

BRUNSWICKAN

VOL. 104 October, 1970 No. 4



Photo by Jomini
Two employees of Versa Food, McConnell Hall branch are seen here preparing yet another meal for the residence community

The Great Gastronomical Blunder

Last October 8th and 9th were harrowing deep if you were unfortunate enough to be living in the mens residences which dine at McConnell Hall. Versa-foods had apparently served spoiled food for lunch. During Tuesday evening the majority of men in residence contracted (to quote the Daily Gleaner), "intestinal disorders." Many students suffered cramps accompanied by loose stool and burning sphincter muscles. As per usual the administration was unaware of the extent to which the malady had developed or decided to keep the public at large unaware of the situation. Vice-President of UNB, Dr. B.F. Macaulay when interviewed by the Daily Gleaner stated: "I have heard that people had stomach upset. It was traced down to rancid gravy - and this is the only rumour that I heard. It certainly isn't of the magnitude that it has been regarded."

Well Dr. Macaulay, a census of the number of students who contracted the illness was taken in one residence - MacKenzie House. Out of one hundred people in the house, 89 contracted diarrhoea and cramps. Several also suffered fits of vomiting. This would suggest that over five hundred of the students who live in mens residence had become ill. This is more than a rumour - a vivid case of the administration un-

BULLETIN

There are seven vacancies on the UNB election slate. Nominations closed for the five positions in Arts. Similar situations exist in the other faculties. There is one vacancy in each of the Engineering, Post-Graduate, Law and Science faculties.

Two candidates have gained seats by acclamation in Forestry, and there are two vacancies in Education. An election will be held in Business Administration.

able to keep in touch with the situation or an attempt to whitewash the fact that it was food poisoning.

The Versafood explanation to the Dean of Men's Residence, Peter Kent, was that the gravy, (hot beef sandwich), or the noon meal on Tuesday, was maintained at serving temperature too long. As a result bacteria developed in the gravy. Several students became ill without having any gravy on their sandwiches which suggests that the meat itself was to blame.

An interview with a nurse of the residence infirmary revealed that the cause of the disorder was indeed a bacteria introduced to the gravy, meat or whatever, (nothing was really tested), by an infected sore of the hand, dirty hands, hair falling into the gravy or any number of possibilities. People who handle food are required to wear hair nets but do not always do so. All hair should be under the net, no loose strings hanging out to please the aesthetic senses as is often the case. Also people with sores about the hands are supposed to wear rubber gloves. (This is the managers responsibility and any student who sees this not being done should complain to the food committee of his house.) The nurse went on to say that it was the noon meal because the pains by Tuesday evening were in the lower abdomen. Few students came to the infirmary she said. Student nurses at UNB were of the consensus that the food poisoning could have been staphylococci. This bacteria culture is sufficiently viral.

The most pertinent questions then are: will food poisoning occur and how severe will it be? The last wide spread case of food poisoning at UNB happened on October 26th in 1966, when approximately 300 students contracted moderately severe tomsaine poisoning. Many of the Students had to be given hypos to kill the pain. Again an isolated case occurred

in 1968 during Christmas Exams. Students of Lady Beaverbrook residence, who have their own dining facilities, suffered from food poisoning. Three of them were sick enough to miss several of their examinations. Let's not kid ourselves, the food we eat not only effects us physically but is very important to maintaining morale and thereby our studies.

It would seem that it will be only a matter of time before the inevitable happens again unless hygiene as well as kitchen inspection of all campus kitchens by the N.B. Board of Health becomes enforced by all the campus food committees. The Brunswickan has been given good reason to believe that a monthly kitchen inspection by the N.B. Board of Health is not maintained in any of the kitchens on UNB campus. In fact, an inspection request has to be made to the N.B. Board of Health before an inspection is

Senate Election Forthcoming

The election of candidates to posts in the UNB Students Representative Council and the UNB Senate will be done in one easy step this year, discarding the somewhat confusing manner in which student senators were elected in the first elections last year.

Negating for this year only a Senate rule for student senator elections, the Senate Tuesday night agreed to allow the names of SRC and Senate Candidates to stand on the same ballot and for the same poll-

ing stations to be used in both elections.

Last year polling stations in the senate elections were separated by faculties, with a different station for each faculties, with a different station for each faculty. At the stations there was a list of eligible voters which was consulted before a ballot was handed out to be filled in.

For this election, with the ballots and polling stations the same, the procedure used in SRC elections in the past will be used. Voters will show their identification cards, which will be marked, and a ballot containing the names of those candidates for whom the voter is eligible to vote is given to him to fill in.

The change was made, according to registrar D.C. Blue, to help to create a larger turnout in the elections.

He said that the ruling had been made for last year's election to prevent disruption of the election process.

Beginning next week, October 23, the Brunswickan will expand to a standard twenty pages. Eight of them will comprise our features section, The Inside. Next week, the entire feature section will be devoted to what we consider the most important story to appear in the Bruns for many years.

What's My Line

A man in a blue suit marched into the room, heading for the podium. Another man at the rear started pounding his hands together. The audience (all students), began clapping and upon sighting the object of their applause, stopped. Richard Hatfield, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, had arrived. Purpose-to establish a closer relationship with the young people of the province.

No speeches, just plain talk. Hatfield invited questions.

Q. You state you'll do something about pollution-exactly what will you do?

A. There is a shortage of pollution technicians and engineers. We would bring them into the province to rectify the present position and plan for the future.

Q. Can you promise in 5 years that the rivers will be clear?

A. Well, we do have to be realistic, and do this within the capacity of the govern-

ment and industry.

Q. How are you going to enforce pollution controls?

A. I'm not a fan of fines but the government has a lot of power over these industries, as in the leasing of timber rights to pulp and paper companies, for example.

Q. What will you do to get industry into this province?

A. I will give it my highest priority I would, as premier, get involved directly. I would make it clear that they have to live within the laws of the province. I would form Regional Development Councils composed of local people and provincial officials, we have to give far more attention to fishing, agriculture, and tourism. The money is available under the Dept. of Regional Economic Expansion. We have something that we used to apologise for but now it's valuable—the Maritime way of life. The election-

thing that we used to apologise



Richard B. Hatfield
PC Leader

for but now it's valuable—the Maritime way of life. The electronic industries need the type of environment that we offer. Q. What do you intend to do about the high cost of education? (Please turn to page 8)