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Many issues discussed at conference

by Leslie Robertson

A leadership conference chaired by SU President Wayne Carson was held last Sunday to generate ideas on current problem issues within the student body.

Present at the meeting were Arts Representative Natalie Doyle, CFS Chairman Gary Clarke, CHSR News Manager Gordon Loane and a number of candidates for upcoming student election.

The groundwork is already being laid for future plans to expand the SUB. Wayne Carson emphasized the importance of developing the building, as it represents "the living room of the university community".

Student Union presidential candidate Joe Savoie commented that students need to be convinced of the need for SUB expansion, even is they will not be here to benefit from the outcome. He described the present SUB as being poorly designed, too narrow and nothing more than "a glorified high school cafeteria."

In order to interest the administration in assisting this project, it was suggested that a third of the money be raised through a $10 increase on the student activity fee; otherwise, the plans will take five years to get underway.

"The growing needs of a student body is what we are seeking to fulfill," said Carson. "Lobbying to the administration will be necessary, but students must also be willing to contribute some money."

A general discussion was initiated by President Carson concerning the role and direction of the Student Union. It was suggested that the President's role could be improved were he to promote himself with residence tours once per term, restrict his courseload to three courses per term and maintain his position throughout the summer months to provide continuity to the job.

Concern was expressed that too much of the Student Union budget is being dished out for the purpose of social events. Some people felt that the various clubs and organizations should do more independent fundraising instead of treating the SU as a bank. The fact was pointed out that clubs and societies are entitled to $9-15 per student and cutting back on this funding would be depriving students of their rights.

"Cutting back on the student activity fee is not the answer," said President Carson. "What we need is a higher activity fee so that we can do more for the students."

SUB policy regarding the smoking issue was discussed at length. There appeared to be a general consensus that the prohibition of smoking in every area of the SUB has only made matters worse.

Now that smokers have nowhere to smoke, they are rebelling by smoking everywhere, which leaves the non-smokers in a worse position than before. SUB staff are not eager to enforce the policy since many of them disagree with it. The SU feels it should have more control over SUB policy than it does, as the SUB administration board does not display enough efficiency.

The possibility of putting contraceptives on the UNB Health Plan was touched briefly. It was estimated that at least 60% of the student population would make use of the addition, but the question is whether or not the other 40% would be willing to pay on extra $76 per year. The estimated overall cost amounts to half a million per year, which seems phenomenal, but STU has already proved it to be affordable.

The President is concerned that the students are not participating as much as they should, a situation to which the term "Student Apathy" is designated. There are 60 clubs and societies at UNB, but students lack the initiative to get involved.

The suggestion was made that perhaps if meetings and activities were held more during the day rather than the evening, students would be encouraged to take part. Ideas were also discussed to heighten student awareness concerning extracurricular activities to them.

March's Blood Donor Clinic not as successful as in the past

by Tabitha Bainbridge

571 donors turned up for the latest Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic. 490 were actually able to give blood. The clinic's aim was 600 donors.

The clinic is sponsored by the Red Cross University Youth Action Team and the Health Sciences Society.

Catherine Giles of the Red Cross Blood Program, says that this is the first time they have come here in March and that they are not sure whether or not they will return again at this time next year because the turn out was not as good as for other months.

In a newspaper article from the 1950's, 98% of the UNB

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$5, 000 for banquet

by Allan Carter

The Student Union Council has unanimously voted to allocate $5,000 for a banquet on March 26.

According to Wayne Carson, President of the Student Union, the banquet will be for those students who have contributed significantly to the improvement of student life at UNB.

Carson's personal opinion is that this past year has been one of the best for student involvement.

Since 1988, Carson believes that "we have really seen a resurgence of Student initiatives and undertakings aimed at contributing to the quality of, and scope, of student life. Students have really got involved which is only a sign of the potential that exists for future growth in student affairs".

Approximately 300 people will be in attendance at the banquet. Various representatives of clubs, societies, organizations and the Student Union will be invited to the banquet.

In addition, Dr. James Downey will be invited for his significant contributions to student life during his past ten years as president at UNB.

