

UNB Housing

Chairman Trevors Reports

Earlier this month, John Trevors, Chairman of the Housing Committee, was called before the Students Representative Council to report on the activities of his committee to date. The following is a partial text of Mr. Trevors's talk to the Council.

"It is indeed a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to address the Council with regards to the Housing Committee.

"Student housing is not a problem in the sense that there is a shortage of rooms, apartments, etc. The problem is one of quality. The placement office has had no complaints regarding accommodations they advised students on this year. I have visited the Placement Office and talked with the Placement Officer who promptly assured me that no shortage of housing existed; where upon she handed me a file with upwards of two hundred forms containing the addresses of places still available to students. These vacancies had been confirmed by the landlords of each since registration.

"Getting back to the quality issue, I have strong views on this subject and when the Housing Report is presented to Council it will contain positive recommendations on this point.

"The Housing Report will also contain facts on Housing in downtown Fredericton and here on campus. At the request of the SRC President these will now be given a lower priority in order to study Housing on the Devon side of the River.

"The question of housing for married students will also be looked into. although, I must admit, I do not really know what

can be done to improve the situation. Some suggestions have been made regarding trailer camps. This gypsy-like existence does not appeal to me but it might be an answer. This as I say will have to be studied in more detail.

"Dean Grant told me last week that the addition to Lady Dunn Hall is not more than two years away, as is the new Men's residence. This has not been confirmed by the President, Dr. MacKay.

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This winter many houses along Brunswick street will become vacated as government offices move into the new Centennial building. We suggest that the Housing Committee investigate the possibility of obtaining some of these homes for a co-op housing project.