



Mugwump Journal

By TOM BENJAMIN

September 17 isn't coming. Under chairman Jim MacLean the Atlantic Federation of Students had planned a "study day" September 17 to support their student aid campaign.

The campaign kept a low profile, with few students other than student government and AFS executives knowing what was planned.

The "study day", which included plans for a discussion of student aid on the lawn of the Centennial Building, was advertised as "September 17 is coming" under the AFS banner.

However, an abrupt change of pace occurred when the campaign was cancelled, and a change of strategy was announced. Apparently the federation now plans to work through government channels, forgetting its 60s-style tactics for the present.

The question now is how much the newly-formed organization has suffered from this miscalculation.

However, AFS may not be the only alternative in student organizations for those attending this university.

The SRC is hosting a National Union of Students conference here October 16 to 20. The funny thing is that UNB is not a member of NUS; not yet at least. A referendum to decide if we will join is being planned for during the fall elections in early October.

Octoberfest, the annual fall bash, will take place the same week as the NUS conference, by some strange coincidence. I wonder how much actual work is being planned for the conference. Let's see if the expected 100 NUS delegates aren't given precedence at pubs and concerts - events that are so often so packed that many UNB students are unable to attend.

Octoberfest usually operates at a deficit, but apparently an attempt is being made to run it on a break-even basis this year. Some people say its just not possible.

With the increase in student fees from \$35 to \$45 this year, it certainly wouldn't hurt to allot a little more money to ensure the event's success.

See you next week, folks.

Health Centre offers vital aid

By ALICE REYNOLDS

Unknown to first year students, the Student Health Centre is of great importance to them. It is located on the top floor of Tibbits East, above the Non-resident Women's Centre. The Health Centre is a relatively new addition to the campus, begun nearly ten years ago and formerly located on the second floor of the Residence Administration Building.

Open on a twenty-four hour basis, the Centre has now a staff of five full-time and two part-time nurses as well as two doctors. Dr. Robert Tingley and Dr. Dow Dorcas have had their main practice at the university this past year, putting in some hours at the Victoria Public Hospital as well. Clinics are held eight times weekly with one of the doctors on call at all other times. It must be stressed, however, that the students have more contact with the nurses than the doctors. Because fifty to seventy students come to the Centre daily and it is impossible for everyone to see Tingley or Dorcas immediately, the nursing staff is responsible for screening out those who can wait or who can be treated or advised by the nurses themselves. Both doctors and nurses maintain strict confidentiality and no information is given out without the student's permission.

Primarily, the Student Health Centre functions the same as an ordinary doctor's office with medical care and some minor surgery such as suturing and wart removal. Fracture cases are referred to orthopedic surgeons in the city. Often, students will be sent to specialists here in

Fredericton, as the need arises. The Health Centre also doubles as a fourteen-bed infirmary where students not sick enough for hospitalization but too sick to look after themselves may be cared for. Or a student may be upset by exams, for example, and feel the need to sleep away from his own room.

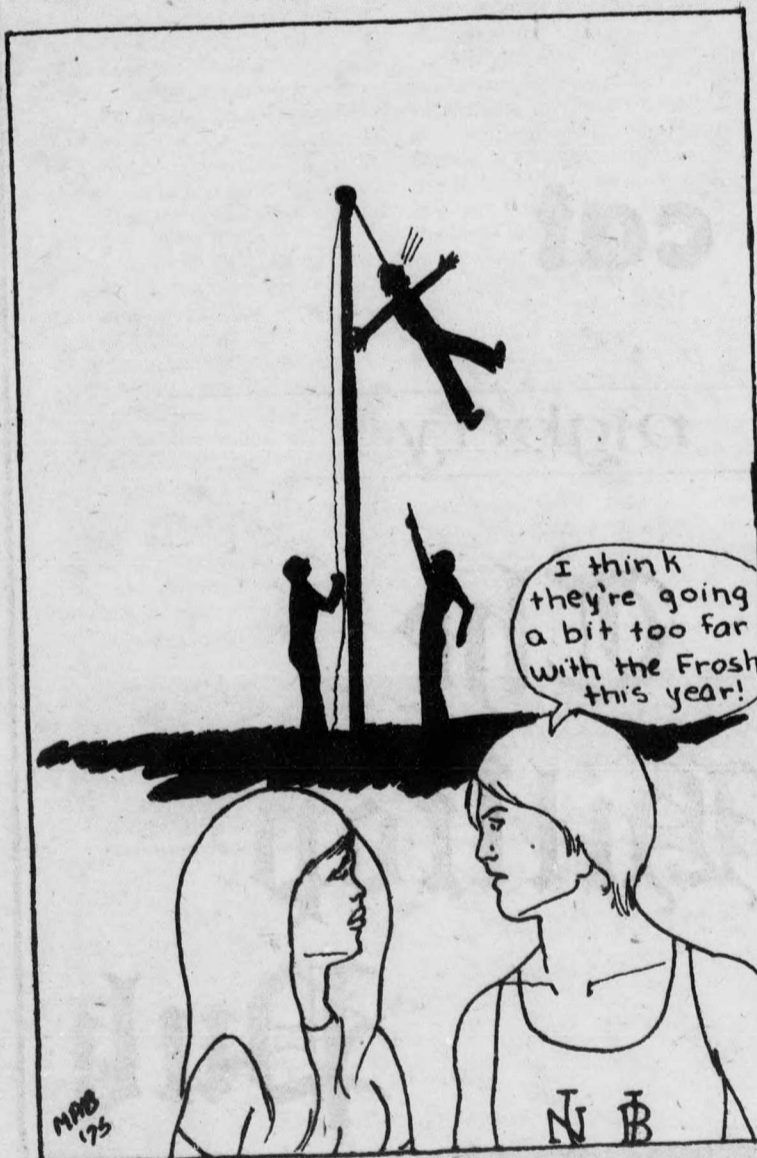
All students at UNB are insured by the Maritime Life Insurance Company which pays for medical services not covered by the various provincial medicare plans as well as providing coverage similar to medicare for foreign students. With this Student Health Insurance students are able to purchase prescription drugs for only \$1.00 with the presentation of I.D. The Insurance plan as such is, to Tingley, the best he has ever heard of.

