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## Brunswickan staff tours

### Montreal papers

Nine members of the BRUNSWICKAN staff visited Montreal late last month - free of charge.

The nine staffers received the assistance of K.C. Irving and his plane, which flew all nine to Montreal and back for a one day visit to Montreal's metropolitan newspapers.

All said upon returning that they thoroughly enjoyed the trip - some thought it would be a good idea if it could be arranged again next year.

Friday (Feb. 25) morning, the staff trundled out to Fredericton International Airport in a little yellow bus. The Irving jet arrived right on time, and airport personnel watched in awe as nine shaggy-haired students walked out to meet the plane.

A few seconds later (literally) the Bruns was on its way and arrived in Montreal at 8 a.m. Montreal time. The 'Brunswickan' were met there by Irving's

Director of Public Relations in Montreal, who had two limosines waiting to take the students wherever they wished. He volunteered hockey tickets for the next afternoon, but none of the Bruns people were staying that long (all except for one, who already had a ticket).

That morning they went to the Star, and went through the whole building, which prints three editions per day, for a total circulation of 220,000. That afternoon they lounged about the town, and they trudged off to the Gazette in the evening.

There they grilled their tour guide, and spent approximately 40 minutes sitting around the newsroom talking shop.

But they had to get back to the airport quick, lest their plane turn into a pumpkin. Which they did (and it didn't) and they returned to Fredericton to live (happily?) ever after.



Brunswickan staffers touring the Montreal Star. From left to right: Trevor Parrott, Dick Evans—tour guide, Jean McCarthy, Chris J. Allen, Jayne Bird, Edison Stewart, Janet Fraser, Lix Smith, Padi McDonough.

### More loan money, too

## Age of majority down

By RICK FISHER

The lowering of the age of majority and an increase in student loan allotments headed up Tuesday's Speech from the Throne, delivered by Lieutenant Governor Hedard Robichaud in the Legislature.

The most important item mentioned was the announcement that the government intends to lower the age of majority to 19. This means that persons will have full legal rights as soon as they become 19.

The maximum ceiling of financial assistance of loans and bursaries available to students at the post secondary level has been raised to \$2,100 from \$1,700.

In giving out these bursaries and loans the provinces are bound by the federal formula and don't have any jurisdiction over this area. The federal government previously had announced that it was raising the ceiling and also infusing more money into the program.

Arrangements are being made for the merger of Teacher's College with UNB to provide a four-year degree program. This is part of an overall program to merge the provinces Teachers Colleges with universities.

The Dept of Justice is undertaking two studies of laws that

affect the lives of students.

The first study will review the laws governing relations between landlords and tenants. The second study will examine consumer legislation, including the rights and obligations of both buyers and sellers as well as the terms and cost of credit.

Another important piece of legislation expected to be introduced is that of several changes in the university of New Brunswick Act (1968). One of the changes expected to be enacted is the recommendation of the Board of Governors that 3 (three) students be elected to that body in the same manner as they are to the Senate.

This recommendation was originally proposed last spring but as no new legislation could be introduced once a session has started the changes recommended had to wait until this year to be introduced.

The jury act will be amended to give women equality for service on juries. The government plans to establish in conjunction with NS and PEI, a single higher education commission for all three Maritime provinces. This will co-ordinate and integrate planning and financing of all post secondary education in the three Maritime Provinces.



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