

University of New Brunswick

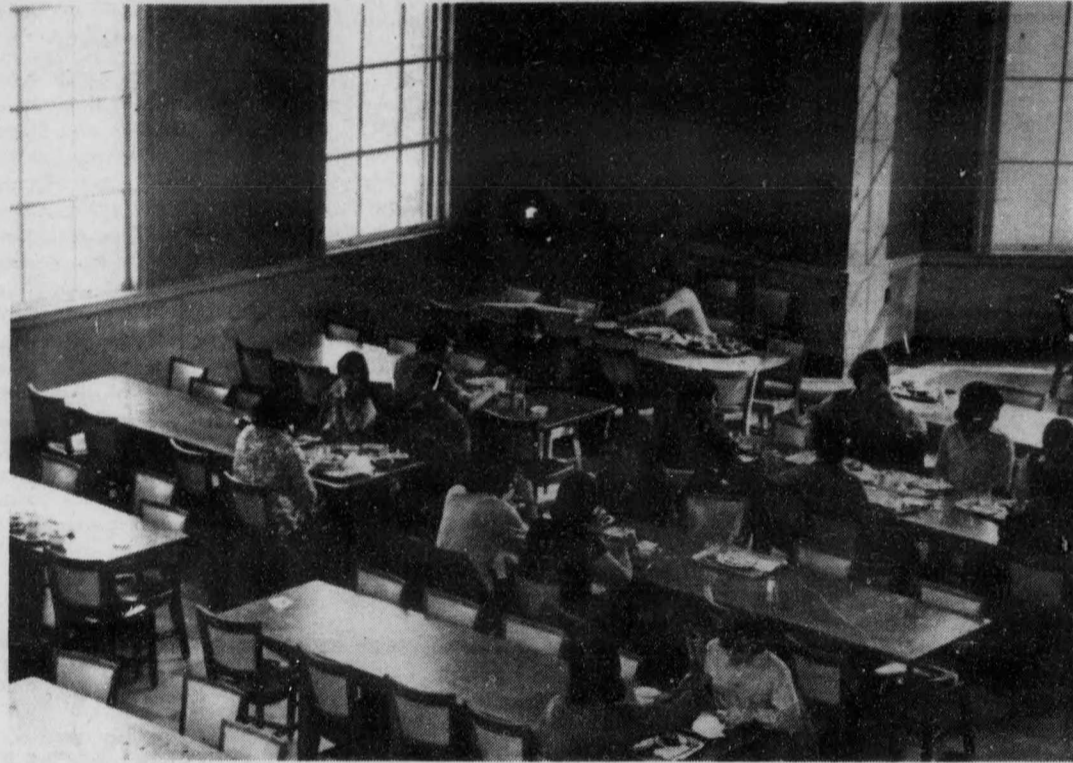
There is no doubt that the biggest news to hit campus this year was the Mervyn Franklin Affair. On October 13 The Brunswickan reported that over \$60,000 worth of equipment was being removed from this campus and transferred to The University of Windsor in Ontario. This was done with the permission of University President John M. Anderson who later admitted it could have been a mistake. While the equipment is gone forever new rules and regulations which will check mistakes of this sort from occurring again. UNB also began the year with their first taste of Beaver foods and despite problems here and there, notably in the vending machine service, students seem reasonably satisfied with our new food service.

On September 22 Leader of the Opposition Joe Clark reported that unemployment was to worsen . . . no doubt cheering up students expecting to graduate this year

The Bruns was proud to announce the instigation of UNB's first co-ed residence when downtown residence Murray House opened its doors to men. The same week St. Thomas University voted on whether or not to remain a member of the Atlantic Federation of Students and figures from the registrar indicated that enrollment was down once again.

The New Brunswick Coalition of Students began the year strongly with plans made on October 6 for instigating more student aid in the Maritimes. Students already hit by a bad employment situation were informed this week that changes in the Unemployment Insurance Policy meant even fewer students would be eligible to receive aid from that area. There was also a lot of discussion about a proposed blanket liquor license which was being considered for this campus according to then Student Union President Steve Berube. Changes in the UNB Insurance plan to the student's advantage were reported in The Brunswickan on October 13 and students discovered that provincial elections were in the offing.

The second big issue this year was discussed in the October 27 issue as the



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Draft Study on the Future of the University was released to the public.

