

N.B. Higher Education Commission to be obsolete soon?

By BRUCE BARTLETT
The Board of Governors recently submitted to the New Brunswick Higher Education Commission

(N.B.H.E.C.) projections on procedures for the next three years.

The only problem as far as student Governor Mike Richard can see is that the N.B.H.E.C. might be obsolete very soon. One of the moves that the three Maritime Provinces have taken towards union has been centralization of their higher education commissions. Legislation has been passed by all three provinces creating a Maritime Higher Education Commission. At present it only has to be proclaimed to come into being. The results for the various institutions involved are anybody's guess, but it's hard to believe that any of the three governments involved will let their tax dollars be spent

outside their own provinces.

The Board of Governors is mainly concerned with the financial aspect of running the university. Most of the Governors are alumni and therefore have some idea of the problems faced by UNB. The board consists of ex-officio members of the administration, members of the N.B.T.A., members of the faculty who are elected by secret ballot among

themselves, a few who are appointed by the provincial government, and the two students elected by the student body. Through its financial control the Board of Governors controls the Senate which, according to Mike, consists mainly of academics who are prone to be unrealistic at times.

The budget crisis which the university experienced last year is now under control. The problem came about when the N.B.H.E.C.

changed the formula under which it granted money to the university. When the problems the changes created were pointed out to the commission they readjusted their formula making it possible for UNB to meet its budget.

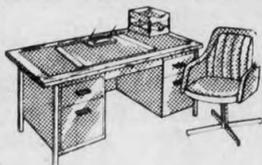
Prior to student membership on the Board there was very little contact between the Governors and the student body. They were concerned with what the students wanted and what they felt to be the best interest of the university but the students' views only got to them as hearsay at best. Although two people can not represent the views of the entire student body, Richard feels that having students on the board has brought about some positive changes.

This fall there will be an election for one student from Fredericton and one from Saint John. The election in Fredericton will replace Ken de Freitas whose one year term expired recently. Students will now be elected for two year terms - elections to be held each year. In this way there will always be some continuity in student representation

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Mike Richard

Automatic Controls conference held

By RON STEWART

The Canadian Conference on Automatic Controls held an annual meeting here at Head Hall, Sept 24 and 25. The occasion marks the first time the conference has been held in a center east of Quebec City.

The purpose of the conference was to co-ordinate research and development of automatic controls in Canada. About 110 delegates were involved in the proceedings giving talks about their work in a particular field. Primarily of interest to engineers, physicists and mathematicians, the conference provided information for a number of other people as well. Students were permitted to attend the technical discussions free of charge.

Speakers at the conference were chosen according to the papers they submitted. A total of 34 papers were selected as well as two special invitations to speak. On Monday, a reception and banquet was held to welcome the delegates. Speaking at the evening banquet was Dr. P.D. McGaggart-Cowan, Executive Director, Science Council of Canada.

The information revealed at the C.C.A.C. conference is documented in book form called "Preprints". It sells for the price of \$10.00 and is available to any interested people.

Originally financed by the National Research Council the conference delegates are now required to be essentially self-financing. Means of attaining greater funds are currently being sought.

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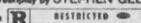
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