 4.5 percent Co-op, 17.0 percent in a room in a private dwelling, 19.2 percent - in an apartment, 4 percent in trailers, 2.3 - other.

TYPES OF ROOMS THEY

LIVE IN

38.1 percent - single, 55.1 percent - double, 2.6 percent triple, 0.8 percent - more.

SATISFACTION WITH ACCOMODATIONS

44.2 percent were satisfied, 41.8 were not, and 14 percent didn't say.

RATING OF PRESENT DWELLINGS

22 percent found it too costly, 12 percent found them too far away, 23 percent found the construction poor, 14 percent were dissatisfied with maintenance, 31 percent felt the noise level too high, 30 percent found the heat and ventilation poor and 17 percent were dissatisfied with the administration.

DIFFICULTY OF FINDING ACCOMODATIONS

43 percent found it not difficult, 40 percent found it difficult and 17 percent didn't answer the question.

PREFERENCES IN ACCOMODATION

1. When asked where they would prefer to live (within their means) 27 percent stated a residence room, 37 percent wanted a 2 bedroom apartment with up to four students, 7 percent wanted a downtown room and 3 percent want a small house.

2. If it was within their price range, 46 percent would like an apartment and 17 percent

a room in residence.

BOARD

55 percent of the sample preferred that board should be provided and 33.6 did not want board with accomodations.

NEIGHBORHOOD

When asked what type of neighborhood they preferred, of students sampled 65 percent preferred a neighborhood integrated with the community while a minority preferred a total university environment.

These in themselves are quite basic facts and will help to guide design of any future recommended projects. The major wealth of information is to be gained, however, from correlations among answers to the same 120 questions on the two questionnaires. This process is presently being carried out in the single student percentages above, the difference between question totals and 100 percent is the percent who did not answer the question.

The question of recommendations now arises. The students may expect that recommendations along the following lines will be presented to the Board of Governors before graduation:

-on the acceptance of the university of a qualified principle of responsibility for some facets of student housing.

-on the viability of expansion

of its present residence system.

-on the need for apartment type dwellings

-on the use of student preference by the university as a guide to future planning of accomodations

-or the use of flexibility in building plans

-on the present trend toward apartment style living

-on the recognition of the particular needs of married students

-on a long range increase in the percentage of students housed on campus

-on the NB Residence Co-op and the Co-op way of life and its contribution

-on the accomodations and placement office reorganization

-on the question of a general University Housing Inspection Policy

-on the upgrading of services for students living off campus

-on the gathering of student housing needs and preferences data on an annual basis

-on the place of the Housing subcommittee within the university structure.


These recommendations must go to two bodies, the Academic and Campus Planning Committee and the Senate, before reaching the Board of Governors. If there is another Brunswickan the results and implications of the report will be published in it if ready.

OPEN FORUM

"UNB - An Exclusive (Snooty? Fat Cat?) Community!"

Wed., Mar. 8, 1972
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Room 7 - Small Dining Room in SUB.
(Bring Your Lunch)



Resource People:

- Mr. Peter Kent, Dean, Men's Residence
- Mr. Ken Windsor, Don, Harrison House
- Mr. Dave Nicholson, Fredericton Lawyer
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lawrence, Insight

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Engineers' Congress this weekend

One hundred and seventy delegates from engineering schools across Canada gather at the University of New Brunswick Thursday, 9 March for the Fourth Congress of Canadian Engineering Students.

Three days of lectures,


workshops, panel discussions and films will be opened at 9:30 a.m. by Dr. L.G. Jaeger, Dean of Engineering. Sessions will be held in Sir Edmund Head Hall, using simultaneous translation and engineering department facilities. The national event is the fourth of its kind - previous congresses were held in Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa.

Environment and ecology are main themes of the 1972 congress. Peter Middleton, head of Pollution Probe, Toronto, gave the planary address at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, 9 March on the topic "The problems and causes of the state of our environment." Workshops and

films that day examined various aspects of his subject.

Friday, 10 March, the keynote speaker will be Dr. J.F. McLaren, consulting engineer from Toronto. He will discuss the role of the engineer in environmental control. He will be followed by workshops on such subjects as the Chedabucto disaster, mass transit, noise, pipelines and recycling.

"The role of the government in environmental control" will be examined Saturday, 11 March, in the planary address by R. Tait, acting Director-General of Environment, Ottawa. Workshops led by visiting specialists will continue his theme throughout the day.




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