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Housing Health Centre

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The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has made provision in their 1971 budget for a loan large enough to cover the cost of construction of at least one new building to house students of the University of New Brunswick.

Ken Fraser, the manager of the local branch of the C.M.H.C., indicated that this did not necessarily mean the building would be built.

First, an application for a loan would have to be made by the university or the co-op which presently has two new residences on Montgomery St. opened last January.

Second, the budget by the C.M.H.C. in Fredericton has to be approved by the Government in Ottawa.

While he would not predict the government's decision, he said he was optimistic for approval of the budget.

Allister Robertson, president of the N.B. Co-operative Ltd., said recently that a study is being made of the existing buildings run by the Co-op on Montgomery St. with the intention of planning a new building in the new complex.

The university has not yet made any commitment on the plan yet he said.

The possible residence construction would not be what is commonly known as low rental housing.

Both believe, as Mr. Fraser of the C.M.H.C. stated, that "It's for families and senior citizens of low income."

The C.M.H.C. and the N.B.H.C. are quite similar.

The basic difference between the two is that C.M.H.C. is the government body most concerned with the student housing problem.

"I think under the act (N.B. Housing Act) we can become involved in student housing, but our priorities are with low income families," said R.C. Manore, manager of Cooperative Service, N.B.H.C.

"Prior to the founding of the corporation there was very little done as far as public housing was concerned," said the Manager.

Today, under President Ken Scott, the N.B.H.C. operated on a yearly budget of \$13,000,000. It is presently involved in thirty communities around the province and will be constructing "1000 housing units during the current fiscal year."

None of the 1000 units to be built this year will be housing a student during any part of the university year because the corporation feels that low rental housing is for residents other than students.

Another group of persons concerned about student housing in Fredericton is Mayor J. W. Bird and City council.

"Ruth Spicer (placement officer at U.N.B.) tells me that the problems of placement are much less serious this year than in the past. Accommodation is much more readily available than in the past years and although it is far from ideal the accommodation for students is improving," said the Mayor in a telephone interview.

The mayor however, is enthusiastic about future housing in the city.

"One of the bright spots I'm looking to in the future is the construction of high-rise apartments in the city-centre," he remarked.

The mayor expected construction on these to start in 1971.

The mayor's concern and enthusiasm apparently is not shared by the Department of Youth.

According to the Deputy Minister of Youth, J. Anderson, his department had never even thought about student housing before he was interviewed.

Asked if the Department intended to do anything at all about student housing he replied, "I'd prefer not to say anything about it."

And when questioned if the Youth Department would do anything if they were asked by a large number of people he stated, "If we were asked, sure we would do it."

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Science pulled off the first victory in the informal race for beauty queens on campus with this 17-year-old freshman from Edmunston and her selection as Frosh Queen. Jacqueline Levesque, Science I, was one of six girls interviewed for the title. For her proper answers, she will have the right to crown next year's Frosh Queen. Photo by Jomini....

Year book

Up the Hill, the 1969-70 yearbook, will be available today or Monday according to editor-in-chief, Bob Poore.

This year's staff consists of approximately 15 to 20 people operating under the same or slightly lower budget than last year.

In Up the Hill, 1970-71, the emphasis will be on photo-

graphy, concentrating on campus, rather than individual photographs and past pictures. The of advertising will remain the same.

"The aim for this year's book is an equal number of pages as the 1969-70 yearbook with greater emphasis on content," said Mr. Poore.

Rap Room

hassles

If you have a problem concerning anything from sex to studies, from drugs to medical hassles there may be some break for you in the near future.

A group of interested students from various faculties around the campus, have been organizing a "rap room" for the purpose of helping to give some sort of direction to those who may need it. If your special problem is simply needing someone to talk to, or if you need some sort of advice as to where help is available concerning anything from pregnancy to bad trips these people plan to have some

sort of an outlet for your frustrations.

The "rap room" will be organized as informally as possible in order to insure complete accessibility to everyone on campus.

Services that

will be provided will be a telephone number to call if you may have something to talk about, or if personal contact is desired a room will be made available somewhere on the campus that will be open 24 hours a day and manned by students.

Gerry Leger, post-grad psychology, one of the "rap room" organizers said that "the 'rap room' atmosphere has helped on many other campuses, and we think that the local university community has

a need for such a service. We intend to have the room operated entirely by the students themselves, and we will need students from every faculty year in order to insure that such a program is successful.

campaign

An organizational campaign is presently being undertaken and they expect that they will be coming into contact with more than 200 students. All interested persons who feel that there is a need for this type of a service should call 475-9471, local 451 and leave your name and phone. No experience is necessary, just a sympathetic ear, and one or two hours a week.

Health Centre

The new campus health centre, now in a new location on the top floor of the east wing of Tibbits Hall, will not be open to students until the installation of plumbing equipment is completed in mid-October.

The inpatient infirmary has 14 beds for both male and female students. The previous location of the infirmary, between Harrison and Bridges Residences, housed only male patients. Female patients stayed in rooms in Lady Dunn Hall.

The Health Centre provides twenty-four hour daily nursing service.

Dr. Jameson, director of the health centre, is on leave of absence this year for further studies at the University of Alberta. During Dr. Jamieson's absence, Dr. Myers will be acting director of the health service. Dr. Grant, Dr. Putnam and Dr. Cameron join Dr. Myers in attending to students' mental and physical health problems.

An outpatient clinic is held every weekday morning from ten till twelve.