

Gas Attack

Blanchard Hall gets the fumes

Blanchard Hall residents were recently asked to vacate their rooms for a period of one day as extermination of certain pests was carried out.

The building was broken down into four areas with each area taking a day to complete. Residents were asked to be out of their apartment from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on the day their area was being done.

Michael Read, Residence and Conference Facilities Manager, says the pests were probably brought

in with the food, explaining why Bernardine and Marian were not affected. "(It was) not a problem in the other residents because Blanchard is the only one where food is prepared."

Mr. Read says it is not the first time Blanchard has been exterminated but it is the first time all the rooms have been done at the same time.

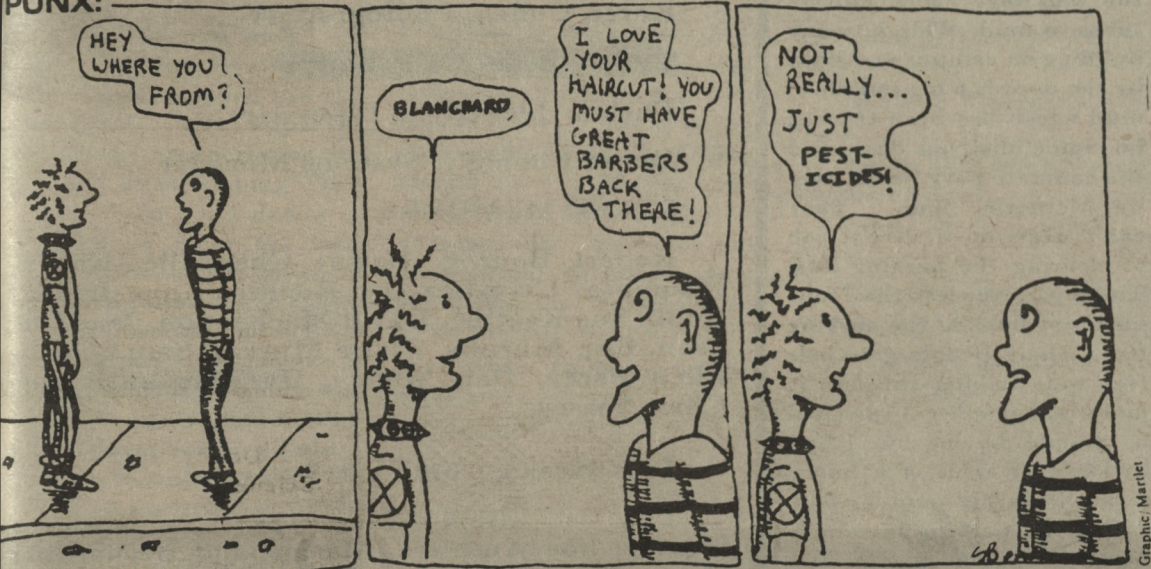
Pests were spotted in a few rooms, but after doing these rooms they found the problem was not solved, so

as a precautionary measure the entire building was done.

Blanchard Hall has a maintenance contract with the extermination company and they come in a few times a year to do the hallways, but do not go into the rooms unless requested to do so.

Most residents found the extermination a slight inconvenience but as one student puts it: "If it got rid of the bugs then it was well worth it."

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The move to promote WUSC

by Sam Okello

The UPEI/World University Services of Canada Program is concerned about awareness of them on campus. To combat this problem, the executive members of WUSC addressed students on the nature of the program during a meeting held last week at the Robertson Library.

At the meeting, Interim President of WUSC Paul Ledwell gave a brief history of the program. Ledwell said WUSC operates as a non-governmental organization assisting development of Third World countries. Although the majority of WUSC programs operate in Africa, Ledwell added that WUSC also involves Asia and South America.

Ledwell revealed that every year UPEI students contributed a membership fee

of two dollars in addition to their tuition towards the WUSC program. He explained that funds raised towards WUSC facilitate a number of on-going programs. The main one, he explained, provides a post-secondary education opportunity to a student refugee already recognized by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

Ledwell pointed out that the program has enabled four students from Africa (Uganda and Ethiopia) to continue their studies at UPEI.

