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Underground Movement Discovered On Campus

by Roy Davis

Students and faculty at UNB have expressed mixed reactions to reports of underground activities now taking place on campus. Feelings range from the intense curiosity of a geologist to the horror of a forester, and no one can help but form some opinion on the radical objectives of the movement.

Probably it is no accident that the appearance of the underground movement has coincided with the construction now taking place on campus. The new arts building as well as the physics and biology building are undoubtedly key factors in the movement. Construction work always attracts attention; the number of spectators watching workmen meticulously laying a strip of pavement

beside the old arts building last Tuesday was exceeded only by the number who watched the same strip being torn up Wednesday.

Unlike the famous French underground of the Second World War, the UNB movement is being carried out openly, despite efforts of some participants to conceal all evidence of their efforts after their jobs have been completed.

The underground movement is concerned with three essential services: heat, power and telephone. Workers are anxious to complete their task before the advent of cold weather, and are "digging in" before heavy frost arrives. Yes, heating pipes, power lines and telephone cables are being moved underground, in conjunction with UNB's special programme, "Modern University Development" (MUD). In conjunction with MUD, the campus hue has turned from green to brown, and hip-rubber boots are helpful in commuting between lectures (unless one prefers spotted-brown skin and clothing. UNB has added another distinction to its long list, by becoming Canada's muddiest campus.

The construction of the two new buildings has necessitated installation of underground piping to these structures from the central heating plant. Of more urgent significance, however, is the fact that telephone and power lines are also being moved underground. Officials hope that in about two years all such lines will be buried, hence all telephone posts will have vanished from the campus.

While the authorities undoubtedly have the university's best interests at heart, they have seriously overlooked a matter of vital importance. With all the poles gone from the campus, what happens to Courtney, our winsome woodpecker? As we all know, Courtney, like all woodpeckers, has a passion for pecking at these posts. We must make it plain to proper authorities that Courtney cannot keep us company without a pole to peck. Should the poles be removed, Courtney will have to seek another home and may

NFCUS Conference Opens Today; Ross, Boswell Represent UNB

Ottawa (CUP) The largest number of students to attend a NFCUS annual congress will meet today at the University of Saskatchewan. Ninety-five student leaders from 32 Universities representing almost 70,000 students will take part in the hectic five-day conference which will study all facets of student life from regional and local autonomy to participation in international student affairs. UNB representatives to the congress, Jim Ross, local NFCUS chairman, and Ted Boswell, SRC President, left Fredericton to register at this morning's opening session.

One of the highlights of the conference will be two panel discussions. The first will look into, "the role that a national union of students should play in international student affairs". The second will attempt to answer the question, "Does Canadian youth enjoy equality of opportunity in higher education?"

The increased attendance at the conference is indicative of the surge of growth in the student federation during the last few years. Figures released last week show that the total membership for 1958-59 was 69,127 as compared with 36,565 in 1955-56.

Mortimer Bistrisky, President of NFCUS predicted that membership next year will reach 75,000.

Other topics to be discussed include the possibility of increased activity on local and regional levels as well as a revamping of interregional scholarships which President Bistrisky predicted, "will become a major project particularly because of the recognition given to it by the Canada Council".

Messaoud Ait Chaala, President of the Union Generale Des Etudiants Musulmans Algeriens, will attend the conference to speak about the Algerian student situation.

When he and his Vice-president visited Canada in June, Canadian officials thought they were members of the FLN. Fol-

never be seen on campus, except perhaps during elections at voting stations (think about this). He may even have to move to the eastern European country of which Warsaw is capital. "Peckers of the wood, unite!"

The *Brunswickan* invites letters from its readers. We prefer the writer to make his point clearly and concisely, and we reserve the right to shorten any letter if necessary. Deadline: for Tuesday's issue, noon of the previous Thursday; for Friday's issue, seven o'clock of the previous Tuesday. Letters can be dropped off in the *Brunswickan* box at the Campus Post Office, or at the staff office in the Student Centre.

Following an appearance on TV, an official protest was lodged by the French embassy which presumed they were members of the organization which was to have been represented on a TV discussion about the Algerian situation which was cancelled because of official pressures.

In addition to student participation there will be addresses from Saskatchewan Premier T. C. Douglas, and Mr. Spinks, President of the University of Saskatchewan which is celebrating its fiftieth Jubilee Year.

WUSC Scholar at UNB

Mr. Goro Murota, the WUSC scholar, is now on campus doing work in English Literature. He is already most interested in the Canadian Literature that he is reading for the first time.

At home, in Tokyo, Japan, Goro Murota taught English in both Junior High and High Schools, and will return to teaching when he goes back to Japan.

He is an enthusiastic supporter of WUSC which he says is "greatly appreciated in Japan because of its care of tubercular students and other aids to students as well as its invaluable work in furthering international good feeling.

Heard of a woman who got rid of 200 pounds of fat in three days. She divorced him.

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