

Senate approves multi-purpose arena in principle

By LORNA PITCHER

Despite protests from some members, Senate has passed a recommendation approving in principle a multi-purpose arena to be built on campus. Until this Wednesday's meeting, the arena had no official ratification from the governing bodies of UNB.

The Academic and Campus Planning Committee, (the A.C.P.C.) presented a brief report recommending the Senate approve the concept of an area which would accommodate as many needs of the Phys. Ed. Department as possible, to be placed on the optimum for efficient traffic flow and minimum noise. The proposed site is adjacent to the Women's Residences and tennis courts.

The Joint Board-Senate Residence Committee passed a recommendation to this effect, but expressed concern in their motion that noise and traffic flow should be minimized if the arena is built near the residences.

These recommendations stirred controversy among the senators, who were concerned about financing and operating costs. The A.C.P.C. included in its report an estimated annual operating cost for the arena of \$100,000, however Director of Campus Planning Eric Garland said this figure is probably too small, that the actual operating costs would run between \$150,000 - \$200,000 annually.

Vice President Dr. Pacey said although this amount seems large "the University's budget is \$22 million this year, and will increase to \$25 million next year", so this is a relatively insignificant amount. Also he stated we currently pay \$50 thousand a year rent to the Lady Beaverbrook Rink for a relatively small amount of ice time, along with \$23,000 a year on its accrued debt.

Prof. H. A. Sharp protested that this money could be better spent to

provide more faculty and more personalized education, especially to the Business faculty, "than for skating". A senator quickly pointed out that Physical Education is an academic department with pressing needs which could be met by the arena, and that further it would serve many other purposes.

Executive Assistant J. W. Meagher then replied to concern from Prof. Sharp that it may become an "economic White Elephant" with some statistics on the Lady Beaverbrook Rink and the arena. Besides the savings on the Rink mentioned by Pacey, he expected we could get \$50 thousand from rentals annually, bringing uncovered operating costs down to approximately \$40,000. He also discussed the other possible functions of the arena including graduation hall and convention center.

Student Senator Gary Stairs said that the general consensus among the students with whom he had discussed the Arena was in favour of the concept, even though those in residence had been "taken by surprise" by its proposed location. Senate then passed a motion, although not unanimously, in favour of the Arena concept.

Another recommendation of the Joint Board-Senate Residence Committee concerning a possible addition to the Lady Beaverbrook Residence was discussed. A grant from the Beaverbrook foundation is available, but committee member Prof. N. McGill said the committee felt it would be better to delay such an addition until the role of the Montgomery Street Co-operative Residences is decided. President J. Anderson said, in answer to inquiries into the current status of the Co-op., that "it looks like (the transfer) will be quite soon". McGill said the funds for the L.B.R. addition might be diverted to the Arena if they are

not needed for more residence space.

Senate also reaffirmed a motion that it be recommended to faculty that candidates running for the SRC positions of President, Vice President and Comptroller be allowed to speak to classes for a few minutes either immediately before or after a lecture. Professor Sharp demanded to know why candidates needed "a captive audience", claiming it "smells of Russia". Student senator Brian Forbes replied that this privileges would be at the individual professor's discretion and students did not have to listen. He felt most students welcome a chance to meet candidates, and that a very brief speech would not be too great a burden on professors. The senate ratified the motion.

The Nominating Committee

presented a report including an updated membership list of each Senate sub-committee and a list of newly-appointed students to these committees. Student Senator Maria Wawer said this is significant because there are now 3 to 5 students serving on all Senate Committees, giving the student body a direct channel into the policy-making process for the first time.

The Extension Studies Committee presented a resolution to Senate that graduate courses should be given in Summer Session only when there is a demonstrated academic need, as judged by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Committee Chairman B. Tupper said most graduate students would benefit more from longer courses than in the 6-week Summer Session. This resolution was

approved by Senate.

Dean of Students Frank Wilson presented the report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee which contained statistics on scholarships presented this year and described minor changes to be made in three scholarships. The General Motors Scholarships will now be restricted to the fields of Mechanical Engineering, Business Administration and Economics.

Senate passed a motion that it be recommended to the Board of Governors that a School of Computer Science be created within the Faculty of Engineering.

New Senators were welcomed, including Professors Beckett and Joline of UNBSJ and future student senators Richard Scott and Steven Mulholland, who are uncontested.



