

Reallocation report causes dispute

Anthropology building
may be torn down

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Proposed faculty space reallocation has left many faculty members as well as students upset, particularly those in the faculties of Arts and Business Administration. Changes would see the Anthropology building torn down presumably to increase parking facilities. According to the report 'Space Utilization Study and Master Plan', the University's existing facilities are adequate to accommodate the 'identified needs for the next five years', but do not take into account increasing student enrollment.

In effect, the report proposes a 'reduction of classroom space over the next five years. This rationalization will provide much needed space for other activities.' Classrooms in both Carleton and Tilley Hall will be torn down to accommodate these 'other activities'.

Peter Kepros, Dean of Arts doesn't see how they can possibly accommodate students and faculty in the proposed plan that would eliminate space in Arts faculties. Not only will student facilities be lost but departmental space as well. The report emphasizes

the 'increased utilization' of Carleton and Tilley and proposes that all Business Administration facilities be moved to Carleton Hall, a major re-shuffling of the Arts departments already located there, and recommends that the Anthropology department be moved to third floor Kiersted to share space that is currently in use by the Sociology department. This change would see the Sociology Department's space reduced by a third and Anthropology squeezed into an area that could not facilitate labs or research space.

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Kepros maintains that the report was not sufficiently well done to identify with the needs of the University. There was little academic input in the consultation. The University's consultants, Environmental Consulting Services Ltd., a Toronto company according to a company source spent nine man-weeks in Fredericton but did the majority of the work in Toronto. Some Department heads are outraged because

inadequate time was spent studying existing facilities. Much data for the report in fact was compiled at the Registrar's Office from the academic time-table. It did not take into account Graduate classes and facilities, tutorials, bookings by external groups, symposia, and time-table changes.

The recommendations, if implemented, will see, because of the reduction of classroom space, Business and Arts students attending classes in McLaggan Hall, the I.U.C. and wherever else space is made available to students on campus. Dean Kepros states, 'Our needs are not being met at all. Students scurrying around campus to classes takes us back 20 years.'

There will be a meeting April 3rd or 4th to correct the errors in the report. Only Deans will be in attendance. Dean Kepros' summary, 'To uproot 13 departments and to uproot 2,000 students from a skeletal study when ongoing work could have been going on for a decade is outrageous.'

Eric Garland, Assistant Vice-President Administration and Campus Planning, the consulting firm's U.N.B. contact, was unavailable for comment on projected costs.



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At the 24-hour Off-Campus Housing Office, announcements were torn from the wall and message boards erased following a St. Patrick's Day social in Lady Dunn Hall last weekend. Off Campus Housing Officer Helga Stewart was dismayed by the vandalism. "Those who did this have little respect or concern for the needs of their fellow students. Important housing information has been destroyed as a result of their thoughtlessness."

Scuffle results in charges

By SHELLEY NELSON
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A scuffle that broke out in the SUB lobby last Friday night resulted in assault charges being placed on the two offenders.

On the night of the Extravaganza, the two individuals concerned were told by the Campus Police on duty that they would have to quiet down in order to be allowed into the event. This, according to SUB Director, Kim Norris, is when the scuffle began. Witnesses state that Scott Brogan invited C.P. David Vautour outside to fight. Pushing and shoving followed, which resulted in C.P. John MacDonald's shirt being ripped.

In Vautour's report, it states that Daniel Power began swearing at C.P. Shalene Stymiest when it was

discovered that his high-school friend would not be allowed admittance. Brogan then began wrestling with C.P. Steve McGill, who was trying to deal with Power.

In the ensuing scuffle, six members of the City Police were called in and proceeded to escort Brogan and Power out. In a statement made Tuesday to the Brunswickan, Constable Carr stated that he expects charges to reach his desk in approximately one week.

In his report, McGill claimed that he was hit twice in the stomach by Brogan, who had already been admitted to the event. He went on to state that "Power broke free of my grip several times and attempted to strike (the C.P.'s) but we were able to control him." McGill also urged that assault charges be laid against both Power and Brogan.