Student Services

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING OFFICE

The Off-Campus Housing Office is located in Room 133, Lady Dunn Hall (front entrance). The office is open daily, never closed. Each person has to make his/her own housing arrangements from the housing material available in rom 133 Lady Dunn.

Never go to an address, always call ahead for appointment to view the premises. Housing listings can not be mailed out. These listings change hourly, also homeowners select tenants through personal contact not otherwise.

QUESTION: When is the best time to look for a house or apartment for rent for the academic year September to April?

ANSWER: During the summer months period May to August. However, very few apartments are available during August and September but during October and November the selection is quite good. Rental Agencies/Landlords have a quota on student housing which is filled very quickly, especially on the South side of the City.

QUESTION: Can I look for an apartment in May and start paying rent in August?

ANSWER: No, you start paying rent as soon as you commit youself to renting, with other words, if you select an apartment in May you start paying rent in May, if you select an apartment in June you pay rent starting June, etc. etc.

QUESTION: Should I look for housing (apartment or room) during the week or on a weekend when I can make a special trip to Fredericton to look for housing?

ANSWER: You can come when it is convenient for you, the office is open, but the best time is during the week. Homeowners to go to their Cottages on weekends, take trips etc. and are usually available from Monday to Friday. Apartments or Houses for rent become available on the 1st day of each month or duirng the last week of each month.

QUESTION: Is the Off-Campus Housing Office the only source for information on student housing in the Community?

ANSWER: No, but the best. The daily newspaper the ''Daily Gleaner'' can be purchased after 12:30 p.m. anywhere in the City and in the Classified section of the paper you find available rentals on all types of housing. The next best source is by word of mouth amongst the student population and for apartments the telephone book. In the telephone book (yellow pages) under Apartments (not Realtors) you get the names of the Rental Agencies. By calling the Rental Agencies directly you can find out what is available immediately and what might become available in the future. Also by calling the Rental Agencies published int he Telephone Book you can call from anywhere in Canada. All you have to do is go to your local Telephone Co. and ask for the Fredericton Telephone book.

QUESTION: What rights do I have as a tenant when I rent a house or apartment?

ANSWER: Before renting an apartment or house get a copy of the '' RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT'' from the Office of the Rentalsman located at 300 St. Mary's St., or write to the following address: OFFICE OF THE RENTALSMAN, Box 6000, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5H1, Tel: 453-6554.

QUESTION: When is the best time to look for a single or double room with or without cooking facilities or room with borad?

ANSWER: Anytime. However, you can select a room during the summer months, pay a holding deposit and move into the room in the fall. The holding deposit is not refundable and is not part of the rent payment. Do not wait until late August or early September to make your housing arrangements. For best results look during the summer months.

Applications for Magee House Apartments are available Mrs. H. E. Stewart, Off-Campus Housing Officer. For appointment call 453-4667.

A limited number of apartments become vacant during period April to mid-June. The apartments are not available to single undergraduate students. In order of priority the following student groups can apply:

FULL-TIME UNB couples with or without families.
FULL-TIME UNB law students, M.A., Ph.D. and post-doctoral single students.
FULL-TIME STU couples with or without families.

What is feminism?

Feminism is a concept that has been around for quite a while, but it still provokes strong negitive feelings among many people - particularly men. Admonitions such as "feminism is O.K., as long as you don't go too far" or "don't become too feminist" and even the accusation that feminism is the reason for the declining birthrate in the industrial world, are often heard. In this article I will try ,to explain briefly what feminism is and that it is nothing to be afraid of.

According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary, feminism means extended recognition of the claims of women. These claims often scare people, especially males and male dominated institutions and governments, and therefore they often react strongly against feminism. Unfortunately these attitudes are often based on ignorence and myths. Most feminists are very ordinary women with their uncertainties, confusions, questions, feelings and loves.