The Senate approved our new arena Wednesday night — in principle at least. The approval came despite objections from several senators. Photo by Ron Ward

Conservative DREE critic seeks students' opinions

By MARGO BREWER

Personal ideals and goals for the DREE program, functions of various DREE programs and urban drain were several topics explored by Elmer McKay, PC DREE critic during his visit to UNB this week.

Mr. McKay, the PC MP for Central Nova in Nova Scotia, outlined his function as DREE opposition critic while on a Campus Visitation Program which will encompass thirty-two universities across Canada. He spoke highly of the current Department

Hollander

deportation reserved

The Immigration Appeal Board reserved decision Tuesday on Xavier Hollander's appeal against a deportation order.

Hollander, who wrote the best-seller, *The Happy Hooker* and appeared here to a capacity audience at the gym, was ordered deported by immigration officials last February.

Her lawyer, Douglas Taidlow, said if the board upholds the order an appeal will be made to the Federal Court of Canada.

of Regional and Economic Expansion Minister Don Jamieson.

"Don Jamieson is a very capable and interesting man," said Mr. McKay, "and although we are on opposite sides of the political fence I must say that he is a phenomenal member and good speaker. It is an honor to be associated with him."

The primary purpose of the visitation tour is to glean opinions and viewpoints from the youth in Canadian universities.

"I am not here to lecture," he clarified, "but to gather opinions if view from the young people. We (in government) are kidding ourselves if we do not feel it is important to keep in touch with youth."

Mr. McKay warned against the cobwebs and certain attitudes that one develops if they stay exclusively in Ottawa for too long a period, calling Ottawa a "Disneyland on the Rideau."

"Mr. Trudeau, for instance, is an astute enough politician to want to get around the country as much as possible.

"We now have several of our MP's getting out of Ottawa and out to the people in the constituents. Those with special duties are back and forth to Ottawa quite a bit but we feel it is important to obtain opinions from the people."

Mr. McKay is pleased with the concept of DREE but feels that "it

has never realized the goals set out for it."

"We have never seen concrete results for the millions of dollars put out. This program was set up to help people and it is especially important in the have-not provinces. The program was originally set up with the intention of phasing itself out."

What changes would he make were it in his hands?

"I think that it should be streamlined and become more of a decision making body. DREE up to now has been a passive department waiting for initiatives to be taken. Instead, I believe that it could initiate its own special programs here in the Maritimes, perhaps by developing a port here to accommodate the new VLCC, Very Large Container Cargo. We have a good record and reputation here in the shipbuilding industry.

Invitations available

There are 100 invitations to President Anderson's Installation ceremony available. Interested students may pick up an invitation at the SRC Office. The ceremony is on Monday, October 15th at 8:00 p.m. at the Playhouse.

We should expand on it."

Growth centres which have been specifically singled out for "a more comprehensive type of aid" include Halifax and Moncton here in the Maritimes. The only danger he feels in this however is Urban Drain.

"The country can survive without the cities, but take people and development out of the country and the cities cannot survive. Kent County for example has suffered from the population drain. What used to be a prospering farm district has been almost completely eliminated by loss of population."

Moving DREE employees out of Ottawa into the "field" and making its presence known in the north are two moves that should be undertaken. Although these moves have been instigated there has not been much of an effect so far.

Mr. McKay went on to discuss his particular situation should the Conservatives take the government in the next election. He does not think that he is being primed for the position of DREE minister, but added lightly that "Mr. Stanfield wanted to give me something to do."

"As I have already said I think that Mr. Jamieson is a capable minister but one tends to become a little too comfortable if they are

safely installed in one position too long. It is time that a different attitude was taken in government. We can take a lot of the fresh ideas offered for instance towards economic policy from graduating students but we also need someone there who has experience. It must be a balance."

Mr. McKay also spoke with Political Science classes and participated in a CHSR Forum program to be aired October 16.

Alumnae support

campus beautification

More than 50 members of the University of New Brunswick Associated Alumnae attended a semi-annual luncheon meeting at the Riverside Golf and Country Club in Saint John.

The meeting agreed in principle with a Fredericton campus beautification program and pledged \$1,000 to its support.

Special guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. John Meagher, executive assistant to UNB President John M. Anderson. Dr. Meagher spoke on new avenues of continuing involvement for graduate societies.