Major recommendations of the study included the cutback of current teaching staff, the dropping of 250 courses with under 6 people attending and a general swing from academics to administration through the instigation of greater public contact. The same week the elusive cornerstone of the Old Arts Building was finally found after many weeks of search although officials refused to state what was contained in it until a later date.

Unionization was once again the topic of discussion as three union parties, proposed their own plans and policies. The November 10th issue clarified the Franklin issue with The

Brunswickan coming out on top and the same week it was discovered that vandalism around campus was on the decrease. We were also proud to announce the erection of new lighting fixtures between the Dunn and the Library as a long history of student complaint about the lack of lights in this area and the danger of this lack was finally resolved.

November 17th saw a bomb scare in the SUB, the demise of the Broadway show Grease before it ever got here and the instigation of a program which will test incoming students for their English proficiency.

Student Unions of Nova Scotias formed that week and New Brunswick students were proud because they had set the example.

The Pittston Oil controversy which considered the building of a refinery at Eastport Maine was discussed in the November the 28th issue and with just cause the refinery proposal was seen as bad.

Our January 13 issue noted the Sesquicentennial of the Old Arts Building and the mysterious objects in the cornerstone were discovered to be papers and other documents placed there when the stone was laid.

Unionization vote is in the offing by January 19th and according to SUB director Cindy Stacey Fredericton High School were not responsible for vandalism around the SUB.

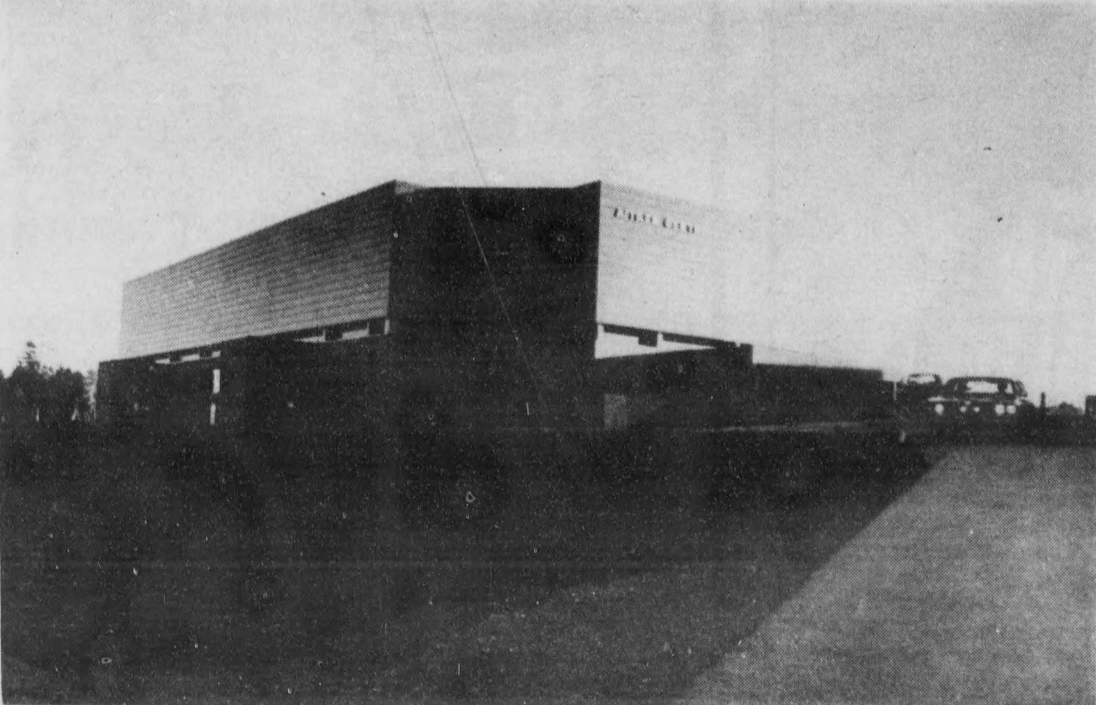
Steve Berube resigned along with other Maritime student representatives

from the Government Student Aid Commission by January 19th because they felt that the commission could not fulfill its obligations.

Then on the 26th the Dalhousie students commenced a boycott of classes in support of the striking maintenance workers at that university. The student union welcomed their new president David Bartlett . . . by acclamation and candidates for other positions gave their spiel as to why they should be elected.

November 15 saw the first report in this paper of the now infamous Kierstead fires and students from the University de Moncton began their fight against rising university costs.

The 9th saw CHSR expansion discussed and the



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