

Insight Wants Drug Aid Centres

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Alastair H. Robertson, a UNB graduate who is involved with students co-operative housing, provided the most scholarly presentation of the day reacting to specific recommendations in the Commissions Report. He argued that legal controls are not effective in regulating the use of drugs and should not be used. He advocated "social control" of drug use, similar to that which controls the use of alcohol now. After twelve years of pot puffing he could see no medical or social reason for a legislative ban on the use of marijuana. Robertson contended his use of pot is solely for pleasure and enjoyment and in no way a "crutch" or "escape from reality."

The Insight Drug Aid Center urged that the legalization of marijuana not be allowed to develop as the issue of contention for the Le Dain Commission. The concept has too many emotional connotations and could provide public backlash to the extent that no viable governmental drug policy would emerge from the report. If it manages to effect an all-around sane social and educational approach to drugs, the problem of unduly heavy sentences will take care of itself. The social and informational structures to achieve this sanity will never develop if a wildly emotional issue is allowed to crowd out all other considerations. As a matter of fact, the press has virtually taken it for granted that the Le Dain Report has recommended the "legalization of marijuana," and picked this out as the high point of the recommendations.

Insight urged that drug aid centres be set up in major communities, that a province wide drug education program be undertaken, that a rehabilitation center for chronic drug user be established, and that drug analysis laboratories be set up insight pointed to general laxation in record cross-reference at the local level as the cause of people obtaining multiple prescriptions of the most commonly abused drugs (i.e. barbituates and minor tranquilizers).

Tom Bishop, representing "The Group", a Saint John association of young people who offer counselling and referral services to drug users, told the Commission he had little co-operation from Saint John residents or organizations, and medical personnel who will treat seriously all drug users. Mr. Bishop cited that as recently as six weeks ago hospital personnel referred a drug user seeking help to the R.C.M.P. This aroused the concern of Commission member, Dr. Heinz Lehman who believed this incident to contradict the ethical code of the Canadian Medical Association.



A vote is taken in the Senate; the new Student Senators begin their Senate careers. L. to R., foreground: Michael Cochrane, Paul Campbell, Tom Ekers, and Don MacBeath. photo by Gallagher

Senate Allows Funds For Fine Art Acquisitions

by Philip Wyman

The senate passed a motion to recommend to the Board of Governors that one-percent of all monies spent on new building projects be allocated toward the purchase of fine art acquisitions.

An additional motion was also passed to set aside a sum not less than 10 thousand dollars annually for the purchase of fine art acquisitions plus an attendant curatorial fund.

Prof. Baker, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee made a motion that the University acquire the services of a full time Historian of Science and be attached to one of the existing academic departments.

Discussion of the motion was favourable, but because of the rarity Histories of Science, it was suggested that the search begin quickly for it would be

long and tedious. The motion was then passed.

Several recommendations were tabled until future meetings among them a much discussed three part recommendation from the Science Council concerning; a request to change the UNB Act to include full time lecturers amongst those eligible to vote in Senate elections; that the report proposing granting B.Sc.

degree students transferring to Dalhousie U. or Dentistry be accepted; the final part of the recommendation concerning the proposed Physics Building be tabled until more information is gathered.

This meeting of the Senate had for the first time four representatives of the student body of UNB and a representative Prof. Von Allward of the UNBSJ campus.

Everyone Invited to W & P

A new feature for this year's Engineering week is the "Wig and Pistle" to present engineers' musical talents.

The Wig and Pistle will be held at the Sub Ball Room from 9 until 11:30 on Wednesday evening.

The Special attraction for the evening will be "The Great

Rudy" with his accordion. He will be supported by a cast of engineers presenting their talents.

Tickets for this affair can be obtained from class representatives at 50 cents for E.U.S. members and \$1.00 for non E.U.S. members.

-W.T. Robertson

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