

Art Centre article said erroneous

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"Utter and complete rubbish," is how UNB President James Downey described the allegation made in last week's Brunswickan that he planned to replace Bruno Bobak as director of the Art Centre with a university official.

Downey said he regretted that neither the Brunswickan nor Jerome and Christina Sabat had contacted him in regards to the article as it contained several erroneous statements.

The Art Centre is not threatened and will continue, he said. Downey said he does not regard cultural affairs on campus as a "frill" but is most involved in them. Reductions in support of the resident artists we made with regret, he said. They were not singled out but rather the case is that every budget is under scrutiny, he said.

Unfortunately, said Downey, there is no magic solution. He said the university intends to maintain a high level of commitment to the creative and performing arts.

As to claims that he knew a year ago the situation concerning the resident musicians, Downey pointed out that he did not arrive on campus until last August and in fact received advice on the resident artists situation from the budget committee in March. From that advice, Downey said he could

anticipate little likelihood of the resident artist program continuing past 1981-82.

Accordingly, Downey said he attempted to seek alternate funding. He said he approached the Canada Council, various ministries and the Fredericton community but received no encouragement. Downey said he then wrote to the resident ar-

Downey said he feels Fredericton does not support cultural events on campus as much as it could. He cited the example of the Chamber Music and All That Jazz Music Festival for which UNB annually picks up the deficit.

The arts on campus are a source of tremendous enrichment, Downey said. There is, however, a time in which the university needs to look at what it is doing, the needs of the community and its own ability to pay.

tists to inform them of the situation, thus giving them notice that they would possibly have to make new plans.

N.S. students demonstrate

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Over 3500 students from Nova Scotia universities demonstrated in Halifax Wednesday to protest proposed federal funding cutbacks.

The students, carrying a 15 foot casket, marched to Parade Square where they were addressed by Mike McNeil of the National Union

of Students and also president of the St. Mary's student union and John Logan, Dalhousie University's student union president.

Alexa McConough attempted to address the students but was shouted down.

A prayer was said over the casket by the irate students and it was then thrown into the harbour.

A thousand students then broke from the main group and entered Province House, the Nova Scotia legislature building calling for Education Minister Terry Donahue. He was not available and the students left, feeling a bit disheartened.

The protest mirrored similar demonstrations at UNB's Fredericton campus.

Mersereau, Kovacs resign from CHSR

Bob Mersereau has resigned as director of CHSR-FM. Mersereau, who submitted his resignation September 14, had to vacate the position when he decided not to continue as a student at UNB.

Mersereau was elected to the position early last March. He said he is currently looking

for a job and has one possibility in mind.

Paul Buckley, formerly station manager, will act as director until elections October 21. Buckley's former position remains vacant.

Meanwhile, Tom Kovacs has resigned as news director at the station. Kovacs said he decided to vacate the position because of its negative effect on his academic studies. Gordon Loane will be filling in until a new news director is elected.

While the public affairs director's position remains vacant at CHSR-FM, Mike Patterson is acting as program director until election time. Vernon Robichaud remains as business manager and Bill Hamill as chief engineer.

ELECTION NEWS

Closing date for nominations is October 7. Application forms may be picked up at the SRC office, room 126 in the SUB. To date the following seats are still uncontested:

Arts	2 full term seat	Representative-at-Large	1 full term seat
Business	2 full term seats	S.R.C. President	
Computer Science	1 full term seat	S.R.C. Comptroller	
Education	2 seats- 1 full term and	S.R.C. Vice-President	
1 half term			
Engineering	2 full term seats	Life Executive Committee (Graduating	
Forestry	1 full term seat	Class Executive):	
G.S.A.	1 half term seat		
Law	1 half term seat	President	
Nursing	1 full term seat	Vice-President	
Physical Education	1 half term seat	Secretary-Treasurer	
Science	1 half term seat	Valedictorian	

Election date: Oct. 21

Renovations

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four individual food concessions was Beaver Foods. Along with their request for renewing their contract last spring came the proposal of renovating the cafeteria, with Beaver Foods accepting the bill. Having four individual food counters was accepted by the university but they decided it was better for them to foot the bill and have Beaver pay a certain amount over so many years. The estimated cost was \$150,000, but Eric Garland, assistant vice-president of finance and administration has said that it will be in excess of \$150,000 because some items like canopies, a sound system, and renewed washrooms have not been installed.

The construction started after graduation last May and was ready by August 30, right on schedule. Beaver Foods has proposed that the tables and chairs be elevated above the main ground floor but the costs involved were too high. Instead Marcon Ltd's idea will be used and we will soon have canopies in the cafeteria.