

Several new programs planned for '75

Several important academic programs will take place at UNB during the new year, according to President John Anderson.

A major project for the Fredericton campus is the proposed forest resources research and development complex. The co-operative enterprise, involving government and private sectors, probably will be built on university land south of the Trans Canada Highway, near the Maritime Forest Rangers School.

Anderson said the master plan

for the project is almost completed, although the separate agencies involved, including the university, will have to obtain approval after the master plan itself is approved.

He said the operation of the Maritime Higher Education Commission is of major importance to this university.

He hasn't been informed of the university's operating grant for the new year as yet, but he has received a request for information regarding capital and operating

expenses, and new programs; for the next five years.

"I can only hope," he said, "that the Maritime Higher Education Commission can be as its predecessor - the New Brunswick High Education Commission."

Another academic program will be an aquacultural study undertaken with regard to the Point Lepreau nuclear power plant.

Anderson said he hopes the "feasibility study plan" will be completed by the end of the month with the next step to be its

implementation.

J.M. Henderson, former director of the Saint John River Basin Study Board, is working on the feasibility plan in conjunction with members of both UNB campuses. The commission also involves work from the Department of Fisheries and Environment Biological Station in St. Andrews.

Physical changes are being made on both Fredericton and Saint John campuses, with three major construction programs taking place.

Anderson predicted the Aitken University Centre will be completed in September or October of this year. He said the multipurpose arena will improve the university's ability to serve the community. An athletics centre on the Saint John campus is slated for opening in June.

The Integrated University Complex on this campus will not be completed this year, but will begin taking shape soon, with the steel for structural construction arriving in February.

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Funds have been raised for cable TV installation

Cable television is one step away from arriving on campus, according to SRC president Peter Galoska.

He said the money needed for installation - about \$9,400 - has been

raised. The major contribution came from the alumni association, which donated \$6,300. The SUB pledged 15 per cent of the total cost, about \$1,500, with Audio Visual Services to pay the

remainder.

City Cablevision, the local company who will install the service, is supplying a free trunk cable to the university, which would normally cost \$800.

Galoska said the administration is discussing the legalities of the move, such as determining who will own the system. A meeting will be held this week with Martin Payne, owner of City Cablevision, to discuss the method of installation, probably through the university's tunnels used for heat and electricity.

The cable system will serve the on-campus residences, Audio Visual Services, and the SUB.

Installation will not begin until mid-May, but the system should be in effect for the next academic year, said Galoska.

The possibility of cable television was first looked into by the SUB in 1971, when it was decided the project was too expensive.

"The momentum has been building up for several years - the only block was the money," said Galoska. "My problem was finding the bucks."

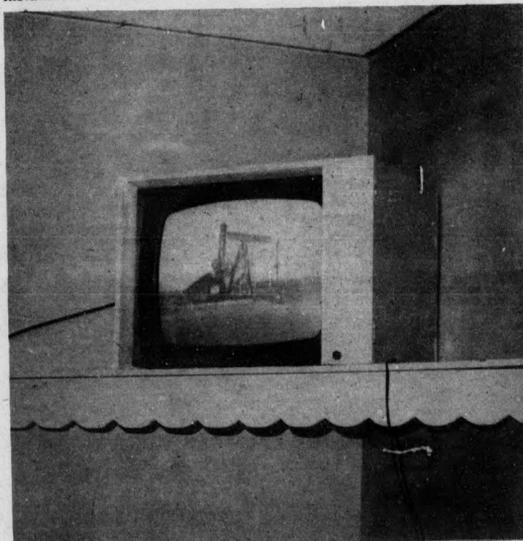
The residence system did not want to pay for the installation because of recent hikes in residence fees. The students living in residence did not want the money from the increase spent on a luxury, said Galoska.

"Without the alumni contribu-

tion (the project) would have been out of reach for several years," he said. "I'm very pleased the alumni saw fit to do this."

Residence common rooms will be wired at no cost to the

residence, said Galoska, but installations in private rooms will have to wait for the future. The cost for individual installations will be \$3 per month per television, half the normal price.



If all goes well, residence students will be getting cable television in the near future. City Cable Vision is the company that will supply the service. The Alumni is aiding the project financially.

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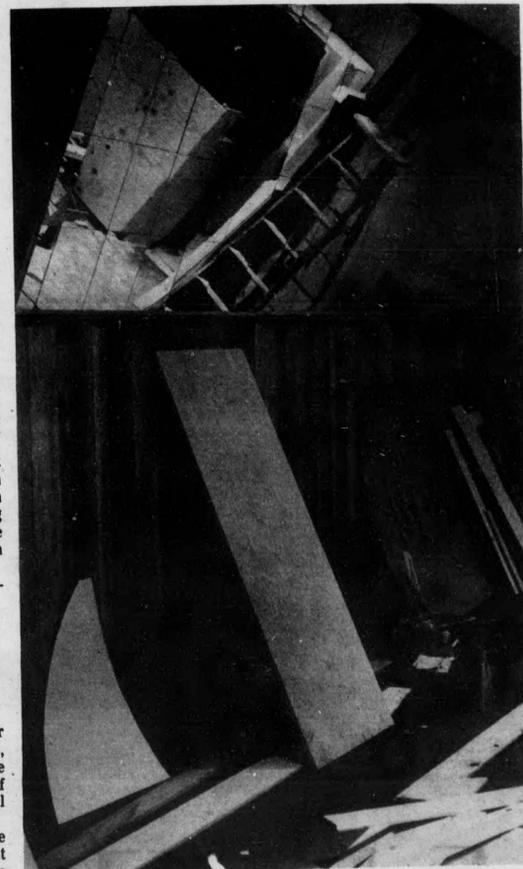


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Committee will review UNBSJ's operation

A committee to review the operation and make recommendations for the future development of the Saint John campus will hold its first meeting at UNBSJ Jan. 13.

President John Anderson, commenting on the committee, said he hopes "UNBSJ will develop, particularly in such a way that it will have its own place in the sun - that the two campuses will complement each other, not compete."

The committee is headed by John J. Deutsch, former vice-chancellor and principal of Queen's University.

During the Christmas break, a writer of a letter to the editor of the Daily Gleaner decried the fact that Fredericton takes the university for granted, while Saint John is pushing for expansion of the campus in that city.

Anderson said it was understandable that this community

takes the Fredericton campus for granted; while Saint John does not, because its campus is so new. He compared the situation to that of Fredericton taking the provincial legislature for granted.

"UNB serves more than the people of Fredericton and Saint John - our real clientele is the young people of New Brunswick."

He said his aim was to have a "crackerjack university" to serve the people of New Brunswick well.

You would never recognize this for the much venerated College Hill Social Club. The room on the top floor of the Student Union Building is in the process of being renovated. That explains why the club has been closed for the last while. CHSC is scheduled to re-open Monday.