

# Atlantic Student Leadership Conference - A Blast

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Dalton Camp stretches while Lawson Hunter, Derek McDorman, Mary Abraham and Tim Hill look equally impressed.

Believe it or not, a Leadership Conference doesn't necessarily mean a tirade of boring speeches and discussion. Ask the president of Mount Saint Vincent University (who incidentally is male) - whose entourage arrived at the conference 2 1/2 hours late because "we stopped (hiccup) in a bar in Moncton on the way." That seemed to set the tone for the Atlantic Student Leadership Conference held this past weekend at UNB. Not to say that we spent all our time at the Social Club only -we did attend Extravaganza too - but the entire weekend established a definite comradery between the 80 or so students who participated.

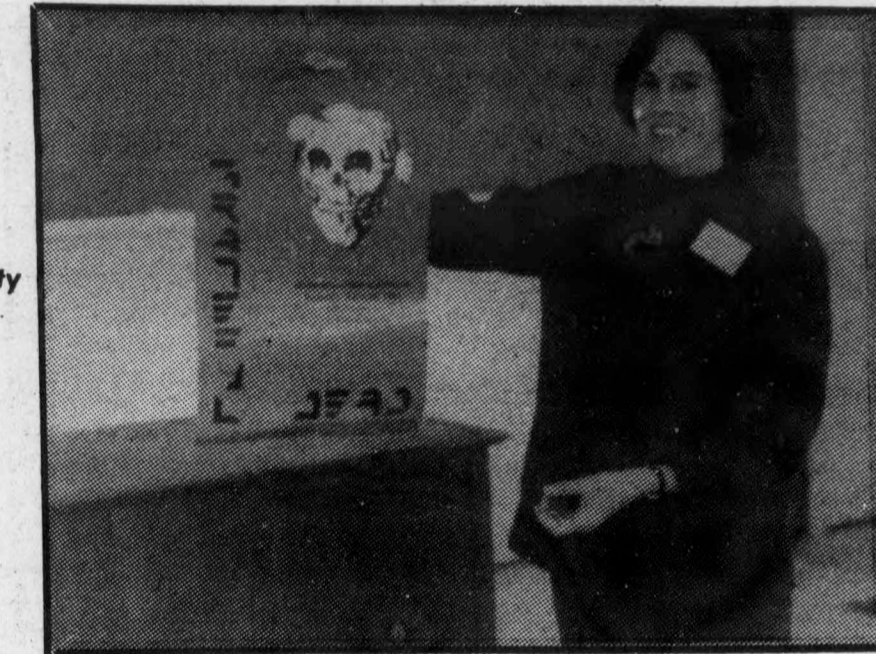
Students came from Lakehead University in Ontario, UPEI, Dalhousie, Saint Mary's, STU, UNB, and a number of colleges throughout the Atlantic region starting on Friday evening.

Win Hackett, Director of the New Brunswick Bicentennial Committee, addressed the students. His topic, "Student Leadership Today" was well received by the students. In it, Hackett summarized the different eras in university, student involvement and focused on the 60's which saw a radical change in the student movement. This was the inception of the Student Union as a viable force in the administering of university policy.

Other keynote speakers included Lawson Hunter who reiterated many of Hackett's points and in particular, stressed the importance of student positions on University Senate and Board of Governors. In a panel discussion entitled, "The Why, What and How of University/College Student Leadership in the 80's," Hunter spoke along with Dalton Camp, notable political columnist, Tim Hill, president of the Dalhousie Student Union, and Mary Abraham, well known UNB graduate and current 1st year Law Student. Group discussions following the panel encourage debate with questions raised about the so-called "glorified" 60's.

A second address by Dalton Camp centered around the subject of "Student Apathy", a universal concern encountered by student leaders. The last sessions saw a special interest in topics with a wide array of topics and speakers who touched on subjects ranging from "Communications", to "How to Deal with University".

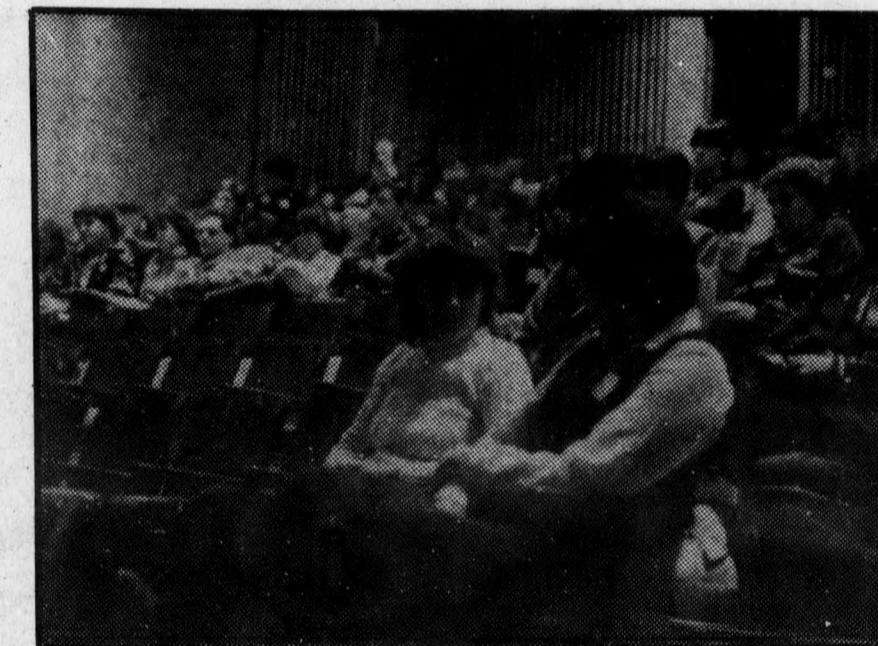
The wide diversity of topics, speakers and social events certainly kept all 80 students occupied. It seemed to be a generally accepted fact by all that UNB was the "place to be." In fact, according to one Lakehead University participant, "I'm transferring to UNB next year for sure. You guys really know how to party!"  
Er...Thanks!!



Pam Bacon - guest speaker, points out a typical university student of the 80's.



Darren, we won't even ask you what you're doing!



So what time did you get in last night?



Dalton Camp (former Editor-in-Chief of the Brunswickan) receives a sketch of Old Arts Building. That, however, is not his only claim to fame.



Win Hackett discusses student communication.