

Editorial

There is a need in Fredericton for suitable student housing. The need is so acute that many students do not have a place to stay due to an incompleated apartment building. This, however, is only half the problem. The rents downtown are high enough, but when combined with the poor facilities offered, the rents are damn well outrageous.

The new (and incomplete) Park Hill development is supposedly low income housing. Don't students have a low income? Then why are not students problems taken into consideration. One prime consideration should be that we are in school for only 8 months, yet they demand we sign a 12 month lease. And as experienced at the above mentioned development, the rental agent became rude and very abrupt at the fact that a twelve month lease was out of the question.

Why is not something being done about it, except a lot of talk? Well, our SRC in cooperation with the Administration now have a chance, as well as an example to work by.

Last spring the SRC investigated the possibility

of having a student housing project constructed. Plans fizzled out rather quickly when the Administration and the SRC realized they were being railroaded.

However, a major break-through at the University of Alberta has brightened the prospects of a student run housing project (not Co-op) at UNB.

The \$5.6 million loan negotiated by the U of Alberta Student Union, is just part of the whole scene. They have hired extra personnel to coordinate the project.

The beauty of the whole project (see article, page 14) is that as an idea, it was conceived in 1968, but it was not until 1971 that plans were put down on paper.

The planned date for completion is October 1972. The SU and their administration cooperated fully which enabled the project to progress quickly.

It can only be hoped and expected that the SRC will press for immediate action by themselves and the Administration to get a project of this nature off the drawing board and onto the ground.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to draw attention to the annual SNAFU during the first few weeks of classes. We continually have here at least during my 3 years, and an overcrowding of some classes, lack of required texts and timetable changes.

I consider this a direct result of the administration's failure, to date, to implement a pre registration system whereby all students could be registered for classes no later than say August 15. Exceptions could be made for summer school students.

Most Canadian Universities annually use the pre-registration system. Both students and professors then have an idea of what to expect and teachers can obtain rooms and tailor lecture presentations to suit the expected class size. And

last but not least the bookstore would be able to give better service to students and staff alike and not have all these 3 week automatic reorders.

So lets get a little more efficient UNB, implement pre registration sight away and spare us a few hassles.

As always,

Gordon Cousins, Bus. Admin.

Dear Sir:

Though often called a wishy-washy Women's Liberationist I was nonetheless somewhat amazed at seeing page 5 of your edition of September 10. You evidently support Women's Liberation enough to print Ms. Lovedu's article on that subject, however any effect that article may have had was ruined by the placing of a rather suggestive ad from "The Red

Hanger" right beside it. The impression I got from seeing page five was that the Bruns is not really too concerned about Women's Lib; your placing the ad next to the article seemed to make a joke out of the whole issue of Women's Lib. I sincerely hope that was not your intention.

Yours truly,

Ms. Judith Stockdale
Editor of the Athenaeum

Dear Sir:

Re: your article concerning 'library facilities lacking' in the issue of the 24th.

Upon inquiring of a full-time library worker as to her opinion of whether later library hours are relevant, I was answered:

"We are not allowed to discuss that."

The immediate impression

which I received was that the library managerial staff denies not only its physical facility by closing early; but that it denies its employees the facility of free expression.

I know this cannot possibly be the case. Is it possible, however, that such a vast repository

of learned writings has denied its employees the facility of free thought? If so, this is a far more heinous fact than closing at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

D. Hinchey A4

What you all were expecting The proverbial reply

Dear Sir:

Regarding your editorial Sept. 24, we thank you for your interest in the affairs of the SRC executive. You are correct in your criticism for navigator tender. This should have been done by the A.B. and Student Services committee. We might point out that the President of SRC cannot give jobs to anyone, has absolutely no signing powers in money matters and operates on a financial level according to the dictates of the Administrative Board.

The president joined the Board of Trade assuring these people that he was not doing so to solicit funds from them. Selling advertising for the directory was a direct contradiction to that promise so the advertising was let out to you. Mr. Editor who picked up 10 per cent.

The carpet you mention in your article is for the SRC Office and not Mr. Poore personally. It was purchased at cost, is expected to last the term of the next 10 presidents. The carpeted office is also open to the other two councils for their meetings anytime they desire it. This arrangement was made prior to purchase. Incidentally, SRC secretaries salaries are not \$64 but \$75 per week.

Regarding orientation Mr. Editor, Mr. Poore was appointed

co-ordinator for three students involved in planning orientation since the chairman was in Saint John. He fulfilled his duties completely (a matter of record both in the SRC Office and in the Administration office) until Mr. Malone took the position of chairman upon the resignation of Mr. Davis. You did not pay for the same thing twice. Last year it cost \$1,500.00 to plan orientation (director's salary) while this year the cost was \$750.00.

We regret that your newspaper staff failed to investigate properly all these items before printing them. We might point out that all SRC records, financial statements, salaries and files are open to inspection at any time, upon request from any UNB student or Brunswickan reporter. If your readers are in any way disturbed about what is going on in the SRC office, we would like to extend an invitation to them to come in and discuss their concern, we might just put them to work on some of the SRC projects that up to this point your paper has chosen to ignore.

Your paper is the only way SRC has of informing the student body through print of the matters that concern them. We would like to pose the following questions to the student body, if they cannot answer

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