

McConnell Hall is a place for eating, not drinking

By BOB TREMBLAY and PAT MACFARLAND

Commenting on the restrictions that have been recently placed on McConnell Hall's usage, William Chernoff, Dean of Men's Residences, stated four main reasons for the move.

First, washroom facilities are inadequate and this means that residence washrooms are used. The table tops in McConnell also take a severe beating and need to be refinished, a process that costs about \$4,000 each time it is done, said Chernoff. With each refinishing, about one quarter inch of the top is lost. This means eventually the tables will have to be replaced which at present would cost about \$32,000.

He also pointed out that the noise level created by crowd movement and bands was an inconvenience to both residents and off-campus students.

Chernoff also received a letter from Saga Foods complaining about such issues as inconveniences to students, deterioration of equipment, which is never fully replaced, and pub staff insisting on putting beer in food coolers which is contrary to public health regulation.

According to Saga, pub organizers did not ensure that the Hall was properly cleaned after events.

The residences feel that nobody should use McConnell Hall for any

function other than dining facilities, not even for resident students. It is also open for anyone else who wants to use it for dining facilities.

Chernoff reiterated that there is no feud. It is simply the way the situation stands. McConnell is a university dining hall and is not a suitable physical facility to hold other functions in. He felt that present terms have been pretty flexible allowing usage for Winter Carnival and a "pub" in January.

Gordon Kennedy, SRC vice-president, expanded on these restrictions. The SRC is allowed to have one non-alcoholic event in January and providing that pub is okay, and the residence system satisfied, then two more non-alcoholic events will be allowed in each of February and March.

A motion put forth at the November 23 meeting of a board of Dons, Proctors, House Presidents, Dean of Students and other involved parties, reads: "This body approves that an event of a non-alcoholic nature be allowed during the month of January 1976 on an experimental basis, subject to satisfactory controls, with a view to authorizing two additional monthly events provided the first proves satisfactory, and with the understanding that, as of the fall 1976, no further demands will be made on McConnell Hall of this nature."

UNB President, John Anderson also contributed his view to the

situation. He felt that there was a serious problem developed between the residence system and the SRC as both parties took extreme positions. As a result any solution both the SRC and the residents had to give up a fair amount. He considers the present solution as a good one.

Anderson sympathizes with students wanting to have pubs. To him, a pub means listening to first-rate entertainment and drinking moderately. He has no sympathy, however for those who alcoholic beverages.

Anderson also sympathizes with the resident system. McConnell Hall is part of the residence system and is designed as a dining facility.

Anderson is "most interested in seeing how it works out." He feels these new "pubs" would appeal to a completely new student constituency, those interested in being entertained but not drinking as much. He thinks that if first-rate bands are brought in they could be very successful events.

Barry Thompson, Dean of Students, said he tries to look at the whole student body, both on and off-campus. It is his belief that minority groups do have certain rights but these rights should be limited.

Thompson stated that he was trying to get the SRC and the resident students to modify their stands to the benefit of the student body. According to him the pubs

for Winter Carnival, which was agreed to by the resident students was not the major issue. The problem was that for rest of the year the present situation to continue. Throughout discussions the main conflict involved the issue of alcohol being served. As a result the SRC will take full responsibility to organize and control "pubs", hopefully obtaining the best bands available but without alcohol.

In reference to the non-alcoholic events scheduled for Winter Carnival, Thompson stated he had been present at the November 23 meeting and will be involved in the decision to be involved in the decision of whether to hold subsequent

events after the trial January pub. Thompson is "really concerned about providing campus activities for all off-campus students so that they do not feel neglected."

He said he is trying to find an opportunity to have good entertainment in a reasonable controlled environment.

Thompson felt that the problem of a shortage of facilities for pubs is not peculiar to UNB, but a nation-wide one. It is hoped that the situation that UNB faces here will be alleviated by the opening of Aitken University Centre in May and the future planned expansion of the SUB.

CHSR may join new radio station in future

By CHRIS HUNT

Earlier this year Christopher B.J. Pratt stated in an interview in the Brunswickan that in September 1976 CHSR would probably expand off-campus on an F.M. band via cable television.

However, Pratt has recently been presented with an alternate method to the unwieldy cablevision method.

According to Pratt, he was recently approached by some people in Fredericton, who are interested in establishing another radio station in the Fredericton area. This new station would like to schedule one hour each Sunday for CHSR to produce a campus information and music show when they apply for a CRTS licence. "I could not give them a direct answer without some directive from council," said Pratt.

On Monday night Pratt will present a report to council asking for their permission and support for any future discussion of the proposal for this method of CHSR off-campus broadcasting. "And this directive I hope to get Monday night," he said.

