



77 Carni parade — were you involved?

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

The UNB Winter Carnival has deteriorated into an exhibition of the abuse of alcohol according to council person David Peterson of the Fredericton City Council. Although there was some question of the parade occurring matters have been cleared up and the carnival parade will go on as usual.

Last Monday night councilperson Peterson raised an objection when the question of the permit to hold the parade as usual on its downtown route was brought up. It is the policy of the Winter Carnival committee to submit a

request of this kind to the city council each year.

Councilperson Peterson, a former UNB graduate, said that last year's winter carnival parade was the worst ever. He said that many of the floats were made up of people with beer, while others were simply made up of beer cases. Councilperson Peterson feels this does not promote congenial relations between the two, and that the city is not involved enough with the university.

Peterson felt he could not agree to granting the permit unless he was reasonably sure the situation would be altered. He expressed the hope that the situation would

Carni parade Beer binges a no-no

change as he "was aware how much the carnival meant to university students". Councilperson Peterson also felt that the breweries "encouraged" if not actively aiding the exhibition of "beer drinking". He said last year they had their special events van in the actual parade. "I feel they have a strong responsibility" he said, and does not think the breweries are completely "faultless".

Peterson said he was not aware at the time that the winter carnival committee had actually passed a motion two months previously to the effect that the overt beer drinking would be curtailed. He said that he did not feel it was his responsibility to find this out, and that he didn't care even if the "president of the student council had been contacted." He added that if anything, he should have an apology for the "abuse" he suffered last year, from watching the parade.

He said he was glad to hear of the motion and hoped that other organizations on campus, as well as the students will "get behind" the carnival decision and support them.

Councilperson Peterson said the Fredericton City Police have been

contacted and told to enforce the law. Overt or public beer drinking is against the law said Peterson who feels the "blatant exhibition of breaking the law" should be stopped.

He said that people have mentioned the drinking to him before and that it is illegal. Poirer said he understands young people but that "you can only go so far". He said while in the past they have not been inspecting each float, they have to abide by the council's decision. "I don't anticipate any problems", said Chief who feels the UNB Students are responsible and will abide by the decision.

Chief Poirer of the Fredericton City Police said that the force has "to go along with it." He said the city council delegated him to contact Dr. Anderson and bring it to his attention.

Carnival chairperson Al Thibeault said that "he had no idea" that an objection of this nature would be brought up. He feels there is no reason why he could not have been contacted before the objection was made as the

request was on the Monday night agenda.

"They didn't give us any consideration" said Thibeault, who felt they should have been told beforehand in order to defend themselves.

Thibeault said the motion to curtail beer drinking had been made some time before for a variety of reasons. He said that from talking to people on campus such as the faculty and the administration he found out that there might be some difficulties getting floats for this year's parade, as many of the companies

which usually supply them might feel to do so this year would be bad "public relations" for their companies.

"They didn't treat us as adults" said Thibeault referring to the council's failure to contact the committee about this issue. He feels if the committee is considered responsible enough to give the parade in the first place then there is no reason they couldn't have been contacted.

Higher Education— ultimate impossibility

By RICK FOWLER

Rising costs of just about everything have carried the

expense of a higher education along with them. It's the rare student who can manage to put himself/herself through college.

Whether or not the tuition fees will rise or not, and if they do, by how much, centers on how big of a raise the Council of Maritime Premiers sees fit to give the Higher Education Council.

These grants usually make up

Schools conserve energy

Education minister Charles Gallagher has announced that \$200,000.00 will be put into energy conservation measures in the province's schools this year. The announcement marks a continuation of the "retrofit" program that began last year with modifications to the heating and cooling systems in twelve all-electric schools. Savings exceeded the cost of the modifications in less than six months, far out-stripping expectations.

Former Minister of Education Gerald Merrithew introduced the conservation measures in the Legislature during the spring of 1976. Wayne Colpitts, a senior engineer of the Department, was assigned to head up the project whose aim was to reduce energy consumption in all-electric schools from over \$30.00 per square foot to less than \$15.00 per square foot.

The Department proposed to school boards that the retrofit program be carried out on an equal cost-sharing basis. In each case, the school district concerned would retain all savings, for expenditure within the district at the discretion of the school board.

Agreements were reached to modify the plants in twelve schools. Colpitts and his staff visited each building to assess energy over-consumption and plan the required changes. Work started on the first three schools in October, 1976.

Time clocks (with override controls) were installed to shut off the systems at night and on

weekends. Thermostats were recalibrated and adjusted. Outside air intake was set to proper engineering standards, unnecessary fluorescent tubes removed, and other changes made where indicated.

Operator training was considered to be as critical as good system design in conserving energy. To ensure that systems were operated properly after the retrofit work had been completed, training sessions were held to brief maintenance personnel in the operation of the modified systems.

To encourage local involvement with the program, the Department of Education devised a set of Energy Conservation Guidelines. Through the co-operation of school boards, these were distributed to teachers, maintenance staff, and pupils in all schools. Also included were thousands of sets of reminder stickers which were placed on light switches, cancelled light fixtures, thermostats, water heaters, etc.

Figures available for the twelve all-electric schools which received the retrofit program show that all but one achieved substantial savings. Some of the schools did not complete the work until late in the spring.

But as a group, they cut consumption by 7,531,700 kilowatt-hours in comparison with the previous year's figures for the same time periods. At 2.2 cents per kWh, the reduction represents a saving of \$165,697.00. The modifications cost a total of \$120,025.00.



The increasing cost of education may make our hallowed institution obsolete.

about seventy-eight percent of the universities' operating costs. The Higher Education Council has asked for a fourteen percent increase, but it was rejected. Just how big of an increase, if any, will be granted is as yet unknown.

In the 1976-77 year, tuition fees at most Maritime Universities rose, as did residence costs. UNB, however, managed to keep tuition fees from rising, but residence residers found themselves paying more in '77-78.

As tuition fees stand, out of the seventeen higher education institutions in the Maritimes, 9 have higher tuition fees than UNB. Usually, this difference is about twenty or thirty dollars. The highest priced is N.S. College of Art and Design \$64.00 more than UNB's \$786.00 (including student fees). N.S.C.A.D. went from \$800.00 in 76-77 to 850 in 77-78. The lowest at present is Universite de Moncton in Shippegan, costing \$550. having gone up from \$525.

Tuition fees didn't go up at UNB this year, but residence fees did. In 76-77, it cost \$1,550 for a double room with 19 meals, now in 77-78 it costs \$1,650. The price of a single room jumped from \$1650 to \$1800. As it now stands, only Dalhousie University has more expensive residence.

It should be noted that UNB had a decline in the number of applications for residence this year.

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