What are the claims of feminism? There are many obviously unequal conditions and situations for women in our society. For example, the average female worker still makes only 72 cents to the male dollar. Women are being penalized for combining a career with motherhood, whereas fatherhood often helps men in their careers. Besides the obvious discriminations there are also more subtle ones which keep women locked in stereotypical and disadvantaged positions in society. For example, the unrealistic and often stupid portrayal of women in advertisements and on T.V. works against the advancement of women.

Feminism wants to expose these conditions and processes in order to abolish them in the hope that women will be able to make choices in life without role, economic, educational, or stereotype restrictions.

Feminism is more than an ideology with the goal of improving the quality of life for women; I think it also has a lot to offer to the modern world. In our society, decision making processes are invariably accompanied by conflicts; therefore it is very important to find a decision making process which is based not on power but respect. The contribution of feminism lies predominently in the basic area of dealing with conflicts. The male dominated world's solutions for conflicts are massive arms build-ups with the unthinkable capability of destroying our planet many times over.

Feminism encounters conflict as much as other movements and groups, but it deals with it in a totally diferent way. Feminism turns conflict from a destructive to a constructive process by looking for solutions through discussions until everybody in the group is stisfied with a proposal. This process may take a while but it will strengthen the group and the conflicts will be solved in a peaceful and satisfactory manner.

Feminism is nothing to be afraid of. It has a lot to offer which may help to improve the quality of life for both women and men, and to make the world a better place to live in.

I realize that this explanation of what feminism is, is far too brief however it does touch on the most fundamental of goals of feminism.

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Political Perspectives by R. Hutchins

One of the central problems in the internationa community today is the ever-growing discrepency between developed and underdeveloped communities. There is an ongoing debate about the values of modern democracy and its application (in the traditional sense) to other growing nation -states. The view that our form of democracy is ideal for all mankind is central to this debate.

The implicit bias of our societies view is obvious. Preoccupied with stability and protecting the system against too much participation, they have in reality abandoned, without realizing it, a whole tradition of political thinking. In many areas of the third world general political participation has not been destroyed as a desirable goal for democratic societies, as well, these societies are not unlike our forefathers, attempting to shape the fabric of an existing society in the image of a utopia.

What the developed super-powers have been practicing is nothing short of an all out cultural invasion on the third world. While these developing nations are attempting to build a stability from within, they are constantly bombarded from outside with foreign ideology, military coersion and modern day colonial exploitation. Our super-power leaders travel the globe brandishing the sword of justice, in the name of true democracy, this is truly a paradox of values.

Paolo Friere is a philosopher and teacher who is concerned with the liberation of mankind from oppression. The developed states are dehumanized by the social, political and economic oppression of the under-developed nations. We are dehumanized by the violence of such domination; and the less-developed by their condition of being oppressed. His book: "*Pedagogy Of The Oppressed*." is a theory of education by which the poor can lead mankind out of their oppression and thus free us to become engaged in the more antological task of becoming more fully human.

Friere points out that the oppressed must recognize their oppression as a problem and act to change it. Although the problem concerns all mankind, Friere argues that the oppressed, alone have the experience required to truly understand and transform this human condition of oppression. The oppressive nations cannot conceive of themselves without their power and therefore cannot "liberate" mankind. Only by acting within their thematic universe can the oppressed truly learn democracy. Democracy is not something that can be imposed on people by powerful interests, democracy is learned and it must be believed in by a majority in order to survive. Canadian, American, Soviet, Nicaraguan, and many other nation-states are different in their forms of democracy but they are all democracies in their own right, nonetheless, we must begin to realize that our form of democracy and government are not and may never be appropriate for other developing nations. If we want nations to believe in our democratic tradition we must stop attempting to install our philosophy through military, political and economic coersion. Such policy maintains a state of oppression and offers little hope for the citizen to embrace our world outlook.

As a final aside I think that "democracy" is a positiive value for all mankind, but it must be learned before it can be enforced, only then can people truly believe in the value of its power.