

Apathy the topic at leadership conference

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Student apathy on campus was the first item of business discussed at the Student Leadership conference on Sunday, March 13. Reasons which were given as the cause of apathy were that students aren't aware of what is happening on campus because of poor publicity and that students are "wrapped up" in their course work and don't have as much time to spend on social events. Student leaders felt that one way to overcome this is for leaders to provide an example.

Students who attended the conference were from a broad cross section of the university community. There were representatives from CHSR-FM, The Brunswickan, SRC, residences and various clubs and organizations.

Students also discussed the role of leaders. Should student leaders be organizers or instruments of social change? While the student leaders felt

that being instruments of social change was a commendable objective, they voiced concern that students should not lose sight of their primary reason for attending university - to get an education.

There was a consensus that honoraria should be slashed. Participants felt that honoraria should not be considered the equivalent of wages, but should be a token "pat on the back" for a job well done.

The afternoon session dealt primarily with the issue of a university ombudsman. A brief history was given explaining our present difficulties with the position of the Dean of Students and its dual roles of administrator and ombudsman. Dean Thompson, Dean of Students, elaborated upon the conflicts with his position. The conference was informed that a sub-committee of the Student Services Committee of Senate has been working on this issue. The committee's recommendation which has

yet to be approved was that we should have a university ombudsman and payment for this position should be shared by the university and the student union.

The idea of a student advocate was brought up, but the experience of other universities is that this system is not as effective as that of an ombudsman.

There is a lack of information regarding the legal aid service which is available to

students. Recommendations were made to the Students' Council executive that additional information should be made available regarding Student Union services for students.

Entertainment on campus was a major concern of all present. There seems to be a lot of interest in entertainment on campus. Films, pubs, and entertainment events are losing money. It was felt that many events are failures

because students are running out of money and that there are too many events scheduled at the same time. In order to have successful entertainment on this campus, an ongoing planning process is necessary as well as coordination amongst all the sectors that offer entertainment to students.

In conclusion, students felt the conference was a useful forum to discuss common concerns and that follow-up is essential.

Arts Building oldest

The Old Arts Building is featured on the 1983 Fredericton Trade Dollar. This is the oldest college building in the country still actively used for university purposes.

The Building was originally constructed to house King's College, a forerunner of UNB. An even earlier institution known as the College of New Brunswick had operated out of a house in downtown Fredericton. However, in 1823, when the New Brunswick Legislature requested that a King's College be chartered in Fredericton they also granted a sum of 1,500 pounds sterling for the erection of a permanent, stone edifice to properly accommodate the school.

The College Council chose a site at the head of Sunbury Street, now known as University Avenue, and on March 15, 1825 a call for tenders for construction of the building was placed in the Royal Gazette:

"The Building to be of rough stone of the Country, with Hewn coins (sic) for the Corners, Windows and doors; Slated Roof, to project

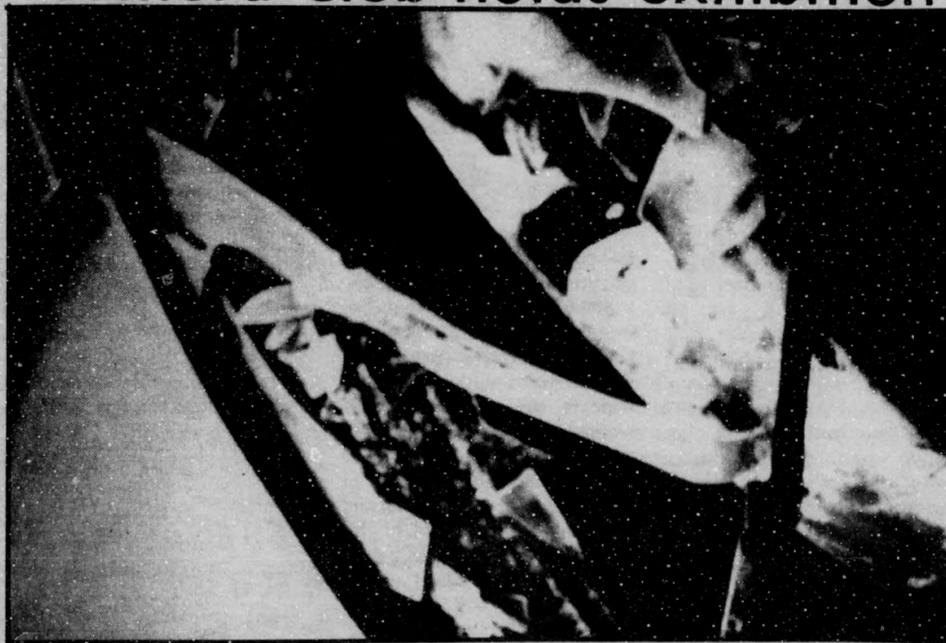
over the Wall -- and not to be more than two stories in height ... the whole sufficiently large to afford accommodations for a President, a Vice President, one or two Professors, twenty students, a steward and servants; also rooms for a Chapel, Public Exercises, a Dining Hall, a Library, Philosophical apparatus, and Lectures --allowing to the President two handsome Sitting Rooms, and the Bed Rooms, the Kitchen and Servants Rooms, so as to accommodate a Family, if necessary..."

The Building was designed by J.E. Woolford, who also designed two other Fredericton Buildings which are still standing - Government House and the Officers quarters. It was constructed by the Local firm, Cross & Murray, at a final cost of 11,300 pounds sterling and officially opened January 1, 1829.

The new college aroused the immediate and intense interest of the people of Fredericton and beyond. It

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Camera Club holds exhibition



First prize at the exhibition in the pictorial category went to Ken Ireland, for a photo entitled "Burned Car." Ireland also took second prize in the same category.

Nominations extended for two seats

Nominations will remain open for another week for the engineering and phys-ed. SRC seats.

This was announced Wednesday by Chief Returning Officer Timothy Lethbridge.

A total of 22 candidates offered themselves for election by Wednesday, and of these, four were acclaimed. The nursing seat was taken by incumbent Debbie Belliveau; first-year law student Faisal Joseph has clinched his faculty's seat; CHSR-FM news director Jeff Fryer is acclaimed to the graduate studies seat, and Suzanne Mills is the new science rep.

On March 30, students will be electing two reps-at-large. Four candidates are vying for the job: Hugh Brown from second year business; Michael Dubrule and Shelley Snow from first and second year arts respectively, and Brant Drewery, a second-year education student.

Business is contested by Jeffrey W.J. Baggaley and Paul Wentzell. David Mogilevsky and Alex Stairs are vying for arts.

There two education seats being contested, Wendy Dickinson, Leonard Green and Kenny Roberts are the contenders for a full SRC term; while incumbent Beckie

Leaman-Ackles is running against Kevin Mackie for a half term.

Three seats are open on the UNB senate, and the contenders are Wendy Alexander, Kent Guptill, Oliver Koncz, Terry Morrison and Shelley Snow. The three with the highest numbers of votes will be elected.

Incumbent Grant Smith is the only one currently in the running for two full-term engineering seats. There is also a half-term seat available.

Of those candidates in the running, nine support no political party, nine support the SP or Unity and four support the Tupperware Party.