

The kids' gardens of care; stir some concern

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There are two main daycare centres-kindergartens on and around the campus of UNB. On campus, there is Marshall D'Avery Hall Kindergarten. On Windsor St., one can find the Preschool Centre Inc.

The Preschool Centre is associated with UNB in that the Centre has a "reasonable" 30 year lease from UNB, said Mrs. Joyce Dickson, Preschool Director. It is also given yearly a grant of \$5,000 from the university. The university has no control over the activities that take place there. The university's interest in the Centre, is due mainly to its convenience. It is governed strictly by a board of directors which is made up of citizens and people associated with the university, Dickson said.

The Centre is used by university staff and students, especially in the faculty of education and the psychology department, as an observation centre.

The Marshall D'Avery Hall Kindergarten is operated by the university. Beside being a day care institution, the Kindergarten acts as a teacher training facility.

The kindergarten has one teacher with a New Brunswick teachers license. The teacher's salary was funded by unnamed sources usually, but this year it is being funded by the government.

The kindergarten room is being remodeled, and the university is paying for it. Completion is expected in the spring when an exit is made to lead to a playground.

The kindergarten is also given a yearly budget, to cover supplies and field trips. A fee of \$35 a term, usually lasting 12 weeks, is paid.

The Kindergarten provides a service for 20 children. They have to be five years old by Dec. 31 of the year they enroll. This is the same as the school system. The children are taken on a first come first serve basis. The kindergarten serves both the university and the community.

According to Pam Stevenson, Co-ordinator of the kindergarten, and an Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education, the kindergarten has an integrated day programme. The children can choose a subject which interests them. Every child is treated as an individual, she said. Attention is paid to his interests, aptitude and ability, as well as his/her physical, social, intellectual and emotional development, she added. To the teacher, the development of intellect is not the only priority, she said.

The programme is designed to help the child to grow where he/she needs to, she said.

Preschool Centre Director Joyce Dickson said the centre tries to develop in each child a keen sense of awareness and development of skills. There are approximately 98 children who range in ages from two to five years old. They are divided into their age groups, where the teacher usually has a theme for the month, so that children will learn different skills and subjects.

The fees for the school are \$110 a month for full day care, which includes the noon meal and \$50 a month for half day care. Lunch with the half day programme is optional and is \$10 a month extra. Cost per meal is \$.75. Day by day care is provided at \$6.00 a day, noon meal included, \$3.00 for half day, meal not included.

In Fred Magee House, the married students residence, there are 102 married couples and approximately 65 children. During the day, if the children are too young for kindergarten, they usually go to the Preschool Centre

or Monsigneur Boyd Family Centre. If the children are too young, or cannot get into a day care centre, someone in the building usually keeps them.

There is no day care centre in the residence. However there is a playroom on the first floor. The room was converted by the university at a cost of approximately \$4,000. There are some benches, carpeting and small children's bathrooms. The children have to take their own toys.

The room was converted when Helga Stewart, Accommodation Officer, was approached with the idea. Stewart clearly stated that the university was not responsible for any accidents or injuries in the playroom. The children, are supposed to be supervised by someone who has the parent's

consent. The university does not provide a supervisor. There is nothing for the mother in the room, so the children are often left unsupervised, Stewart said.

The room was made for

convenience, a place where the children can play during the winter months, Stewart said. Residents had often complained of the children playing in the halls, which made it difficult for them to study.

The room is now closed until further notice, the main reasons being the destructiveness of some children, and its general lack of use, Stewart said.

