

Course Evaluation to be Reconsidered

"Course evaluation will not be a reality this year. Nor should it be."

These are the opening lines of a report to be submitted to the SRC for discussion next Sunday night.

Mr. Tom Murphy, chairman of the Core committee expressed his concern over the existing situation. "It is not without long and serious consideration that this decision has been made," said Murphy. "Like everything else, it is a matter of priorities. To me, faculty-student dialogue is more

important than course evaluation. I have always said that course evaluation is simply a substitute for such dialogue. If we can get the real thing, then course evaluation should be dropped."

When asked if course evaluation posed a definite threat to the initiation of such a relationship, Murphy stated: "Definitely. As I was working through the different stages, I noticed two trends. First, that there is a genuine concern among some faculty members about educa-

tion — professors who realize that the system here is a barrier to education. Secondly, that completion of the evaluation program which includes a published "anti-calender", might be detrimental to the establishment of such student-faculty relationships."

Murphy felt that course evaluation is still a useful tool in the event that student-faculty committees do not materialize. "There should be a committee in every department of every faculty. Students then, in con-

sultation with their faculty members, could suggest and in fact, implement changes within the department. If there are no signs that these committees will be set up next fall, then all that is necessary to do is to set the machinery in motion."

Murphy made it clear that the evaluation can still be accomplished this year. All of the background work has been done with the exception of revising the questionnaire and organizing in detail the distribution of the questionnaires. It would

mean about a two week delay.

"It has been personally hard for me to make this decision," Murphy said. "I have put many many hours of hard work on this project. I hate to see it go. But I think that it is best if it does, for this year anyway."

Mr. Murphy gave special recognition in his report to the efforts of Ken Johnson, Dave Kierstead, Shelia Holt and the SRC Business Administrator Mr. Charters for the amount of work they have put into the project thus far.

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The Voice of UNB

Curtain Up For UNB Drama Saturday

UNB's production, *A View from the Bridge*, will be presented Saturday at the New Brunswick Regional Drama Festival. The festival continues this week in Bathurst, as debating societies from all major points in the province compete for the zone award.

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland comprise one of the six zones in Canada. Each of the four provincial festivals are judged by the same adjudicator.

This year's adjudicator is Roberta Dolby, Head of Educational Theatre at the Manitoba Theatre Centre in Winnipeg.

Miss Dolby, originally from England, spent two years at the Sorbonne and one year in England studying drama. She wrote and directed a special Christmas children's program which was presented at the Manitoba Theatre Centre, and received excellent reviews.



Director of UNB's production, Alvin Shaw, said to the *Brunswickian* in an interview that "*A View from the Bridge* is a good piece of literature; we have a strong cast in depth, and it's a good production. I would say we have a fifty-fifty chance of success."

The zone winner will be announced on April 6, when the Dominion Drama Festival executive meets in Toronto and the zone adjudicators make their recommendations.

If invited to the Dominion Drama Festival, which will be held this year in Windsor, Ontario on May '68, it is expected the UNB Drama Society will conduct a massive fund-raising campaign, as they have in the past to defray the high costs involved in travelling.

UNB has been invited to the Dominion competition five times since 1950. More recently they presented *Inherit the Wind* in 1964; and *Death of a Salesman* in 1966.

Future Uncertain FEES TO RISE

The Freeze the Fees Campaign suffered a definite set-back Monday.

In a meeting with the government, student representatives from most of New Brunswick's colleges and universities learned that fees would definitely rise at the Universite de Moncton and would be raised at College de Bathurst during the 1969-70 academic year.

Meeting with Premier Robichaud and Education Minister Meldrum were six students. At their meeting, which lasted over an hour, the government presented its point of view. Mr. Robichaud explained that the main issue was one of dollars and cents, and that there was just not enough money to freeze tuition fees.

The Premier further explained that the government bond issue would only be used to raise \$20 million for building and construction at the post-secondary level. Also, the government will not suggest that a university administration raise its fees "for that would be interfering in the autonomy of the university."

The Premier left during a short recess, refusing to make any comments to either the *Brunswickian* or Radio UNB. Mr. Meldrum also left at this time.

The only government representative who stayed for the remainder of the meeting was Mr. James O'Sullivan who is head of the province's Post-Secondary Grants Commission. Mr. O'Sullivan gave a preview to a report that his commission will publish in July.

O'Sullivan also issued a statement to the delegates that will be released to the press in two days. None of the delegates would later comment on the contents of the statement.

The delegates had mixed feelings when they emerged at the meeting's end.

Michel Theriault, external vice-president of College de Bathurst, said he thinks the government has made "every available effort", but added "It is regrettable that they (the government) are only doing this after pressure has been exerted. It should have been done without pressure."

Theriault also mentioned that the Professor's Association at College de Bathurst will soon be submitting a brief.

Pierre Tremblay, President of *Actions*, said he was disgusted with the results of the meeting. "We are being tried", he stated. "We have to prove ourselves. It's a lot of hard work."

Ron LeBreton, President of Moncton's Association des Etudiants, said he was very disappointed with the results. "The fees may not be frozen for the government or the administration, but they will be frozen for the student," he said. He did not elaborate on what action would be taken.

Paul Leblanc, President of STU's SRC, said he felt the government was trying and that "co-operation is the key word."

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Sod Turned Friday

CO-OP COMPLEX UNDERWAY

The first sod will be turned Friday afternoon at the site of the N.B. Residence Co-Op's ninety-six apartment complex for student housing. The site is at the corners of Windsor and Montgomery Streets.

Students of UNB, STU and TC, as well as provincial, city and university representatives have been invited to attend the public ceremony.

The ceremony itself, which begins at 3:00 p.m., will announce the beginning of construction this spring of the \$1.5 million building. The three-story, modern-design building, which is expected to be completed in September, will feature one, two and three-bedroom apartments.

Special speakers will be William T. Walker, Mayor of Fredericton; Dr. Colin B. Mackay, President of UNB; David Cox, President of UNB's SRC, and Lawson Hunter, President

of the Co-op.

The project was first considered last spring by married students concerned about the housing shortage in the city. Shortly after, the Residence Co-op took the project in hand.

The Co-operative's aim is to provide inexpensive housing for university students using the economic and social principles of the co-operative movement.

Open House at 682 Brunswick

Following the sod-turning ceremony an "open house" reception will be held in the co-op residence at 682 Brunswick Street, starting at 4:00 p.m. Guests and interested students will have an opportunity to examine models of the apartment complex, tour the co-operative and talk with members of the house, and of the Board of Directors.