

# Security chief defends UNB's fire alarm system

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There has been a rumor circulating around campus that because the fire alarm system at UNB wasn't connected to one big board that made the system unsafe or ineffective. In a recent interview with Chief Williamson the entire system was explained to

me and according to him it is completely safe.

He said, "We are more concerned with the people inside a building than the building in the case of fire." In most buildings there is a fire alarm that goes off to alert the people in that particular building that there is a fire and to evacuate the premises.

In most of the buildings there are phones directly connected to the security office. These 'red' phones are on every floor of the Chemistry and Biology buildings outside of the major labs in case of an explosion or fire.

In the women's residences there is a 'red' phone in the residence office as there is always some one

on duty there.

The wooden frame buildings on campus like the Old Arts Building and Memorial Hall have a sprinkler system which goes on if there is a fire in that building. If for some reason the sprinkler system fails to go off then an alarm system will go off.

There is really little danger of any alarm going unheeded because security has a patrol car cruising around campus 24 hours a day. If for some reason no one was in the building and so no call was sent to security then the patrol car would hear the alarm and radio the fact that there was a fire to the security officer who will contact the fire department.

During my interview with Williamson he demonstrated to me

how an actual fire would be processed. On the wall over the secretary's desk are three red phones, the two on the extremities are from various buildings on campus and the one in the middle is a direct line to the fire department. He had one of the security men patrolling go to Lady Dunn and Tibbitts and make a demonstration call, from the time the call was received at the security office until the time he was telling the fire department that it was only a demonstration was about 10-15 seconds. When a call is made on the direct line to the fire department everything that is said over the phone is tape recorded so that it can be replayed if necessary to get the location of the fire.

The men's residences don't have the 'red' phone system; instead they operate on their own. Fire procedures are posted on all floors of the residence, these being: 1. Ring the general alarm and evacuate the building; 2. call the city fire dept. - 9-911; notify security office-Annex B-Local 4830 or 4831; 4. Stand by to direct firemen to location of the fire; 5. Security to notify physical plant personnel as soon as possible.

Sir Edmund Head Hall because of the valuable equipment there has a security man on duty at the desk in the main lobby most of the time, where the 'red' phone is located. Security men also patrol the halls. All the buildings have to conform to the regulations set out by the fire marshal.

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associated with the martial heritage of the Scottish regiments of Great Britain. This also is still true of Canada. In July, 1974, Bob received a letter of commendation in regard to his piping from the Colonel of The King's Own Scottish Borderers whose regimental headquarters is located in the Scottish border city of Berwick-upon-Tweed which temporarily is a part of England. The K.O.S.B. is the regiment with which our own Royal New



Bob Jenkins "the piper on the hill"

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Brunswick Regiment is historically affiliated. If you would like to have a piper to add to the splendor and good cheer of an occasion, you can get in touch with "Pipie" at Room 142 in Toole Hall, the chemistry laboratories. Or, if you have some interest in either piping or Highland dancing, here is an invitation for you to drop over and meet our piper.

## Contact amateur radio for free long distance

By L. MCINTOSH

Here is a way to beat Ma Bell - interested? The Amateur Radio Club, VE1 UNB, provides a public service whereby you can, with their help, make long distance calls but avoid the usual charges.

The system works like this: you phone ARC, 454-6790, state the place and number that you wish to contact; ARC makes radio contact with another amateur in the appropriate area on a standard net frequency; the two operators set up the 'phone patch'; the ARC operator at this end calls you back while the distant operator contacts the 'callee'; you talk to each other through local phone systems with a long distance radio link in the middle. Because of time zone problems the phone patch is difficult to arrange for places west of Ontario. However, indirect message relays are possible for much greater distances.

If you have any questions just phone or drop in to room 217A Head Hall (old bldg.) Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The service is available at those times until about the second week of December and again from January to April. The SRC provides some money for the club's expenses.

Club members include students and staff from most faculties - anyone is welcome. Persons to contact are Doug Steventon (Pres.), Tom Wilson (Sec.-Tres.), Bob MacArthur (V-P) or phone 454-6790.

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