

## Student Services

### OFF CAMPUS HOUSING OFFICE

The Off-Campus Housing Office is located in Room 133, Lady Dunn Hall (front entrance). The office is open daily, never closed. Each person has to make his/her own housing arrangements from the housing material available in room 133 Lady Dunn.

Never go to an address, always call ahead for appointment to view the premises. Housing listings can not be mailed out. These listings change hourly, also homeowners select tenants through personal contact not otherwise.

QUESTION: When is the best time to look for a house or apartment for rent for the academic year September to April?

ANSWER: During the summer months period May to August. However, very few apartments are available during August and September but during October and November the selection is quite good. Rental Agencies/Landlords have a quota on student housing which is filled very quickly, especially on the South side of the City.

QUESTION: Can I look for an apartment in May and start paying rent in August?

ANSWER: No, you start paying rent as soon as you commit yourself to renting, with other words, if you select an apartment in May you start paying rent in May, if you select an apartment in June you pay rent starting June, etc. etc.

QUESTION: Should I look for housing (apartment or room) during the week or on a weekend when I can make a special trip to Fredericton to look for housing?

ANSWER: You can come when it is convenient for you, the office is open, but the best time is during the week. Homeowners to go to their Cottages on weekends, take trips etc. and are usually available from Monday to Friday. Apartments or Houses for rent become available on the 1st day of each month or during the last week of each month.

QUESTION: Is the Off-Campus Housing Office the only source for information on student housing in the Community?

ANSWER: No, but the best. The daily newspaper the "Daily Gleaner" can be purchased after 12:30 p.m. anywhere in the City and in the Classified section of the paper you find available rentals on all types of housing. The next best source is by word of mouth amongst the student population and for apartments the telephone book. In the telephone book (yellow pages) under Apartments (not Realtors) you get the names of the Rental Agencies. By calling the Rental Agencies directly you can find out what is available immediately and what might become available in the future. Also by calling the Rental Agencies published in the Telephone Book you can call from anywhere in Canada. All you have to do is go to your local Telephone Co. and ask for the Fredericton Telephone book.

QUESTION: What rights do I have as a tenant when I rent a house or apartment?

ANSWER: Before renting an apartment or house get a copy of the "RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT" from the Office of the Rentalsman located at 300 St. Mary's St., or write to the following address: OFFICE OF THE RENTALS MAN, Box 6000, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5H1, Tel: 453-6554.

QUESTION: When is the best time to look for a single or double room with or without cooking facilities or room with board?

ANSWER: Anytime. However, you can select a room during the summer months, pay a holding deposit and move into the room in the fall. The holding deposit is not refundable and is not part of the rent payment. Do not wait until late August or early September to make your housing arrangements. For best results look during the summer months.

Applications for Magee House Apartments are available Mrs. H. E. Stewart, Off-Campus Housing Officer. For appointment call 453-4667.

A limited number of apartments become vacant during period April to mid-June. The apartments are not available to single undergraduate students. In order of priority the following student groups can apply:

FULL-TIME UNB couples with or without families.  
FULL-TIME UNB law students, M.A., Ph.D. and post-doctoral single students.  
FULL-TIME STU couples with or without families.

## The first feminist

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There is a folktale, in the Jewish tradition, that tells us that Eve was not the first woman. According to this legend, the first woman was Lilith, and her story has recently been rediscovered by feminists. Why is Lilith important in our day and age? It is because she was born on equal terms with Adam. The biblical passage alluding to Lilith's creation was taken from Genesis 1:27, "And God created the human species in His own image...male and female He created them." This passage precedes the one with which we are familiar, the passage in which God created Eve from Adam's rib.

We have the telling of Lilith's tale in an interpretive text entitled *The Alphabet of Ben Sira*. "After the Holy One created the first human being, Adam...He created a woman, also from the earth, and called her Lilith.

They quarreled immediately. She said: 'I will not lie below you.' He said, 'I will not lie below you, but above you.'

She responded: 'We are both equal because we both came from the earth.'

Neither listened to the other. When Lilith realized what was happening, she pronounced the Ineffable Name of God and flew off into the air.

Adam rose in prayer before the Creator saying: 'The woman you gave me has fled from me.' Immediately the Holy One sent three Angels after her.

The Holy One said to Adam: 'If she wants to return, all the better. If not, she will accept that one hundred of her children will die every day.'

The angels went after her, finally locating her in the sea, in the powerful waters in which the Egyptians were destined to perish. They told her what God had said, and



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## The story of Lilith

she did not want to return." (Section 23A-B)

Jewish feminists in particular have drawn great strength from the story of Lilith. Lilith stands as the first biblical example of free will on the part of a human being. Faced with the choice between subservience to Adam and independence she chooses a life of banishment from Eden, and loneliness. Lilith, moreover, possesses great knowledge and uses it, her knowledge of the Ineffable name of God, to defend her rights as an equal to Adam. Her struggle with Adam is symbolic of the struggle women have experienced for centuries, between the protection of subservience and the consequences of independence.

Lilith is only one of the many legends of female courage and wisdom found in the Bible and the Midrash. There are the Egyptian midwives, Puah and Shifrah, who refused to murder the Israelite newborns and in so doing, bore the wrath of the Pharaoh; Deborah the great judge and

prophetess who led the Israelites to victory over 10,000 Canaanite warriors; Jael, who further decimated the Canaanite forces by doing away with their leader—driving a tentpin into his head as he slept; Miriam, Moses' sister, who led the Jewish women in a song of praise to God for their delivery from Pharaoh and the Red Sea; And then, there is Ruth, who left behind all that she knew to follow Naomi to a far land, converted to Judaism and become the founder of the lineage of King David.

Through the centuries Jews have drawn insight and direction from the lives of the Patriarchs. An equally important, though missing source has been the story of the Matriarchs. In recent years, Jewish women have sought to re-establish this tie with the foremothers, to seek out the lost stories of the past, to study and to question. This searching has brought not only a greater insight and guidance, but a sense of pride and harmony with the past.

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