The representatives of this new radio station are planning on starting broadcasting next fall. CHSR's inclusion in the programme schedule will cost the students of UNB little to nothing "from what I can gather from the discussions I've had," said Pratt.

In his report on Monday, Pratt said he planned to ask for the support of council not only in these discussions but with any radio station interested in including CHSR in their programming plans.

CHSR programming on this new station would be a remote broadcast from CHSR studios.

The representatives that Pratt talked to indicated that they would be paying for the equipment necessary for such a linkup.

This new station will probably be

a more modern Montreal or Toronto type rock and roll station unlike the largely country and western style of CFNB. It also expressed an interest in hiring students to serve in various capacities in the new station.

"An opportunity like this is something that I hope council will approve of because of the added benefits that can be derived from such a setup," said Pratt. "Hopefully this will not be the only radio station to approach us and we should grab every chance we can to expand our listening audience."

Even though CHSR would only be broadcasting for a short period of time over the facilities of a regular station the fact remains that this would bring pressure on all the members of CHSR to improve the quality of programming, according to Pratt. This naturally would greatly benefit CHSR. "There are many radio announcer-operators who produce quality programming," stated Pratt, "and who I believe would greatly benefit from such an opportunity." This Pratt feels is another reason for council approval.

Pratt hasn't checked as to what licence requirements in such a set up will be but he thinks that if CHSR does broadcast on an A.M. band, it will have to have its licence altered somewhat to receive the benefits of any advertisements that CHSR might sell for that time period.

The station has already informed Pratt they will allow CHSR to keep any money received from the sale of advertisements during the CHSR time slot.

"It is to be realized," concluded Pratt, "that this whole project is still very much in the planning stage and that no concrete agreements have been entered into or signed. CHSR is the responsibility of the SRC and in this case it is the SRC that has to make the decision."

Academic and Campus Planning Committee makes recommendations on the Deutch Report

By ROGER WINSOR

The Academic and Campus Planning Committee (ACPC) has recently completed a study of the report of the Deutch Committee on the future of the University of New Brunswick in Saint John.

The ACPC has brought up the two following points: 1) there is a trend for provision of courses suitable for part-time students and a greater degree of integration with offerings for full-time students. 2) recent declines in birth rates indicate that between 1982 and 1992 there will be a steady decrease (about 20 per cent) in the full time enrolments in Canadian Universities.

Because of these 2 points the following two objectives should be kept in mind for any planning of UNB, particularly UNBSJ.

1) Creation of a viable enterprise at Saint John and Fredericton in academic and financial terms.

2) the development of progress which will provide suitable educational opportunities for students in Saint John, while exercising the restraint necessary to permit survival of the campus during the 15 year period of anticipated low enrolment from about 1980.

One of the shortcomings of the Deutch report as seen by ACPC is that the solutions are offered to problems in the form of recommendations, which contain no supporting information to justify the assertions made.

The ACPC also says the Deutch report should have been strengthened by some general estimates of the anticipated cost that might be envisaged if all recommendations were implemented.

Consultation and coordination between UNBSJ and UNBF has not always worked smoothly. The problems are what to be expected when people must learn new working arrangements and also the distances between the two campuses.

ACPC agrees that a vice-president should be appointed for



John Deutch

Learned Society will visit UNB

By ROGER WINSOR

During the summer of 1977 the Learned Society will meet at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

In 1975 the society met at the University of Alberta, giving that university a deficit of nearly one hundred thousand dollars. The UNB Senate claims the Learned Society will not put UNB in the hole by that much.

One of the ways it plans to do this is to raise the fee for each of the thousands of members to twenty-five dollars. In the past it has been traditional to charge only ten dollars, but the fee hasn't gone over the years with inflation.

The Senate has calculated that under no reasonable circumstances will the university make any profit or break even.

UNBSJ and that the position of dean and vice-president be occupied by the same person and also that an associate registrar be appointed for Saint John.

It is recommended that there be a separate budget for the Fredericton and Saint John campuses. The first step to establish this would be to analyze the present University wide budget and to allocate revenues expenditures to each campus. Government grants account for about 70 per cent of the University operating revenue and it would be highly desirable for each campus to receive a grant.

Effective progress in the arts and sciences are the cornerstones of any university and form the basic element of professional progress. Without such progress, there is no university, the report states, thus ACPC recommends that priority should be given to the establishment of viable degree progress in the arts and sciences.

The ACPC endorses the integration of part-time with full-time studies in Saint John. With this part-time students can receive better access to a wider spectrum of credit course offerings.



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