Dr. H. Morgentaler to give lecture on March 20

Press Release

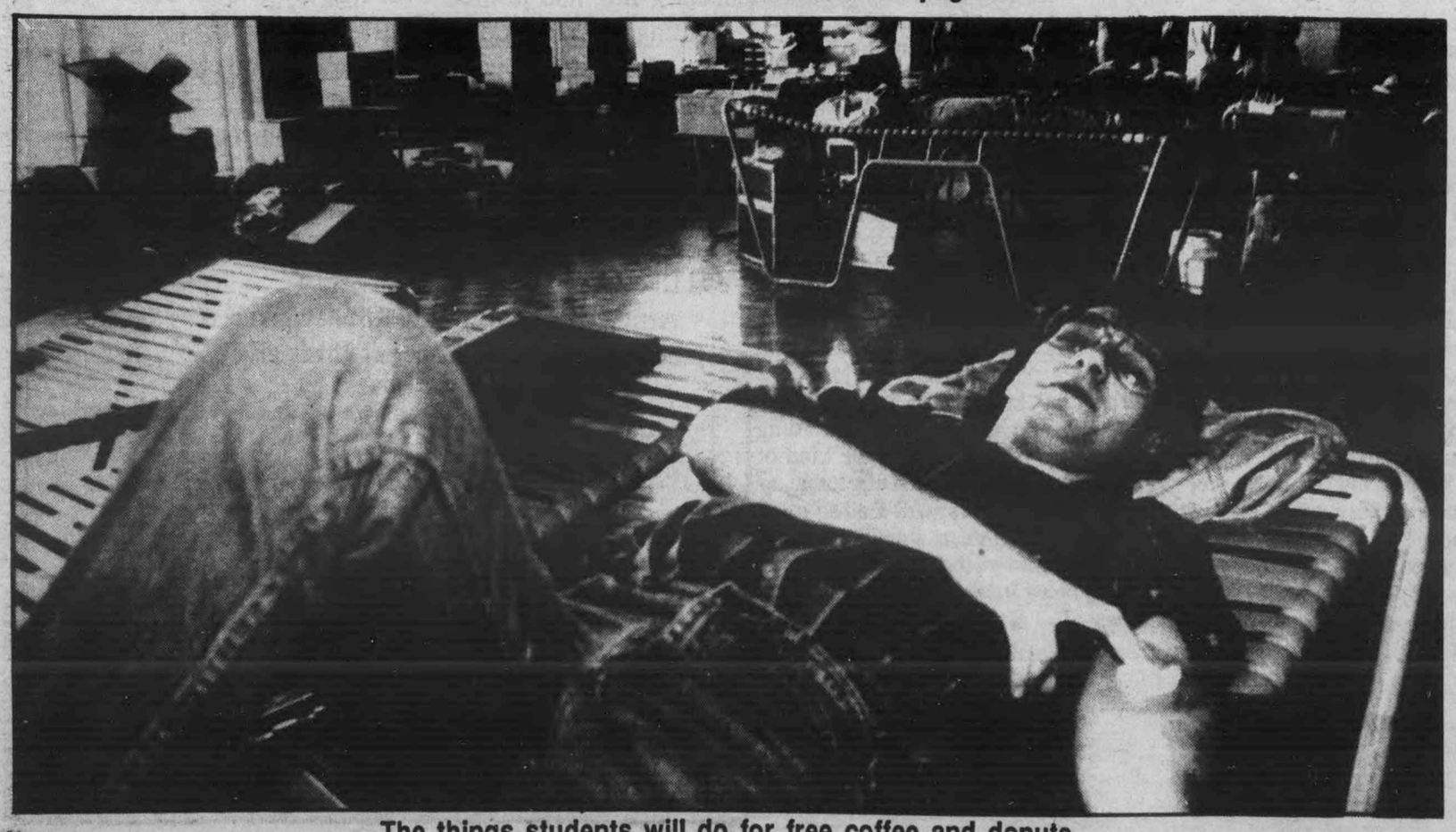
The University of New Brunswick Student Union is presenting a lecture by Dr. Henry Morgentaler, on Tuesday March 20, at 8:00 pm in Maclaggan Hall room 105.

The title of his talk is: It's a matter of choice. Dr. Morgentaler will give his talk and then accept questions from the audience.

He is being brought to Fredericton by the UNB Student Union Guest Lecture Series, under the Vice-President Activities. Any inquiries should therefore be directed to the attention of Richard Renaud, V-P Activities at 453-4955.

Ticket price for this event will be $5.00 for UNB students (I.D. required) and $10.00 for all others. Seating is limited for this event.

Advance tickets available at the UNB SU offices in the Student Union Building room 126. The Student Union reserves the right to limit the number of tickets per person.



The things students will do for free coffee and donuts

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