

Will "THE LADY" Be Skirted

by ED BELL

There has been an unpleasant rumour circulating about the campus lately. What makes it unpleasant is that this particular rumour will almost certainly be borne out in fact. The rumour—The Lady Beaverbrook Residence will soon cease to be a men's residence, becoming instead a residence for women! This is part of the long range plans for ten new men's residences within the next ten years. Both Dean Shaw and President Mackay have outlined this plan to the residents of LBR in the last few weeks. This has caused some serious consideration among the members of the House, and some aspects of the plan seem to meet with disapproval.

Nobody disagrees with the plan in general. It is a fine plan, calculated to give us a bigger and better University. What meets with the opposition is the plan for the future of The Lady Beaverbrook Residence, and for its residents.

This residence has become to many people more than just a residence — it has become an institution. Some of our most outstanding students, including our present President, have resided here. Down through the years, academic distinction has become associated with the members of the House, and it has developed traditions and customs that cannot even be approached by those of the "new" residences. The Lady Beaverbrook Residence has gained an exclusive reputation as "THE" Residence of the University of New Brunswick, and being accepted as a member of it is a cause for pride and celebration. What will happen to all this if LBR is converted into a women's residence? Will thirty years of accumulated tradition be uprooted and destroyed?

The idea of moving into a brand new residence presents a paradox to the men of LBR. Bigger and quieter rooms, fluorescent lighting, and better heating appeal to all. But on the other hand there is a lot to be given up; an attached dining room, the ivy vines on the front wall (so who's a botanist!), the swimming pool, the fireplaces in the rooms, and all the other advantages. What will become of our traditions; the Jones boys in the Clock Tower, and the ties and collars at meals.

From a different point of view. Is the Lady Beaverbrook Residence suitable for a women's residence? The answer, at least in my opinion, is—not particularly. We have no laundry room, an absolute essential for a girl. And the building is more or less open; people are constantly coming in to swim or play squash; not a good feature for a women's residence. Also, the building does not have a reception desk at a central entrance, as in the women's residence. Finally, the decorations in the rooms, pleasing as they may be to the masculine mind, would seem rather austere to co-eds. (This refers to the permanent decorations).

What will be the effect of such a change on the morale of the LBR men, past and present? Imagine the shudder of an LBR "old boy" as he envisions nylons hung to dry in the showers, the giggles of feminine laughter instead of somber silence at the breakfast table, and cosmetic bottles littering the windows from which came wolf whistles in former days. The LBR spirit of leadership in academic studies, in sports, and in other extra-curricular activities will be gone; so will a lot of memories.

It may seem that we are greedy, and do not want the girls to have the advantages we enjoy. This is not so. We have always welcomed the chance to share our spare time and our residence (part of it) with co-eds. What we don't want is to be ejected into a new super-efficient building, losing our traditions and our individuality. We like it here and we want to stay.....

"So", asks the skeptic, "what would you like?" The answer, in this writer's case, is..... "I sincerely don't know". We don't want to stand in the way of progress. And we don't want to leave our residence. We shudder at the thought of "Sigma Lambda Beta Rho" becoming a women's club, and we think that those who have gone before us are shuddering too. So, in the words of one of our House cheers, "Here we are, there we are.....?"

Dave Fairbairn

THE HOTBED



The following are excerpts from some of the letters directed toward the *Hotbed*. They cannot be printed in full due to lack of space.

Sir:.....Mr. Fairbairn's *Hotbed*, which literally wastes 1/8 of the paper, could be dropped completely.....Well-armed with a bagful of propaganda tricks, he has embarrassed IVCF to the point where they must write a reply to rectify the situation.....If Mr. Fairbairn must resort to such a minor point as the spending of one cent per student for hymn books to fill his column, and overlook the expenditure of almost \$2 per student for one colour page in the yearbook, then he is adding nothing to an otherwise good paper.....hope Mr. Fairbairn's day is complete now that he has received the second reply to his "critical" column in 12 issues. It has been suggested the heading *Hotbed* be replaced with a new one — *Meathead*—Constructive criticism.

W. W. S. Church, (5th Mech ENG)

The term "*Meathead*" is usually reserved for 5th year Mechanical Engineers who divide 1500 (students) into \$300 (the cost of one Yearbook colour page) and come up with the answer of \$2. Rapid MENTAL calculation on my part gives me the answer of 20 cents per student. What happened fella — slide rule break? — Three bad words have oft been used in attempts to describe my parentage and ancestry. For Mr. Church's information, it's Scottish — FairBAIRN (not burn), meaning fair child. My chum I'm afraid that your spelling is even worse than your arithmetic.

Sir:.....As a student at Acadia I am writing to register a vigorous protest against what is the most vicious and hysterical piece of writing that I have seen in a presumably responsible publication for some time. In the choice of words and frequent innuendoes there appear to be emotional undertones that surely come from more than simply virtuous desire to uphold the downtrodden.....Would it be too much to ask that you let us make our own way against teams that will play to their capacity against us? (St. Mary's didn't exactly lie down and die on Saturday). It is not flattering to be made the occasion for the airing of such anti-Mt. A. venom.....

Rev. E. F. Carey (Acadia University)

How the heck could one feel flattered about a 3-107 defeat anyway? Glad to "let you make your own way" against other teams. The Axemen were very good to UNB last Saturday. Our paper is a "responsible publication". It is checked for libel and BLASPHEMY. So is Acadia's paper — THIS YEAR.

Sir:.....It is indeed grievous to note that the columnist has been allowed to submit such poor quality material in reply to a recent letter to the editor. The majority of the rebuttal was simply an attack on the letter writer's phraseology. This type of criticism is far from constructive.....Mr. Fairbairn, in attempting to raise controversy on the campus, has succeeded only in raising doubts as to the reason d'etre of his byeline.

I.R.G. Lowe (5th Mechanical Eng.)

Thank you, kind sir. The fact that you have bothered to write at all leads me to believe that I am succeeding in — not "attempting to" — raise controversy.

Sir:.....I wish to congratulate Mr. Fairbairn on his column *Hotbed*. It may not always be agreed with, but it contributes to student interest and may be doing something in the way of combatting campus apathy.....

Steve Hart (Civil Eng. 4)

This is a man who has the intelligence to think for himself. One bright star in the sky of dullards. One beautifully correct feeling in the midst of confused, erroneous misconceptions. It is probably one of the best letters that the "Brunswickan" has received in many years.

Sir:.....Among other things, Mr. Fairbairn is the most conceited arrogant, egotistic columnist that we have ever read.....

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Highlight of his visit include: an address Friday on *Medicine and Morals*, and leading of the Fall Camp at the Nashwaak Re- (Continued on page 4)



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