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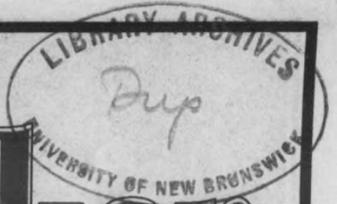
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## Tenants not compensated for cleanup time

by Mimi Cormier

One month after several ground floor apartments at Magee House were flooded by raw sewage backing up in the building's plumbing system, tenants are still experiencing problems as a result of the incident.

Tenants affected by the flooding are now facing the inconvenience of not being compensated for the time they spent cleaning the damage to their apartments.

Sam Mullin, UNB's Budget and Special Projects director, says that tenants are "not compensated for time" they spent cleaning their apartments by UNB's insurance policy, since the tenants did the cleaning themselves. Mullin explains that had the tenants hired outside cleaning personnel to clean the damage to their apartments, the university's insurance would have compensated them for the financial expense.

Mullin admits that "it is a little unfair," but says that this compensation arrangement is "standard insurance practice" and not unique to UNB's policy.

Magee House tenants are also continuing to have problems with the building's plumbing system. Although last month's more serious flooding was an unusual occurrence, Physical Plant Manager Murray McEachen says that it is not unusual for sinks in the building to back up.

McEachen says that there is about "one blockage a week in one apartment or other" in Magee House, but that the plumbing system "doesn't back up that often, that it causes damage". According to McEachen, the flooding in September "was caught in time" before it caused more damage.

The Physical Plant has already submitted a report to the Residence office recommending the replacement of the faulty plumbing in Magee House. McEachen says that

there is a \$200,000 estimate for repair and replacement" of the plumbing system, and that hopefully the university administration will " earmark funds for it" in the near future.

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-McEachen

## Complaints about inadequate lighting on campus

by Jeffrey Czopor

Going from one end of campus to the other at night can often take one through many dark areas which are very poorly lit.

Since anyone from anywhere can wander on to campus at anytime, it makes students feel more secure when they can roam about campus in a adequate lighting without fearing injury from someone hiding in a clump of bushes or alcove of a building.

The biggest complaints from students about lighting on campus areas follows: the area from Head Hall to the Tibbits end of campus (primarily in front of the Old Arts and Physics building); the stairs leading from in front of Carleton to the Science Library; from the SUB to either Tilley Hall or Harriet Irving; and around the Aitken Centre (on nights when there are no hockey games).

This last area around the Aitken Centre poses the biggest problem for those many students who frequently cut in back of the building and cross the Trans-Canada Highway to Skyline Acres. Also, it should be mentioned that lighting along Dineen Drive from the Harriet Irving Library to STU is inadequately lit. Other routes from UNB to STU through the roads pose some problems.

Many people feel that they are taking little risk by walking through the dark. However, since the school year began, there have been a few incidents where people have apparently been followed or ap-

proached.

According to Pat Ovendon, Campus Safety Officer, a security and traffic survey is being conducted to pinpoint the areas of most concern, and money hopefully will be appropriated to remedy the problem.

For those concerned about walking through campus alone at night, the Knights of Neill House have set up a system through which a student escort will be appointed to walk with the concerned person to his or her destination.

## Breaking residence lease may prove costly

by Karen Burgess

Recently, student concerns were raised over the University's policy for compensating students leaving UNB's residences.

At present, students who leave residence mid-term must find a suitable tenant to take over their lease. If they can find a replacement, they will receive a refund of their payments minus an amount calculated on the basis of how many days they inhabited their room.

If no replacement can be found, students will not receive a refund until a new tenant can be found by the Residence Office. Students' refunds will reflect the number of days they actually lived in the residence plus the number of days the room is vacant because of the student's withdrawal. Dr. Marylou Stirling, Dean of Residence assures that the Residence makes every effort to actively solicit new tenants to fill vacancies.

Concerns were raised about these policies as those students leaving University either voluntarily or because of a punitive expulsion are immediately given a refund for the remaining portions of their lease.

Dean Stirling recognises the concerns regarding the residence policies, but points out that these issues are treated with as much leniency as is possible by the Residence Office. Each student signs an agreement which outlines these regulations before they take up occupancy in the Residence.



Many students may be apprehensive about walking alone on campus after dark.

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