

Alumni Association at UNB

Most students believe they become Alumni after graduation. Every student who has completed one semester or more of studies is an Alumni member. Perhaps we are too busy with studies and/or good times to realize our University career is but a few short years. A degree in purely practical terms enhances your capacity for greater earnings.

Ideally, it will enable you to contribute to the society in which you live. Students know a degree is not free, it costs a great deal of money. Your money, your parents' money, taxpayers' money and the Alumni's money. That is why the Alumni Association will keep in touch with you over the years. The Alumni Association is continually contributing to the quality of student life here on campus.

The U.N.B. Alumni Association is one of the oldest in North America. It was founded in 1862 for the advancement of the interests of the University of New Brunswick by all honourable means. Alumni membership consists of all persons who have attended U.N.B. and numbers over 24,000 at the present time.

Each spring the Associated Alumni elect a representative group of individuals to act as a council for the Alumni Association. This council meets at least six times a year and conducts the business of the Associated Alumni through its eight committees.

The executive for the Alumni Council for 1986-1987 are: Dr. W. Polair Orser, President; James H. Evans, First Vice President; David Besner, Second Vice President; Fred P. Greed, Treasurer and Mrs. Althea Macoulay, Recording Secretary.

In addition there are 15 chapters across Canada. The most active chapters are located in Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, and St. John. Alumni are active on the Board of Governors. The current Vice Chairperson on the Board, Chet Campbell, is a former President of the Alumni Association. Alumni members also have representatives on the Senate and a number of other University Committees.

Arthur Doyle, the Director of Alumni Affairs stated the Alumni Association contributed over 400,000 last year. This figure puts U.N.B. in the top 4 Universities per capita last year. The highest priority for this money is to support 150 scholarships last year. Funds are also used to support visiting lecture series for a number of University departments. Also for loans to students in need, student conferences and organizations. Mr. Doyle stressed that "Funds raised are not used to supplement this University's regular operating budget or for faculty to spend on traditional activities."

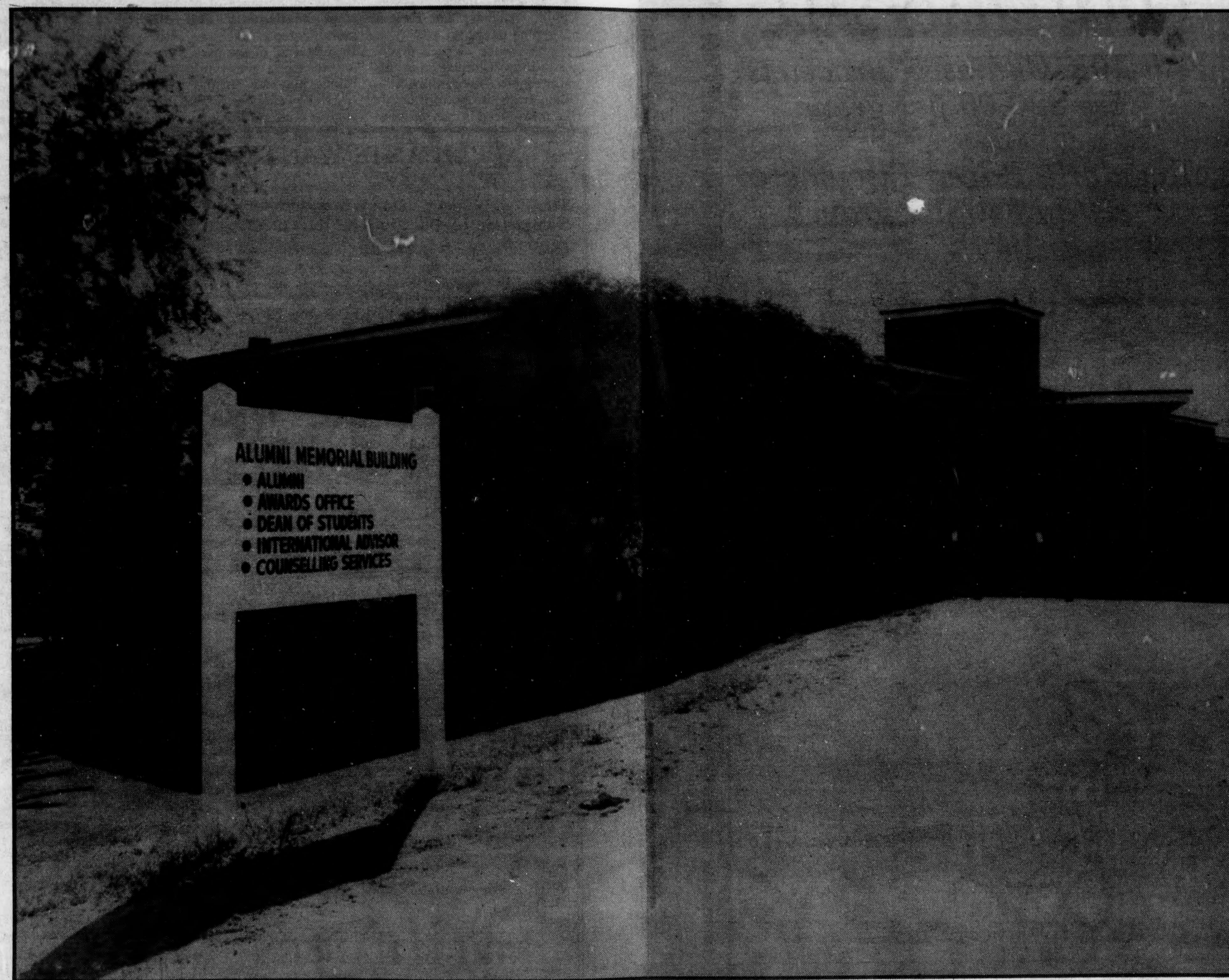


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The Alumni Association also has a student Liaison Committee of Council. "We keep in touch with and know where it is at with the students," Mr. Doyle said. The Association financially supports C.H.S.R. and the Orientation Committee. C.H.S.R. has over 1000 Alumni since it was

created. The Brunswick has organized their own Alumni, 1200 at last count. Last year the Brunswick had its first Alumni reunion.

Two buildings on campus were erected by contributions from Alumni members. Memorial Hall and the Alumni Memorial Building; both

buildings dedicated to U.N.B. students who died in the First and Second World Wars.

A major reunion is held in Fredericton each spring with over 700 Alumni attending. Classes are encouraged to hold their own at five year intervals. At present about 75% of Alumni members are under 35 years of age, due to the rapid expansion of the student body in the past 15 years.

The office of Alumni Affairs budget is included in the operating budget of the University. Alumni fund contributions are not used to operate the Office of Alumni Affairs. The main purpose of the Office of Alumni Affairs is to operate develop the Alumni potential for contributing to the University.



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Arthur Doyle—Director of Alumni Affairs

Some of the main functions of the Office are: to conduct the Annual Alumni Fund Campaign, and the Deferred Gift Campaign; to administer distribution of Alumni funds, publish Alumni news, maintain records of alumni membership (22,000 are in the computer), develop and guide Alumni chapters. Another major function is to carry out the programs and policies of the Alumnae (the womens' group formed in 1910) as requested by that body.

The Office of Alumni Affairs will commence a telemarketing campaign on October 15, 1986. This approach to Alumni fund raising has been tried with great success at Queens and Western. Ten students a night for 14 months will call over 22,000 Alumni in 20 countries. Thirty students have been hired to work on this campaign and another 25 or 30 are still needed. You might like to apply for this job yourself by phoning 453-5120.