

# Computer Centre Needs Money

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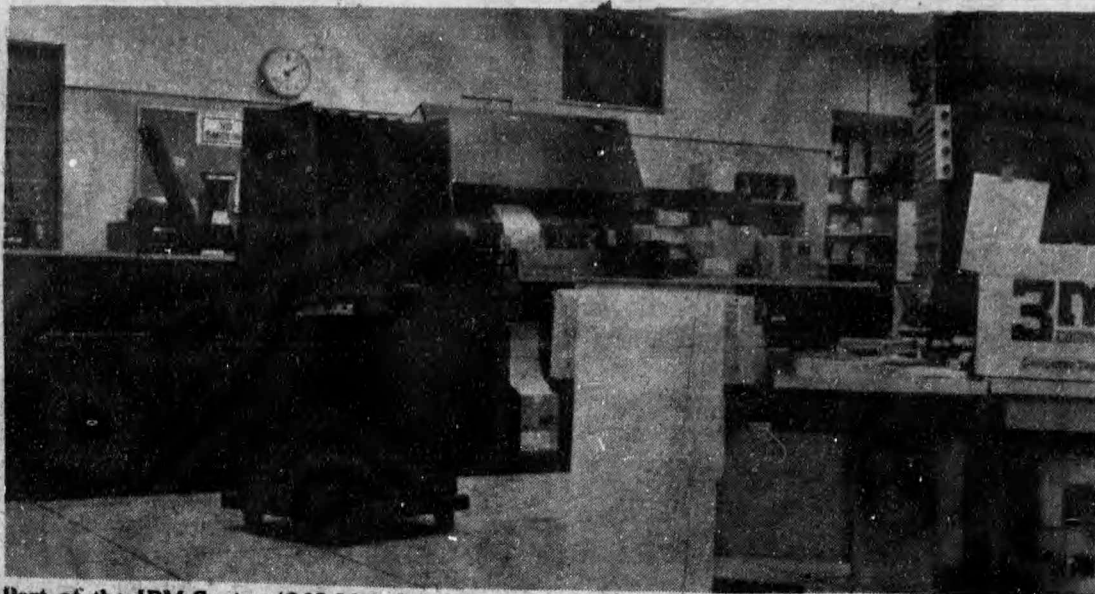
further into other departments", i.e., departments other than the Computer Science and Engineering departments.

Prof. Wasson's major problem is everyone's problem-money. The Computing Center and the Department of Computer Science are both operating on a skeleton crew, "much understaffed for our equipment and size". In fact, with a few exceptions, the staff of the Computing Center and the Computer Science Department are the same, by necessity, not choice. Present priorities are on the development of the Department of Computer Science. Both physical space and staff are badly needed. There is no lack of qualified people to staff the Department, nor is there a lack of sophisticated machinery with which to equip the Computing Center, but according to Prof. Wasson, the problem is "getting them into the budget".

Prof. Wasson wants to improve the quality of undergraduate instruction, a difficult problem in itself in the computer science teaching at the undergraduate university level is no more than five or seven years old, and says that the University needs more credit service courses in Computer Science. But money only goes so far, and it must be split between the Computing Center staff, Department of Computer Science staff, and the computer itself.

At this school, and others, the Computing Center is still expanding faster than the rest of the University, says Prof. Wasson, mainly because of the rate at which computer technology is developing. The System/360 at UNB is only three years old, yet already Prof. Wasson would like to replace the S/360-150 CPU (Central Processing Unit, i.e., to the innocent, the "brain") with a System/370 Model 155 CPU, keeping the existing peripheral equipment-the two card readers, the two printers, the two tape drives, the disk drive (8 disks plus one spare), the optical page reader, the display units, the goof-ball printers, etc. The Computing Center needs the newest equipment to offer the most up-to-date computer training, and the Department of Computer Science needs more staff to offer the best computer-orientated education, a staff that can devote their full time to the Department.

