

A Bed, A Bed, My Kingdom For A Bed

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Every year more UNB students begin the time consuming job of apartment or room hunting. Aside from the fact that this job is time consuming, it is also discouraging. Many rooms offered by landlords of greater Fredericton do not meet even minimum comfort standards.

Granted, according to the placement officer, Mrs. Cosmuzzi there are a number of places still available. What will the situation be in the future? With a projected enrolment of 10,000 by 1975 the question arises, will the residence system fill the accommodation requirement and will there be rooms "downtown" sufficient for such a student population?

According to Mr. Trevor's report, housing on the Devon side of the river will be given priority by the Housing Committee over housing on the Fredericton side. Trevors reported that students would need transportation.

Because many commuters have complained of traffic tie-ups the Housing Committee will examine the possibility of bus service. Mr. Trevors overlooked the fact that buses, as well as cars become involved in traffic jams and thus are equally inconvenient to students. Actually this small matter of transportation is of much less importance than finding students a decent place to stay, decent in the respect that the rooms should be warm, well ventilated, well lighted, and with ample room to study and sleep.

The main problem, then, is one of adequate facilities. If UNB were to have an officer to check all the listings sent to the accommodations officer and evaluate them according to a minimum living standard, probably a lot more students would be satisfied. At the same time that the quality check is being done the quantity of listings would take a sharp decline — for many listings on record would fall short of the minimum standards.

What must be done and by whom? First of all when the Housing Committee forms their report, answers and solutions, hopefully to various questions will be presented.

Unfortunately the Committee has done nothing to indicate that their report will be valid or that it will do anything to improve the situation. The best example of this is the fact that both the SRC and the Housing Committee, without approaching an expert, decided to exclude STU and TC from their study.

In the meantime, other interested students have been seriously considering concrete proposals which might work. Co-op housing, as Mr. Trevors sees it is not feasible because backing from Central Mortgage and Housing in these days of inflation, is nearly an impossibility.

If you have suggestions, don't hesitate to discuss it with someone, anyone — housing is a critical problem.



We predict that in 1969 this campus is going to be in such bed trouble that the enrollment will have to be noticeably curtailed.

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they are listed, but no action has been taken by the Administration.

Mrs. Cosmuzzi stated that when compared with TC the two offices were quite different, but that there were striking similarities. She mentioned that there are few complaints at either office and that neither list of accommodations is completely used up.

The lack of complaints, she said, points to the fact that students are not doing anything about their poor accommodations on their own. "They are not making their voices heard or their problems known," she said.

When asked whether people preferred TC students, Mrs. Cosmuzzi stated that the teachers are worth two months more rent and cause less trouble, according to some landlords and ladies.

Both officers are still wondering, in spite of the rising concern about housing, why they receive no complaints except from people who want students for their empty rooms.

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"The problem across the river is quality but also placement office people with cars take up residences because of the occur, and the cars because of ice. The situation is on the Devon side while Limited may solve the other approach the how many 'fa' to make per day a service ing various parts of the river on the hour 8 a.m. and even 9 p.m. Also a bus every hour from 9:30 a.m.

"Turning no I have a great interest in co-operating such that both operation organizing on local physical facilities large houses in plus the fact that the Hous 90% of the cost renovating co-op houses, co- believe, are with tember 1967.

"Finally, when the Committee was its report was of any value 1967. Never was or intention of ready so as to this fall. Although can not be re 30, I can assure all be in possession the report for after Christmas