

# Cynic-at-large

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This time of year a particular cult of Fredericton residents makes a sacrificial offering en masse to the lord of the lease - their homes. Signs, notices, newspaper advertisements all proclaim the penomenal words, "APARTMENT TO SUBLET."

The cult, known by the pseudonym "student tenants", has drawn followers from across Canada with the powerful forces of UNB. Lost, without food or shelter, these wayward followers are enveloped into the ranks of the tenants by signing their soul away to the high and mighty Landlord. This contract, known as a lease is the sacrifice they must offer - thereby giving you unfortunate innocents a chance to taste the true fruits of tenantism for four glorious summer months.

If you wish to accept the offering, and sublet an apartment you must first locate a student tenant. However, most are easy to identify. They all wear a basic uniform of shrunken and wrinkled clothing - a blessing of the apartment building's laundering facilities. Some have the sign "Evicted" on their door and many have the word "Condemned" printed across the frame where their door should have hung. Several of the more diligent souls engage in a winter ritual to ward off the evil spectre of heat and electricity bills. They swaddle themselves in layers of blankets and shiver in huddled silence as they watch their breath crystallize in their apartment air. They will never give in to the temptations of turning on the thermostat. They must save every last penny for worship of the Great Landlord. For to bounce a rent cheque is the gravest of sins. Rather than carry a rod and staff, they often tote a plunger and screwdriver; necessary implements of the cult.

After spotting a student tenant, you must be prepared to accept the sublet offering in the true spirit of the cult. You must adopt and adhere to their list of sacred commandments.

Thou shalt not kill thy neighbour's child who insists on practising to become a basketball star.

Thou shalt not steal the lightbulbs from the hallway.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.

Thou shalt not commit adultery with thy neighbour's wife, especially if they neighbour owns binoculars.

Thou shalt not take the name of the landlord in vain when the hot water disappears and you are left lathered in the shower like a permanent ad for Lifebuoy.

Thou shalt tread softly if you ski, hike or are employed by the armed forces.

Thou shalt not bear witness (false or otherwise) of immoral, illegal or fattening activities heard through paper walls or viewed through sheer drapes.

If you are willing to accept these commandments and obey them in good faith you will achieve final salvation: saved from the reeking immaturity of residence life.

As more rules are slapped on the pages of residence regulations, more students are packing up and searching for an apartment. Yet many of the tenants in Fredericton have been shortchanged in adequate service, facilities and basic living conditions. If this misuse of a contractual relationship - either between the university and student or the landlord and student - continues, Fredericton may soon find itself converted into a giant campground. Tenants to the tents!

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# SUB changes sought

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Sussex architect Don Loucks has been asked by the Student Union Building board of directors to prepare tentative reports and plans for renovations to the building. Loucks represents the firm of Basic Design Associates.

The report is expected to be presented to the board at its April meeting according to SUB Director Andy Stacey, with several basic designs to be presented by May or June.

The architects report will present several alternatives and the SUB Board is expected to arrive at some decision before a scheduled fall referendum which will decide the future of the proposed renovations, said Stacey.

Four problem areas were discussed when the architect met with board members last week according to Stacey. Reorganization of the first floor of the building, possible

expansion or self containment of the College Hill Social Club, possible expansion or reorganization of office space and coordination or plans with Beaver Foods on cafeteria renovations were among the areas discussed.

SUB Board chairman David Kay outlined a proposal to reactivate and re-establish a games room in the SUB. "Any renovation plan (for the building) should examine the re-establishment of a games room," he said. Kay also suggested the SUB Board become more actively involved in providing entertainment on campus. "I suggest the board consider reactivating a committee to mount as examples, pubs, video movies, debates and speakers as well as other special events," he said. Kay cautioned however that these ideas need to be discussed and studied quite closely.

In other business the SUB Board defeated a motion by board member Andrew Young

concerning a request from the Social Club to remain open during "Extravaganza-like" activities. It has been past practice to close the building during these activities. After some discussion, the board decided to continue the present policy and the motion was defeated by a board vote of 5 to 3.

The board also approved the reappointment of Kay as chairman for a one-year term, and approved the appointment of UNB student union representative Stephen Covey for a one-year term. UNB Student Union representatives Gerard Finnan and Andrew Young were appointed to two-year terms on the board.

Kay informed the board that renovations to the SUB Cafeteria will begin in May of this year. Stacey later confirmed the renovations will probably mean the closure of the SUB cafeteria and coffee shop for the summer months.

## CUSO now seeking skilled volunteers

The Canadian University Service Overseas is an independent, non-profit, development agency which sends skilled workers overseas to help the nations of the Third World train their people to cope in a fast-changing, technological world.

Set up in 1961, it originally recruited mainly young university graduates. Now, as the needs of developing countries change, it has more requests for volunteers skilled in trades and technology. Age is no longer a barrier: many volunteers have years of experience to contribute as well as basic knowledge.

In the past 19 years, CUSO has sent 7,000 Canadians to 65 different countries. Most are posted overseas for two years and are paid counterpart salaries by the host country or agency. CUSO pays health and life insurance costs, return airfare and "settling-in" and resettlement allowances.

In the coming year CUSO will be sending 400 volunteers overseas to help in the fields of education, health, agriculture, business and technology including engineering and auto mechanics. Any skilled worker who is a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant can apply through a CUSO Local Committee.

CUSO also undertakes various projects within Canada to increase public awareness of development issues and will help groups wanting to

organize education projects. And it provides financial and material support for specific development projects initiated

and directed by Third World agencies. Funds come from governments, business groups and individuals across Canada.

## Library smell still a mystery

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The smell in the science library continues to remain a mystery. There have been no reports of the odour this week which has not been noticeable since the heavy snowfall last week.

The New Brunswick Research & Productivity Council, which the university has hired to investigate the situation, took advantage of last Tuesday's class cancellation to do some air sampling and testing in the library. However, there have been no definite results from the testing.

The council is awaiting word from the librarians as to whether the smell has returned and is intense enough for more samples to be taken. As soon as the council comes up with some answers, a report will be forwarded to Assistant vice-president (Administration) Eric Garland so that some action can be taken to remedy the situation.

## PSSA elects new executive

The 1981-82 executive of the UNB Political Science Students' Association was elected during the year's last regular meeting Wednesday. Kim Alletson, entering her third year in the B.A. program was elected as the association's president. Mary Abraham was chosen as vice-president.

Wilfred Langmaid, the current PSSA president was elected to the position of treasurer. In another development, it was decided to expand the position of vice-president to include public relations director.

The new executive will assume office in September.