"We are continuing to be involved in sponsoring the refugee program," he said.

Annual seminars are among activities conducted by WUSC. Ledwell mentioned that such seminars enable Canadian stu-

dents to study and experience developing world issues in a stimulating environment. Zimbabwe was a site seminar last year according to Ledwell. This year's seminar will be in Mali, he said.

WUSC offers teaching as well. To qualify for overseas work, Ledwell advised everyone interested to apply for positions in their area of expertise.

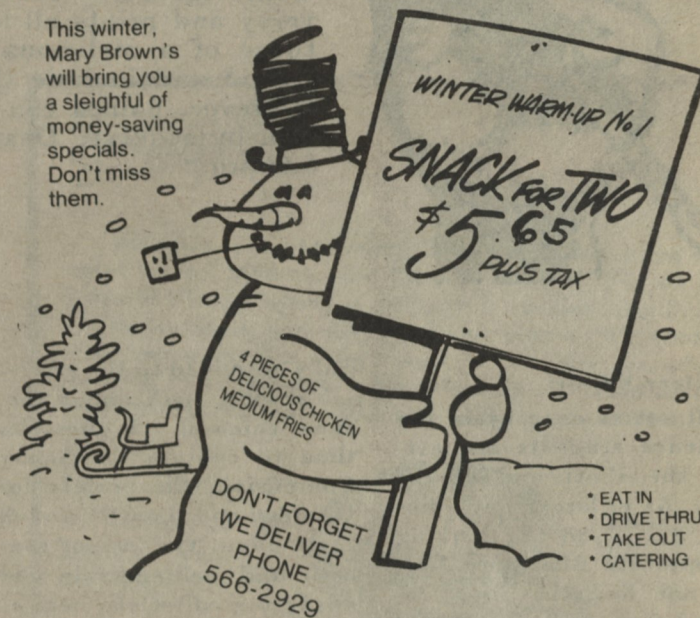
WUSC's publicity assistant Gerald Hartley noted that there was a need to inform students on activities of the program.

"It's not that students aren't interested, they are not informed," Hartley said.

Adding to a call for improved awareness of WUSC, faculty advisor David Morrison told participants of the program that continuity of WUSC depended on cooperation with other organiza-

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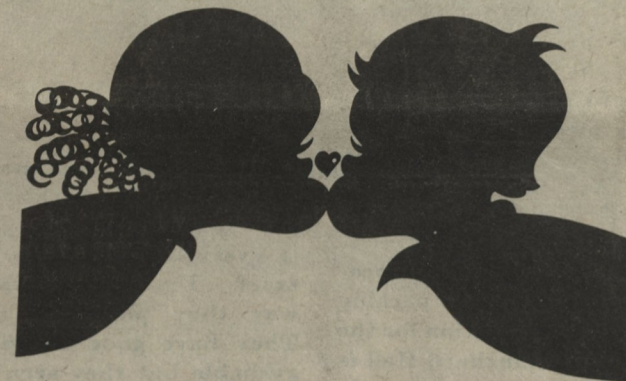
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tions.

Morrison stated that it was necessary to keep in touch with PEI developmental organizations such as *Farmers Helping Farmers* (an organization that helps meet agricultural needs of farmers in developing countries)

Morrison also suggested that WUSC could act on behalf of foreign students on campus by broadening their cultural perspectives and enable them to interact with the traditions of Canadian society.

Acknowledging the same idea, Robertson Library employee Leo Cheverie added that success of the WUSC program depended on public

awareness. Cheverie emphasized continuous publicity of WUSC's activities.

"It's essential to educate the campus about WUSC," he said.

All in all, the executive members agreed to enhance and strengthen the position of WUSC. As every one becomes aware, it is hoped that the public will continue to support the program's activities and involvement at UPEI.

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