

Dean of Students comments on recent campus happenings

Thompson says 'think positive'

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What with the Jones House Affair, the definite and possible closing of pubs at the STUD and Aitken Centre and the undercurrent of grumblings about the new Student Disciplinary Code, campus atmosphere has been very charged up lately.

Barry Thompson, dean of students sees the present problems involving residence and social life as unduly stressing the negative. Thompson acts as ombudsman for all students - on academic, disciplinary and other matters affecting them within the university. He serves ex-officio on the Orientation and Student Services Committees and is actively involved in

campus life.

Not wanting to draw out the Jones House affair any longer, Thompson would not comment on it, save that the problem has been growing for a number of years, and that now is the time to let things cool off and return to normal.

When asked about the reportedly unfair new Student Disciplinary Code, Thompson stressed that a lot of thought and planning has gone into the new code and that it will be organized and supervised carefully. Modelled from that of Western University's the new code is aimed at "not being a kangaroo court nor a practice run for law students, but a direct, consistent way of giving treatment to students who have done something wrong." Students have always wanted peer judgement, said Thompson, as opposed to a faculty member, "who dishes out discipline." The code has been formally standardized and printed, and will be available to students shortly. It is designed to find out which offences are deemed serious by students, and which are not.

On the subject of the possible discontinuing of the Aitken Centre beer gardens, Thompson was firm in his belief that in-depth inquiries must be made before a decision can be reached; it is too serious an action to be made without careful examination of the whole story.

"Before I make any recommendations, I'm going to meet with

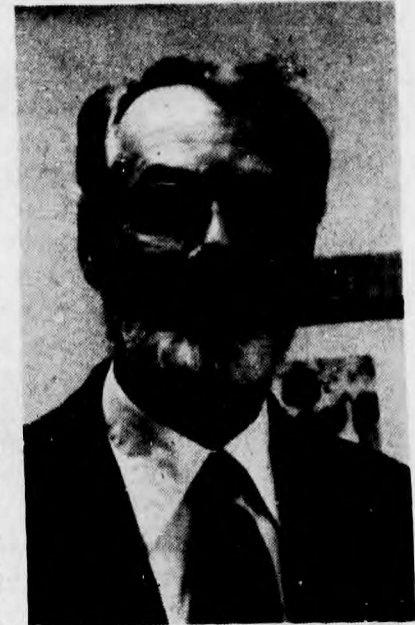
Perry Thorbourne, SRC Comptroller Steve Howes, and campus police Chairman Bob Jacobson to find out what really happened," he said.

Thompson maintained that as the manager of the Aitken Centre is responsible to the university for the care of the building, he is obviously not going to encourage pubs that result in vandalism.

"One has to decide whether the students are able to control their own activities to the point where we should let the pubs continue because they've a good idea." There will be an opportunity to discuss the situation fully before any drastic action is taken, and Thompson said feels there is "a positive way to work things out."

Another point of campus contention is the discontinuing of pubs at the STUD (or Alumni Memorial Building) which is being renovated to make a whole new set of offices for student services. Thompson said he feels that student counselling especially career counselling, has long been lacking at UNB, and the new STUD offices will include these and many other services. The ground floor cafeteria is in the process of becoming a set of bright, spacious offices for overseas student services, peer counselling and a career library with a full time counsellor in charge.

"We had a master plan in mind for an extension of the SUB, but money ran out and our compromise is the usage of the Alumni



Barry Thompson

Memorial Building which had become useless except for pubs," said Thompson.

Lately, said Thompson, many aspects of campus life have been blown out of proportion, with accent on the negative.

He said he feels there are so many progressive changes being made and new student activities being formed, that the positive side of UNB should be noted and accentuated.

"We have so much going for us," he said.

Tribunal to hear Ratcliff's appeal

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A special three-man tribunal has been appointed by the UNB board of governors to hear the appeal of Kevin Ratcliff, former president of Jones House. Ratcliff was evicted from residence in September but has appealed the decision.

Dr. James Woodfield, uni-

versity secretary, confirmed that the tribunal will meet next week, "but I have not been notified as to the final arrangements."

The tribunal, consisting of board members M.M. Hoyt, Q.C., David Coughy and Professor Merrill Edwards, will hear Ratcliff's appeal and report its findings to the entire board of governors at its next scheduled meeting October 15.

Engineering week set

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ENGINEERING WEEK
OCT. 14-18

Yes folks, it's true! In a break with tradition Engineering Week has been moved ahead to reduce academic conflicts with events in order to increase student participation. With the co-operation of the engineering faculties, midterms and assignments will be kept to a minimum to allow students more time to take part in the myriad of activities planned for this extravaganza.

