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Underfunding tour

Politicians ponder poverty

Sporting a new tan, Premier Frank McKenna made a surprise visit on Wednesday to the University of New Brunswick Campus (Fredericton).

In commemoration of the National Day of Mourning, Premier McKenna joined Dr. Russel King, Minister of Advanced Education and Training for the Underfunding Tour of the campus facilities in an effort to familiarize themselves with the problems of Government Underfunding of post-secondary education.

Jane Arnold, chairperson of the N.B. Student Alliance, and UNB Student Union President, termed the Underfunding Tour a success. "We were able to show Premier McKenna and Dr. King examples of overcrowding, which was one of the main points of the tour."

Also participating in the Tour were Diane Naigle, N.B.'s representative of C.F.S., Claude Moran, vice chair of the N.B.S.A. and Dave Campbell (C.F.S. Atlantic Bureau Chief).

The first stop on the tour was Loring Bailey Hall. With the Chairman of the Biology Department, Richard Riding as an escort, Premier McKenna and Dr. King were shown various biology labs while many undergraduate and graduate students were conducting research.

McKenna's presence elicited some surprise in the students and faculty present in the halls. Particularly, one student was prompted to comment "I thought they were a bunch of high school kids on one of those tours."

Riding remarked as the tour prepared to leave the building that "...an investment in university produces many benefits for the economy."

In Toole Hall, McKenna and King were shown a laboratory with jury rigged safety equipment. Moreover, McKenna and King were informed that the lab equipment was 'state of the art'... thirty years ago.

After the walk through Toole Hall, Premier McKenna had to leave, citing other business.

King, however, stayed on and was shown Head Hall and its new expansion. He was also

shown the Business Administration Faculty's expanded classroom area that still suf-

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Jane Arnold left, SU President and Russ King, Minister for Advanced Education conducted a press conference in the SUB Wednesday. McCluskey

"No Spoon Feeding"

By KAREN MAIR

Colin McKay has submitted his report on the November 18 alleged Student Union election irregularities. Mr. McKay, STU SRC President, was appointed by council to investigate the alleged election irregularities and, specifically, address all letters of complaint received on or before December 4, 1987.

In his report, McKay issues the following recommendations to council:

"a recount of the ballots for valedictorian should be requested and, if the number (of ballots) that were not counted due to the lack of a signature would have made a difference in

the outcome of that elected seat, then it would be the duty of the CRO to decide if there should be a re-vote.

-I would like to make a few comments on these election procedures.

First I would like to stress to everyone the importance of knowing their by-laws. Many of these protests could have cleared up long ago if only someone knew their by-laws.

Secondly, it is not the job of the CRO to spoonfeed candidates as to dates and times. If a person is "concerned" enough to approach the CRO and/or read the by-laws concerning the elections."

At press time, the Student Union is trying to track down

the ballots which were cast without the certification of a poll worker's signature. Since Heather McNaught won the ballot by four votes over Erik Gingles it is crucial that the ballots be found.

At press time no recovery deadline had been established.

As well, CRO has no deadline to operate under if he does decide to call a revote.

Heather McNaught who presently holds the position of valedictorian said in an interview with the Brunswickan "It is too bad that this has dragged on and on. Regardless of the outcome, someone is going to be hurt."

Stay tuned to the Brunswickan for more details.

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