Looking ahead, the Health Centre is tentatively planning an expansion into sports medicine. He did not want to go into detail during the interview. Already this year, though, an interesting and worthwhile addition has been made to the Health Facilities in the person of Mrs. Jane Smissaert, a graduate from UNB's nursing program and now the part-time health education co-ordinator for the campus. In the near future, Smissaert will be opening a booth in the SUB lobby near the SUB information booth. Here students will be able to pick up free reading material on various health-related topics. These articles and pamphlets are made available by the department of National Health and Welfare and such organizations as Family Planning, the Diabetic Association and the Kidney Foundation.

During the year, health workshops, panels, and guest speakers will be organized dealing with health-related areas such as nutrition, and weight-watching. At the booth there will be a suggestion box so that students can make known any topics they are interested in hearing about.

Smissaert will be available at the health centre Tuesday and Thursday all day and also Wednesday morning, to do individual teaching for those with chronic illnesses or for anyone just interested in staying healthy. Anyone wishing individual help or who needs assistance in organizing guest speakers or materials on health for various campus activities may reach her at the Health Centre (453-4837). Be sure to leave a message, Smissaert says, if she is not in, because she would not like to miss anything.

In conclusion, Tingley states that other than cancer, the majority of deaths if from diseases of life-style and that perhaps even cancer is caused by a person's way of living. Therefore, in his opinion, the purpose of the Student Health Centre is not to make sure everyone lives to be eighty or so but to make life enjoyable while it lasts. It feels good to be healthy, he says, and that the place of the Health Centre is to help those on campus to learn a healthful way of life, now, in the habit-forming years, in order to remain healthy in future. In other words, the Student Health Centre is more than just an acute care centre but deals with preventive medicine as well.



Pratt lauds CHSR staff

Dear Editor:

During frosh week newcomers to UNB get very tired of reading letters welcoming them to a "new experience". I am offering this letter as an alternative to those letters of welcome and as an item of interest to returning UNB students.

This summer College Hill Station Radio was kept alive by a small number of its members who devoted a large amount of time and energy to serving summer academics and improving the facilities of CHSR. Reg Hayes and his wife Margot took care of the administration of the office with assistance from Damian Bone, Eric Semple,

Pat Rooney, Ralph MacLean and Moe Latouche.

As is normally the case whenever anyone talks or writes about CHSR something has to be said about Doug Bearsto. Doug, with the assistance of former CHSR Director J. David Miller, spent many hours working on the technical improvement of the station. The work of Doug and J. David will be appreciated by those returning students who will be able to compare and contrast last year's reception with the high quality sound they should be getting this year.

I hope that everyone will enjoy listening to CHSR this year. There is an open invitation to every member of the University community to come and visit our offices in the SUB which I hope many of you will accept.

My thanks once again to everyone who worked so hard on the station this summer.

Sincerely,
Christopher B.J. Pratt
Director - CHSR

Science rep. welcomes students

Dear Editor:

I would like to welcome all freshmen to the campus at this time. I'm interested in talking with you - about your problems, aspirations, and interests. I may be able to help you. If I don't have the answers you need, I will try to find them for you.

If you are interested in student activities - or just need info - please call me at 453-4955 and leave your name and number.

Sincerely,
Gordon M. Kennedy
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