

University has \$100,000 invested in tunnels

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Over \$100,000 of University money lies buried underground in the form of service tunnels connecting most of the major buildings of UNB, Teacher's College and St. Thomas Uni-

versity.

They carry telephone, electricity and computer cables as well as heating pipes.

What are the chances of obtaining the same facilities for students? "It wouldn't be feasible to construct an elabor-

ate student tunnel system in the near future," said Professor Garland, Director of the Academic and Campus Planning Committee, in an interview last Thursday.

"However, I personally feel that pedestrian traffic on campus may become a priority item in campus development and the siting of future building."

The combination of UNB's hill side location and New Brunswick's icy winters makes campus navigation difficult

during the colder months. The new campus architects, Murray and Murray, of Ottawa will be considering methods of improving pedestrian traffic in the development plans for campus. In many instances covered walkways, such as the one presently connecting Carleton and Tilley Halls, would be more practical than tunnels.

The 9885 feet of tunnels now in existence were begun ten years ago in connection with the new heating plant. They are of 5 by 5 feet concrete

construction. As frequently as possible the top of a tunnel becomes a sidewalk, as is the case of the cement walk up the hill in front of McLaggen Hall and the Maintenance and Services Building. In addition to the obvious practicality of this dual purpose walk, the heat from the tunnel makes snow removal practically unnecessary.

Although the service people travel through the tunnels regularly, the number of pipes and wires in the tunnel make them unsuitable for normal pedestrian use.



A UNB employee checks the pipes in one of the university's many tunnels. PHOTO BY DEFRIETAS

Panel on women in employment

A panel concerning Women in Employment has been arranged for the theatre, MacLaggen Hall, Room 105, 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 19th. The discussion will centre around the theme "Equal Opportunity - The Myth - The Reality." Out-of-province guests for the panel are two of the foremost authorities in this field in Canada today, Miss Sylva Gelber, Director of the Women's Bur-

eau, Department of Labour and Miss Carol Lutes, co-ordinator of Equal Employment Opportunities with the Public Service Commission of Canada.

Mr. G. E. Graham, Vice-President of Planning, N.B. Tel will present his views as an employer. Judge Doris Ogilvie of Fredericton, who was a Status of Women Commissioner, and is Juvenile Court Judge in Fredericton will have much to contribute. Mrs. Sharon Durepos, a chemical engineering graduate of UNB in 1970, and now employed by Fraser Com-

panies Limited in Edmundston, will add to the discussion through her own experience.

Miss Lutes recently stated "With the average work life expectancy of women at 33 years (compared with 37 for men) and more than half the female work force married, girls should be encouraged to look ahead to career possibilities when entering universities and colleges".

You are cordially invited to attend this panel to hear a flow of positive ideas concerning women in employment.

Regionalization is key here

FREDERICTON - Regionalization of the operations of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion was the key recommendation put forward by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council in its Fifth Annual Review of the Atlantic Economy, made public by APEC President Dr. Stephen Weyman at a press conference Tuesday.

The Review, which will be the subject of a half-day seminar at the Council's annual conference in Fredericton, October 18 and 19, is an in-depth examination of the performance of DREE since its inception in 1969 with particular reference to the Atlantic region.

Specifically, APEC recommends that "all DREE planning, implementation, industrial intelligence and promotion for the Atlantic Provinces be transferred (from Ottawa) to a regional office headed by an assistant deputy minister. Because of distance and somewhat different problems, a field office subordinate to the regional office probably should be maintained in Newfoundland. In the Maritimes it might be necessary to retain small provincial offices for a time, but the aim should be a single Maritime operation."

Under the revised structure being recommended, "the over-

all administration, co-ordination and evaluation functions of DREE would remain in Ottawa, as would the administration of the Regional Development Incentives Act."

Spelling out the reasons for its recommendations, APEC cites seven factors, among them: "the Ottawa-based bureaucracy is central-Canada oriented"; "regional planning is carried out thousands of miles from the regions"; "industrial intelligence and promotion (are not) regionally focused."

While retaining its enthusiasm for the basic concept of a single federal department responsible for regional development, APEC has grave reservations about DREE's performance to date.

The Council sees three basic reasons for what it describes as "the disappointing record of the department during its first 30 months"; inept handling of

the national economy by the federal government which "made significant regional progress extremely difficult"; failure on the part of both the government and DREE to enunciate and adhere to firm policy lines; and poor structuring within the department.

The provincial governments also come in for criticism. "In the absence of any firm, long-term commitments from Ottawa," the Review observes, "it is little wonder that the provinces, the Atlantic Provinces in particular, regard DREE as a temporary cornucopia to be plucked as quickly as possible before Ottawa snatches it away. This may explain but not condone the provinces' failure to embark on a planned program of development."

APEC's view is that both the government and DREE it- Continued on page 16

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