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## Youth Minister Robertson Relocates Students

by Edison Stewart

The arrival in Fredericton of newly elected Minister of Youth, Mrs. Brenda Robertson (Albert County), precipitated the re-location of four students who, until this week, resided at 221 Edinburgh Street.

Mrs. Robertson said in an interview that she was interested in renting only the whole house from its owner, Dr. St. Pierre.

Dr. St. Pierre is leaving soon for France on 1 year sabbatical. Dr. St. Pierre had explained to her that "he was going to rent his whole home".

The students had occupied the basement before this weekend.



Mrs. Robertson, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

## Food Boycott

by Edna Barker

A number of second year students, with the blind support of a few first year students, failed in their attempt to conduct a food boycott at Lady Dunn Hall and Tibbits Hall.

The main complaint of the girls was that at McConnell Hall second servings are allowed while they were not at Lady Dunn Hall and Tibbits.

Several signs were placed at the entrances to the dining halls telling students to eat at McConnell Hall. The Food Representatives at those residences talked to the students, asking them in future to take their complaints through the proper channels. (i.e. themselves)

A meeting was held to deal with the situation Mr. Vijay (a Versafoods dietician, who has since been relieved of his duties); the Dean of Women (Mrs. Kidd) and Major Bill Scott (an official of the University) were in attendance. As a result of the meeting, students have been requested to take their complaints to the food representatives or the suggestion box, which is in both dining halls.

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During the course of the interview the new Minister promised to "certainly help them re-locate."

And she has.

Two of the students have found temporary accomodation which is suitable; the other two have been offered various places to stay by Mrs. Robertson.

The Minister has promised to find suitable accomodations for the former after Christmas.

The girls knew towards the end of October that he would be leaving, said Dr. St. Pierre.

At press-time, several places had been found for the presently dissatisfied girls to stay, but they had contacted neither the Minister nor anyone else in her department.

After Christmas, she said that she intended to make sure that all were satisfied. Some of the girls had said they didn't have time for house-hunting now.



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## SPECIAL SPICER EDITORIAL

by David R. Jonah

A persons public image when representing a corporation is an important asset. So important that the value attached to a creditable and respected image can hardly be measured.

Often the corporation executive or one who have close physical relationships with clients of the corporation is involved in an incident which results in personal embarassment or noteriety.

Although the individual in legal terms is free of any guilt as far as the legal definition goes, he possesses a responsibility to be free of any shadow of guilt.

In moral terms the circumstances surrounding an incident may be perfectly innocent but the image which reforms in the minds of clients of the corporation individual involved in the incident may damage the company in the end.

Protests, denials and assurances to the contrary by the company that they have investigated the incident does little to dispell the mistrust felt by the public of the individual.

No matter how brillant the career or valuable the service, public opinion - although often wrong and misdirected - does not act charitably and the individual is forced to resign and the company forced to accept.

This is business and the result is certainly not justice or a sense of fair play. Regardless the above comments are facts of business life.

The paper has reported a similar apparently innocent incident, waited reply, denial or explanation or both. But neither have materialized. We then called for a resignation and still await an official public reply from either the Administration or the Accomodations Office.

Critics in the Administration have termed our call for resignation too hasty and hardly necessary, and hinted that legally we were out of line. A top-level Administration meeting was held last Friday afternoon to assess the publication of the offending editorial.

Their decision was that Mrs. Ruth Spicer, in her position was not guilty of "conflict interest" in any "legal or moral sense of the word."

However, no official announcement or explanation was forthcoming and students remain unsure of just who the Accomodations Officer is working for.

Frankly, so are we.

Mrs. Spicer has brought a lot of drive, energy and determination to succeed to the position.

Her relationship with students has been cordial with respect won from zeal to help. But her image has taken a major blow which may hamper her further usefulness.

An honest, serious answer to original questions orginated by us, would have saved her from this unfortunate development. A campus newspaper can be deemed "undergraduate futility" but it is the voice, representative, and defender of student interests on campus.

Mrs. Spicer should have been more careful in wording her replies to us.

For this reason, the paper acted to protect student interest. The public image downtown in requesting further private citizens to open their homes to students will be in question when Mrs. Spicer herself is thought to be not renting her own choice location on Kings College Road.

Regardless of how justified she is in her decision as the administration and Mrs. Spicer have assured us. The fact remains that the doubts remain and image remains.

We recommend that Mrs. Spicer carefully explain her position seriously in a letter, remembering that she works for the interests of students not the administration. We will publish it.

Realizing her precarious position in public relations for this university we turn the decision for further action to the students in general. If no protest is launched once her explanation is made then hopefully condifence will once again be felt by students in her tenure.