To increase utilization on and off campus, the Computing Center has several remote terminals on and off campus, as well as two TWX telecommunications links. These remote terminals transmit over wires data to and from the computer processing, and with the TWX links, the S/360-150 at UNB can communicate with, i.e., and the demand for computer facilities and time increases, and usually more money is made available.



Part of the IBM System/360 Mod 1-50; 2540 Card Read-Punch; 1403-NI Printer (with cover raised); and 2050 CPU. Whole system costs UNB \$32,000 per month-an expensive bit of circuitry.

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## Terrorism:

# Mass Resignations Soon ?

by T. J. McMullen

Closer scrutinization of students identity cards for entrance to the Tri-campus Student Union Building may result from acts of vandalism terrorizing and excessive violence experienced here over the weekend.

Sub officials have expressed concern for their own personal safety and mass resignations are being contemplated among student supervisors unless certain policy changes are initiated.

Past experience has shown that by making the computer easier to use, and by quietly expanding its applications both on campus and in the rest of the Maritimes, the interest in and the demand for computer facilities and time increases, and usually more money is made available.

The \$1.25 per hour they receive is apparently not worth the risk involved in keeping order between the numerous patrons of the building on a weekend evening.

The primary motivation of this dissent within the ranks appears to be the disturbance which occurred this past Saturday night. In what was termed by Paul Brown, student night porter, as a "near riot", several fights broke out between students of St. Thomas University, Mount Allison, and University of New Brunswick.

Alcohol appeared to be the main cause of the fracas as students from STU, wandering into the Sub from the STU beer garden in their cafeteria. They took exception to students from UNB and blows ensued.

Six or seven separate fights erupted and after fifteen minutes the juke-box was shut off upon Mr. Brown's instruction. He then announced that the building was closing. This was accomplished without further incidents by one a.m.

Sub officials fear that the building is rapidly becoming a place to be avoided by a large majority of the student body due to the unrest.

Most students, it is felt, prefer the atmosphere of a social meeting place rather than that of a tavern or prize-fight ring. This series of incidents are the first of its kind this year, although last year the Sub of-

ficials experienced similar incidents.

Vandalism of a different kind was also reported at the Sub this past weekend. The yearbook office was broken into early Saturday morning at approximately 4:30 a.m. Entry was gained through an unlocked window with the aid of a screwdriver. No money was taken and a camera was overlooked when an office desk was jimmied open.

After overturning a trashcan in front of the office, the intruder continued down to the Versafood office in the southwest wing of the Sub.

There, while apparently trying to pry a vent off the office door, he was noticed by a janitor. The janitor failed to stop him, and went for help. The night porter and janitor returned to find the man gone and can offer no explanation as to how he left.

UNB Security, working with Fredericton City Police, have failed to come up with any significant fingerprints or leads.

The break last weekend into the games room of the Sub netted the culprit (s) an undetermined amount of money. Other than the fact that a key was used to gain entry to the building, UNB Security have little to go on.

"This is getting to be a much too serious game for me and I don't know whether I want to continue in this position with the risk involved. If a guy is desperate enough to break and enter this building (the Sub) he's desperate enough to do most anything," said the night porter on duty on the of the break-in.

The possibility of new security regulations was discussed at a meeting held last evening after press time.

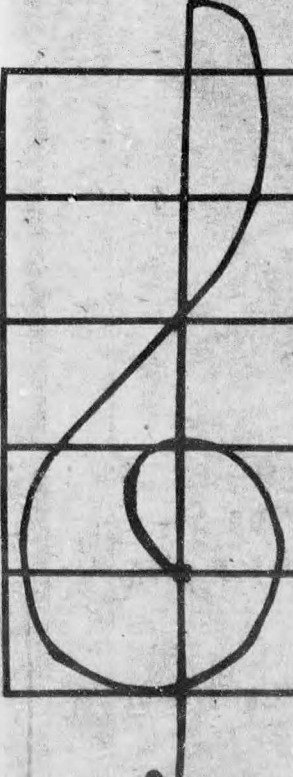


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