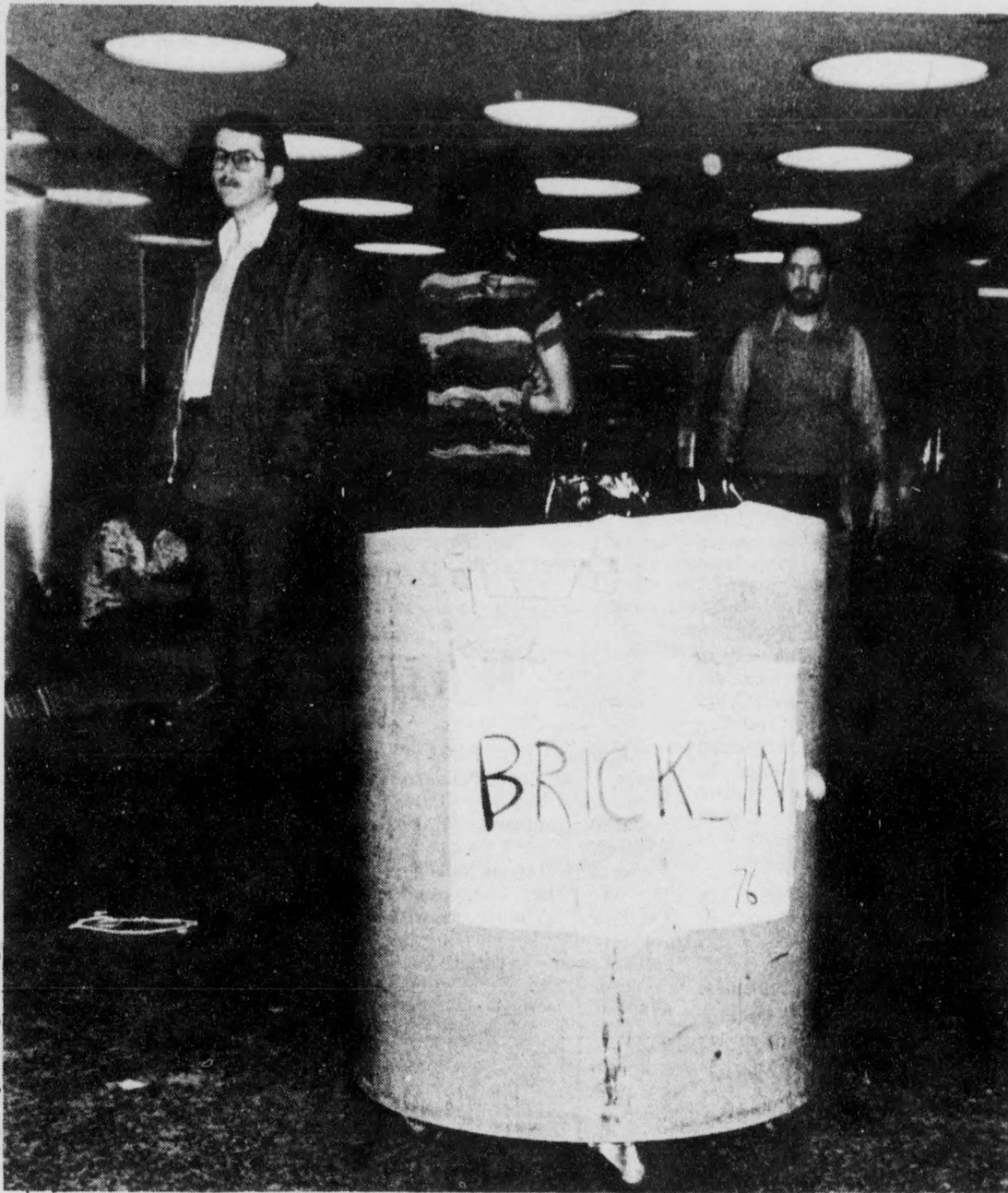
Meeting on speaking

An organizational meeting for all persons interested in the basics of public speaking will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 305A of Tilley Hall, UNB Fredericton on Wednesday, February 11, 1976.

These sessions are offered by a psychology honours graduate with six years of varied and practical experience who was a finalist in provincial and regional speaking meets.

"An absolutely informed, personal approach to public speaking is offered, and these sessions could prove to be of most value to the presently very shy. This is a strictly FREE, volunteer, self-help non-credit extracurricular endeavor," said organizer Moe La-Touche.

Those interested should note that this is the second attempt at an organizational meeting. Everyone is welcome!



A model of the latest Bricklin makes an appearance at the Centennial building downtown.

Jellyfish Insulted

"If you ever picked up a jelly fish on the beach then you know it's just like the jelly at McConnell. That's not an insult to McConnell Hall. It's an insult to the jellyfish."

W.D. Seabrook

Prof. Seabrook, who is well known in the Biological field, seemed to share the widely held opinion on McConnell, when earlier this week had made the quote pertaining to the dining hall.


Ministry Team Given Award

The question of the second half of former student union vice president Gary Stairs' honorarium was finally settled at last Monday's SRC meeting.

A motion to award the honorarium was heavily defeated. However, a subsequent motion passed to award the \$150 to the campus ministry team to be spent as they saw fit.

Neither Stairs nor a representative of the ministry team was available for comment at press time.

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