

Getting high: a hitch-hiker's guide to camping solo

By GAVIN SCOTT

I'd like to take this opportunity to speak to you about getting high. With an opening sentence like that I certainly hope that I am giving you the wrong impression. I'm talking about the high of camping. Not camping with your Coleman stoves, coolers, trailers, or hot showers, but rather setting off solo into the wild with the basic tools and a sleeping bag.

People who have never camped before tend to fear two things. The first is wildlife, the second is that they are going to starve to death. Where the wildlife is concerned, animals would rather run than fight. Even a hungry bear will come into your camp only to get food. As long as you don't try to stop him he'll come in, eat and then leave. A good idea, if you're not familiar with what you can and can't eat, is to bring freeze dried food with you. Freeze dried food is surprisingly good, it's very light to carry, and it usually is very high in calories, (a necessity in the woods). A second feature of freeze dried food is that if an animal eats it, their first reaction is to drink water afterwards. It makes for a really sore stomach when your freeze dried lasagna rehydrates in the animal's stomach. This stomach ache

tends to discourage the animal from eating in your restaurant again.

With basic equipment (10 ft of copper wire, a good sharp knife, a fish hook, and a hatchet) you can enjoy fresh well cooked meals. There is nothing quite like eating freshly snared rabbit (snared with your copper wire) cooked on a spit over an open fire or a feast of lake trout (caught with the wire and hook) and served with lilly pad roots (don't

laugh, they taste just like potatoes) and a little pine needle tea (a little bitter but quite tasty).

The true high, for me, comes from the solitude. Don't get me wrong, I'm not a loner by any means, but at least once a year, I like to go off by myself, for a week or so, to collect my thoughts without any pressure of living in the "civilized" world. Going about your day with only the sounds of nature around you,

you really start to feel at peace with your new environment and yourself. The incredible feeling of being the only person on a glass still lake, the only ripple coming from your paddle; seeing Mother Nature going about her daily routine; fish jumping at gnats, ducks bobbing, and perhaps the occasional bear in sight (just to keep you from getting cocky), all add up to one big high.

All of these things together, these "highs", humble a person

somewhat, but, moreover, makes them a better person by them knowing that, somewhere in this messed up hustle and bustle world, there are sanctuaries to be found. These sanctuaries, as long as we don't abuse them as we have so many other things in this world, will be there always for the taking; for the "high" of knowing that you are capable of being at peace with yourself, your thoughts, and nature.

OPINION MacKenzie residents thrown out

By MARTIN WALLACE of the BRUNSWICKAN

The majority of students at UNB were greatly shocked and angered by the recent administration takeover of the Student Union building. I cannot say, however, that this incident came as a great surprise to me.

In a similar disregard of student's rights, approximately eighty students were expelled from MacKenzie House in the summer of 1984, the majority of them being given no substantial reason for their expulsion. Although there are differences between this situation and that of the SUB, the main differences are of degree,

not of kind. In both cases, the fate of a large number of individuals was decided in terms of the actions of a relative few. In both cases, the University administration showed their belief that the students were incapable of handling their own affairs, and furthermore, deserved no chance to prove their capability.

The residents of MacKenzie House, however, did prove their ability to handle their own internal problems. Although the rate of damage at MacKenzie was high, the individuals responsible constituted a small minority. After a number of costly incidents, these individuals were brought before the House Disciplinary Commission and told, quite forcefully, to pack their bags and get out. Upon appeal to the Dean of Men's Residences, however, they were allowed to complete their year in the house. From that point on damages rose, presumably because these individuals realized that they could get away with wanton destruction. The incidents in-

creased until at one point the Fredericton City Police were called in to handle the situation. In effect, then the Residence administration itself, and not the eighty students expelled, were responsible for the "MacKenzie Problem." To alleviate this problem the administration practiced an peculiar form of surgery: to cure a few infected toes they amputated an entire leg. They achieved their goal and stopped the problem, but at what cost? and to whom?

Admittedly many students were offered the "chance" to apply for readmittance to other residences; on the other hand, many were not. What, one may ask, was the difference between these two groups?

During most of the "trouble" the Don of our house was a man named Professor Reavley Gair. The House Committee who worked with him gradually grew to distrust him. While we perceived him to be our liaison with the Dean of Men's Residences, he played a role quite different from that. He seemed to delight in

playing one side against the other and grew notorious in the House for politely listening to student proposals, and subsequently ignoring their existence.

After Dean Robert Smith resigned from his post, the position of Dean of Men's Residences became open to application. At the time of the deadline there was only one applicant—Professor Reavley Gair. As a matter of course, the application sent a letter to the president of each house soliciting student opinion of Prof. Gair for the post. Given the opinion MacKenzie House had of Gair, it was not surprising that a petition and several letters were sent stating the belief that he was, in fact, not suitable for the position. Subsequently, Professor Gair was appointed Dean of Men's Residences. I will not draw any conclusions, but I will point out that the group was denied readmittance to the entire Residence system and consisted mainly of those who wrote the letters, and those who organized the petition.

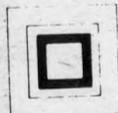
My purpose in writing this, however, was not to attack Prof. Gair, but to show how this incident displays the same disregard and utter contempt the administration holds for the opinions and rights of the students, as does the takeover of the SUB. The approaching signs of the takeover and the attitude of the administration were there for those concerned enough to see them. Our "enemies" are not Prof. Downey or Prof. Gair, but those students who live by the statements "I just don't care" or "It didn't happen to me." Nothing will change until we, the students demand as a whole, our rights under Canada's Charter of Rights and until we realize that when one student is treated unfairly, the entire Student Union suffers. Unless this happens the undemocratic actions will continue and escalate until every aspect of student life is controlled by those who do not believe in it, who have no faith in it, and any expulsion relies only on the exercise of some administrators merely whim.



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