The tentative schedule for Engineering Week is as follows:

Tuesday, October 14:
- Brewery Tour
- Opening Ceremonies
- Pub in the SUB

Wednesday, October 15
- Softball Tourney
- B-B-Q
- Tug of War
- Open House

Thursday, October 16
- Hockey Tourney
- GALLOP!!!
- Pie Throw
- Mud Bowl
- Movie "SUPERMAN"

Friday, October 17
- The Great Coaster Derby
- Brewing Contest
- Chugging Contest (the Frosh don't have a chance)
- Engineering Ball with the Thomists.

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Saturday, October 18
- Canoe Races
- Car Rally
- Warm-up at the Woodlot
- Pub at the SUB

Note: Details concerning specific events have been or will be promulgated in the main lobby of Head Hall.

As you see, there's lots of fun and socializing to be had by all, a good chance to go on one last self-destructive rant before you have to get on with the grunt of midterms. In recent years, the engineering student spirit has all but disappeared with apathy reigning supreme! It's time we got off our collective butts! Engineering week is our chance to strut our stuff, so get out there and participate to the fullest extent. See you there!

Scheduled for today is the Engineering Golf Classic at MacTaqvac. Transportation will leave the 'A' level parking lot at 12:30 but entrants should be registered by noon. The fee is \$10, payable at the Pro-shop. Further details are available in the main lobby, Head Hall. Following the golf tourney is the 19th Hole Pub in the SUB Ballroom at 8:30 p.m. with a happy hour from 8:30-9:30.

Of important note is the Atlantic Student Engineering Congress being hosted by the University de Moncton from October 16-19. It is planned that around six students will attend from UNB, so if you are interested in attending, contact any of the EUS executive.

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After months of confusion following an incident which resulted in his being unwelcome on campus, Stephen Griffin has cleared his name.

It all started on the night of November 18, 1979 when Griffin, John Rouse and Joseph Farrell, after attending a rugby pub decided to go to the Lady Dunn Residence. A fourth person, a non-UNB student following behind the other three, grabbed a fire extinguisher and started to spray everyone and everything in his path. The threesome quickly took to their heels and split up throughout the residence. A short time later, as Griffin was walking by the Dunn Cafeteria, accompanied by a friend, he was apprehended by a proctor and accused of letting off the fire extinguisher.

A short time later Griffin tried to get into a Tibbets Hall formal, where he was turned away by a CP who informed him that he was barred from all UNB Residences and functions, including the STUD. The CP also informed Griffin that he was to pay a \$100 fine after a discussion from a Jan. 16 hearing by the Student Disciplinary Committee. Griffin had not been informed about the hearing. After further investigation he found the letter had been sent to his old address. A month later a letter was delivered with the contents consisting of a *persona non grata*

Griffin clears his name

and a demand of a \$100 fine. Again the letter had been wrongly addressed. Throughout this entire period the Registrar had Griffin's correct address.

Griffin then took action and called his counsellor, James F. LeMesurie, a graduating law student. Lemesurie wrote a letter to the dean of students Barry Thompson asking him to arrange an interview with Griffin. Thompson suggested Griffin make an appeal to the board of deans. Action was somewhat delayed where upon Griffin re-approached Thompson for a second time. Thompson suggested he call the president of UNB and relate his current situation.

The final outcome was that the board ruled to quash the SDC decision, mainly on the basis that there were insufficient facts to support the charge. The board also directed that the fine, if paid, should be returned, and that a retraction be published in the Brunswickan. When asked by the Brunswickan Dean of Women Joy Kidd said she thought the situation "was handled like normal."

Griffin said he is grateful to Thompson and LeMesurie for cleaning up the scandal. However, he added, "It's fascinating how a group of apparently responsible people (the SDC) can make such a farce of the Judicial System."

Janitor service restored at Jones

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The Jones House student janitorial service will continue normally for the remainder of the school year, save for the resignation of the janitorial supervisor, Audie MacDonnel.

Tensions ran high last week as Jones Don Dave Brescacion refused to sign this year's contract with the students.

The janitors continued their duties amid speculation that the don's refusal was a continuation of

the saga that began with the expulsion of Kevin Ratcliff, former house president, two weeks before. The possibility that a professional janitor was to be hired by the university was also brought up.

The crisis ended calmly Wednesday though, when the administration made it clear that the student service's contract would be ratified.

MacDonnel's only comment on his resignation was, simply, that it was time for a year off.