

Victoria House may be first co-ed residence

BY TWEED

Will UNB boast its first permanent co-ed residence in January? Negotiations are now under way to implement this possibility at Victoria House off-campus men's residence.

The men of Victoria House voted unanimously to accept in principle the concept of Victoria House as a co-ed residence. The Board of Dons favoured the proposal with a motion to accept it.

Don Taj Akhtar stated, "The whole project has my blessings."

Chris Nagle, Proctor at Victoria, had this to say; "I think that making Victoria co-ed will provide a broader array of accommodations for students to choose from. It's an idea whose time has come and I'm looking forward to the new challenge that this will present to me, personally."

University President John Anderson expressed interest in the idea and encouraged the men of Victoria to investigate the possibilities. He said, "Victoria House is in a unique position and has the opportunity to embark on such a venture."

Barry Thompson, Dean of Students, had the following remarks, "I am in favour of UNB having a co-educational residence as one alternative, the same as other universities across the country. Victoria House could lend

itself very well to co-educational residence living."

"On behalf of the students I am attempting to get Senate and Board of Governors approval for co-educational residences at UNB. We have to get this approval before we can institute any plan such as the Victoria House proposal," he said.

Mrs. J.P. Kidd, Dean of Women, told a Brunswickan reporter, "I think it would be a good idea. I have promoted mixed residences in the past; it is a more normal way to live. It is not a new idea at UNB. We have mixed residences during the summer session."

"It is a little premature to comment on the subject right now. It still has to be passed by the joint Board-Senate Committee on Residences," she said.

William Chernoff, Dean of Men's Residences, said, "I received a suggestion from Victoria House regarding co-ed status. I conferred with Dean Kidd and Dean Thompson and we decided to hold an open meeting to determine what interest there is in the plan. We want to get the reaction and then work from there. There are many details to be worked out."

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 29, 1976 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Common Room at McConnell Hall. Anyone interested in the idea of co-ed residences is asked to attend this general meeting.



This is Victoria House. If negotiations are successful, UNB will boast its first official co-educational residence this January.

Photo by Jean-Louis Tremblay

Non-Resident Powder Puff Centre?

By J. DAVID MILLER

Just exactly what would anyone have the gall to call the "Non-Resident Women's Centre". Aside from the fact that the name is so long and boring, it sounds like a baby gurgling with a mouthful of spaghetti.

informal courses and programs could be developed to attract people to use the centre. Example of these are powder puff mechanics (sexist) and typing. This practice of developing and running the programs has been continued, although there has been a rather dramatic decline,

seems to be the norm, and as a result there has been absolute stagnation of progress with respect to improving the service.

The reasons for this state were expressed in terms of lack of feedback, very real time problems and workload, and Orientation practices by Dean Kidd. Mrs. Kidd expressed concern about the role of an orientation program which fails to expose all first year students to the full range of services and facilities available.

Miss Thomson noted much the same set of problems; lack of feedback, apathy (perhaps), and again Orientation.

For an over-view of the problem, Dean of Students, Barry Thompson was contacted. "This problem has been discussed for at least ten years" in Senate Student Services Committees, according to Thompson, but "there is no doubt that it is coming to a head at this point in time".

The Dean went on to say that the lack of services for off-campus students (70 percent of the study body) was a 'number one priority' for him during the last months of his first term, in office.

The Non-Resident Women's

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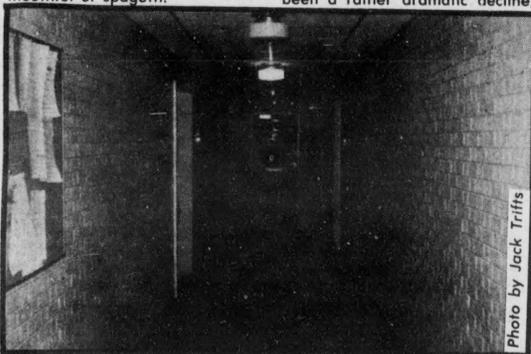


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It could all start here.

The what is nearly 2,000 square feet just under the Health Centre As it stands, there is a study area with about 18 carrels, a lounge with seating for 6-8 people, lunch room space for about 40 people, and a small, but adequately equipped kitchen on one level and more lounge space, lockers and a small laundry one the bottom level. In addition, there is bed space for occasional overnight use.

After nearly one month of investigation it is possible to state that this space is sadly underused. Certainly, at this point in time, there is no way that an underused space can be tolerated by the university.

The centre was conceived as a place where (although not exclusively) women could meet, study and hang their coats. Since there are some 1,500 women who live off-campus, the idea seems good.

To facilitate this, it was felt that

from very little support in the first place.

"Frustration" seemed to be the key word when Dean of Women, Mrs. Kidd and Off-Campus Don, Mary Thomson were interviewed.

Very little, if any, feedback



Off-Campus Don, Mary Thomson

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President opposes differential fees

By ANNE MARCEAU

UNB president John Anderson is opposed to higher fees for foreign students.

Terming the Ontario differential fee legislation "political cosmetics", Dr. Anderson expressed concern that this was a move towards introducing out-of-province fees.



Dr. John Anderson

He recognized the unjust penalty this move would place on students from third world countries.

Anderson said the western

world has a moral responsibility to assist the less-developed countries. By educating students from the developing countries, the university gains far more than it loses financially, he said.

He stressed the importance of international flavour in a university. Exposure to the culture, mores, and traditions of other countries, enriches the learning experience of students, the president said.

Dr. Anderson supports the Association of Atlantic Universities' (AAU) position that "cautioned against the imposition of higher fees for foreign students in the Atlantic provinces." The percentage of foreign students in Atlantic universities has traditionally been lower than the national average, he pointed out.

If differential fees were advocated by the MPHEC (Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission), UNB would accept them, Dr. Anderson indicated, though he hoped such action would not be taken.

There are 411 foreign students at UNB, 88 of which are Americans. About 130 of these are graduate students receiving assistantships from university departments. Most others are funded by CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) or by scholarships from their home countries.