

I do most of my
work sitting down;

The Gateway

that's where I shine.
Robert Benchley

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North Garneau rent increase suggested

by M. MacNeil & G. Neiman

Jim Tanner, past president of the North Garneau Tenants Association, claims that the recent suggestion of the Campus Development Committee to raise rents in the area to more than what is needed to simply cover expenses, exploits residents and is contrary to the break-even concept of university finance.

Says Tanner, now that the Committee has been faced with the fact that the area will not be used for new buildings, (as was originally planned) the area is to receive long-overdue renovation grants. \$200,000 has already been allotted to NGMC for repairs.

However, Tanner claims that in the years following the appropriation of the area, the university has made approximately \$300,000 from the rents and expended little in the way of maintenance and repair. This leaves \$100,000 in the fund, but approximately \$500,000 more will be needed to completely renovate North Garneau.

What Tanner objects to is that the CDC has suggested to the NGMC to raise rents to the extent that they would cover more than the total sum necessary for renovations.

In the past, the policy of the university has been to attempt to get at least a 5% return on investments above and beyond expected costs.

Tanner believes that the function of the Board of Governors is to administer the financial affairs of the university

at par. He claims that the Board has neither the right nor the responsibility to make profits and that the decision is the latest in a long line of matters exploiting the residents of the area.

The area was appropriated in the first instance to provide room for expansion in the wake of a predicted upswing to 30,000 in student enrollment. Now that Plan Nine has come down from the provincial government, the maximum enrollment of the university has been fixed at 24,000.

The Board considered several alternatives as to what to do with the area, but was persuaded by residents to continue the concept of co-operative housing that had developed in the interim.

Tanner claims that as well as providing a positive climate of social development and community spirit, the area also provides one of the few available alternatives to commercial housing and thus keeps the costs of the student housing down. He feels that the recent decision will raise rents almost to the level of commercial housing and thus will make North Garneau competitive. This, he claims would be destructive to the community.

Tanner concluded that he felt that the university had every right to raise rents to include administrative costs and normal repairs but emphatically stated that any move to exploit students to make profits would be vigorously contested.



Exams aren't bad as long as you can hang in the sun.

Photo Ken Turner

"Bonehead" English classes

Berkeley, Calif. (ENS) - Over 45 percent of the entering Freshman class at the University of California at Berkeley write such poor English that they will be compelled to enroll in a special "bonehead" English class this year.

According to the director of the special English program, Phyllis Brooks, the number of

semi-literate college students is at a record high this year - at least at Berkeley. She places the blame for the situation on television, which she says is creating a "visual society" which turns to the tube rather than newspaper or books for information.

The large majority of the students with writing difficulties

come from upper-middle-class, white families, says Ms. Brooks. To qualify for the program, the students had to fail to write a well-organized three-page essay during a two-and-a-half-hour test.

Berkeley students are selected from the top 12-percent of their high school classes. Said Ms. Brooks, "These students have done well in some of our best high schools in the wealthiest suburbs, but they never learned to write more than a few lines."

South American 'slow pace' can kill

by Mary MacDonald

"You try crossing a street and watch the slow pace run over you."

The popular myth of the slow South American pace of life was dispelled by Dr. Alfonso

Gonzalez, U of C Professor of Geography, speaking to the Geographic Society here Thursday night.

Gonzalez described the population problem in South America as being very bleak.

With an increase in birth rate and a decrease in the mortality rate, the population is sky-rocketing.

There is a pressure put on food quantity, and the availability of social services and employment. He pointed out that although there had been an increase in food production there was an even greater increase in population.

"There is an internal migration going on in South America. During the 50's it was the fastest growing urban area in the world," he said.

Unemployment is 20%, which would constitute a depression in Canada. To this figure are added each year 1.6 million people to the labour force looking for work for the first time. Education facilities are not very good and qualified instructors are difficult to get.

Gonzalez stated, "There is a backlog of people with 40% of them not in school...10 million people who will be difficult to employ later on."

Regarding health he explained that almost as much is spent on this as on the military. The average caloric intake per male is 2400 as compared with

about 3000 calories here.

"Housing," he said, "is hopeless! If housing triples it will take 30 years to catch up to the population now!" Gonzalez explained that certain nucleus areas house 1/4 of the population.

Some countries, notably Brazil have the idea they are the land of the future. They have empty spaces which they want to fill by increasing population. With an increase in population, Gonzalez pointed out, "They are attracted to the population centres where they think there are employment opportunities." The country is bad with mostly small unproductive farms.

Another problem is pollution. There is an abundance of old cars using low octane gas which causes some of the worst pollution on earth.

Gonzalez described Santiago as possibly the city with the worst case anywhere. "They are following all we are doing wrong with pollution and so forth." He explained their attitude was, "The smoke of industry is good. They'll take care of pollution when we're dead."

South American cities are a place of social, political and

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Where's the phone book?

In case anyone is wondering what has happened to our telephone directory, it's coming, but it will be about three weeks late.

"It's supposed to come out about the third week in October," says Jack Redekop, vp finance and administration, "but it probably won't be out until the second or third week in November."

He claimed production setbacks as the reason.

Layout of the directory, it has been discovered, is being done by students on the third floor of Kelsey Hall.

The phone book, has been budgeted to cost not more than \$11,200 and will contain about 98% of our students' pictures. This compares with the average of 55-60% of students' photos when the last photodirectory was issued two years ago.

Students who do not wish their pictures to appear in the directory are asked to phone Janet Cunningham at 432-4236 and make a request to have their pictures deleted.



War Games anyone? Sure! They're good for babies and other living things. See page 4, READER COMMENT.