

Silverfish Move Faster Than Administration

by Maureen Hartman

"The hassles you have to go through around here just to get small things done is incredible." That is the feeling of Sue Doiron, one of the students inhabiting Apartment 201 Blanchard Hall after an incident which began over five weeks ago.

"We noticed silverfish in the apartment a couple of weeks before the March break. We first talked to Arnold [McLean, Residence Manager] a good week before the break, and he said he'd send someone up immediately. But when we returned from the break, still no one had been in, so we went back to Arnold. Two days later the exterminator was in."

Anyone who can count

could figure out that almost three weeks had passed between the time anyone was informed of the situation and when the exterminator showed up. Students in UPEI's residences should be used to slow service by now, but sometimes the inefficiency borders on the ridiculous. Some have been known to wait for over four weeks to get leaking ceilings repaired. Others wait three or four days before getting someone in to fix a stove. One apartment has been waiting since September to have a leaking window fixed.

However, that was not the end of the troubles for apartment 201. The exterminator had informed

the students that it was necessary for them to line their cupboard shelves with waxed paper so that dishes and food would not become contaminated from the chemicals used to fumigate the apartment.

"The thing is, that paper has to stay on the shelves for six months. After we move out in April, who knows if it will be kept there? I pity the poor people who move in after us and don't know the place was fumigated," said Chrissie McIntosh, another resident of the apartment.

As soon as they were informed of the necessity for waxed paper, the students left a note with the secretary of the director of residences, Jim Griffith, asking that

the university buy the paper. One of the residents maintains that she later overheard Griffith telling a cleaning lady in Blanchard that he would pretend he had never received the message.

"It was Griffith's attitude which riled us. Here we were, asking the director of residences to fulfill one of his duties, and he was pretending not to have received the message. It's not the \$2.16 we're worried about, but the principle of the thing," said Doiron.

The girls took the matter to the President's Office, from which they were referred to Buddy Quinn, one of the supervisors of Maintenance. Quinn suggested they buy the paper and be reimbursed.

Ten days later they finally received the \$2.16.

There's Still H.O.P.E.

by Gary Fisher

On March 28, 1979, the entire world was glued to all available means of communication in anticipation of the results of an accident that they said would never happen. On that day the nuclear power plant at Three Mile Island had accidental loss of coolant. We were informed that radioactive particles had been released into the environment but that the amounts released

were within the acceptable limits. We were warned of the possibility of a melt-down, the result of which would dwarf the death and destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On Saturday it will be two years since the event took place. We now know that the feared melt down never occurred and millions of people did not drop dead as a result of the leakage of radiation. What we do

not know is how many people will die in five, ten, or fifteen years as a direct result of the leakage. And we will never know how many deaths can be traced indirectly back to the events of 1979 and Three Mile Island.

We have been lulled into a secure sleep by a media campaign, sponsored not only by the nuclear industry but also by certain governments elected to represent us.

The goal of these groups may be compared to that of sitting in your car, in a closed garage, and turning the motor on; slowly comes the desire to close your eyes and sleep, but the problem is that you will never again be able to open your eyes, because you will be dead.

There are groups trying to get us to open our eyes, to turn the engine off, to open the door and let the fresh air in, and to get us to take a serious look at our world. One such group is HOPE (Help Our Provincial Environment). This group is involved in an attempt to inform us of the other side of the story at Nine Mile Island.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1981, HOPE held an informational meeting in Duffy to present the nuclear power issue to any interested students. This past Tuesday, approximately 80 supporters of HOPE marched to the Provincial building to make a presentation to our elected officials. They thanked the Premier and his government

for action taken with regard to nuclear power and presented him with the following request.

- 1) Ask the government of New Brunswick to allow an independent inquiry into the safety of the Pt. Lepreau plant.
- 2) Have the Emergency Measures Organization conduct a mock emergency exercise of an accident at Pt. Lepreau, including preparations at hospitals and of health professionals, radiation monitoring, maintaining communications, and evacuation or alternate protective measures.
- 3) Apply to the Atomic Energy Control Board to lower allowable radiation dose levels. Limits in the U.S. are 1/20 of our Canadian standards. This is unacceptable. Allowable radiation dose levels in Canada should at least fall in line with U.S. standards.
- 4) Protest federal involvement in nuclear development and proliferation without a democratic decision involving public input.
- 5) Intervene before the Atomic Energy Control review for Pt. Lepreau, insists on delay until a fully independent safety inquiry has been held, and problems of handling spent fuel have been solved.
- 6) Take deliberate steps to undermine the completion of the plant, such as reviewing N.B. Power's bond status and reporting to the Securities Exchange Commission, or investigating all possible legal measures.

Memorial Bursary



Ten UPEI students recently received a bursary from the UPEI Student Union Memorial Bursary. The Bursary was set up to assist UPEI Students who are experiencing financial difficulties. The fund was established in memory of those members of the university community who have passed away since the birth of UPEI.

The recipients of this year's bursary were:
 Velda Crane, Freshman - Educ.
 Jayne Hogan, Soph - Science
 David MacFadyen - Soph - Bus.
 Gerald Profit - Soph - Arts
 Robert Bradly - Jr. - Bus.
 (absent in photo)
 Dale Laird - Jr. - Science
 Jill Staffer - Jr. - Arts
 Brian Deveau - Senior - Bus.
 Alan MacPhee - Senior - Arts
 Barry Ross - Senior - Arts.

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