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Students discuss parking, sports and yearbook

By GARY CAMERON

Sunday's Leadership Conference saw several important matters discussed as 60 of UNB's student leaders met in the Faculty Club.

The conference, sponsored by the Alumni Association, is held in order to facilitate communication and the exchange of opinions and ideas between the leaders of the various student organizations on campus, as well as members of the SRC, the student senators and the student representative to the Board of Governors.

Student Athletic Association President Ian Anderson stated that although at least \$30 of each student's tuition is spent for sports, as well as funds from general revenue, students have no say as to how the money is being spent. Rick Fisher added that Athletics director Peter Kelly has a 'floating budget' which he allocates where he sees fit.

The Athletics Board, which has several student representatives, sees the athletics budget only for information purposes, according to Anderson, and the board is not consulted in the finalization of the budget.

Anderson was unsure as to who really sets up the athletic budget, and stated that getting information on allocation of funds from Kelly was extremely difficult.

Anderson noted that the Athletic Board was about to be modified in the near future and Fisher suggested that the board be given some teeth and exert itself by holding a meeting specifically to discuss the budget.

SRC president Roy Neale mentioned two proposals which might affect students: the proposed five dollar fee for a general pass to all varsity games and the possibility of doing away with the loaning of sports equipment to

students.

Anderson noted that a large proportion of the budget went to varsity sports and cited the \$15,000 spent for football this year as an example. He asked the people attending the conference for their opinions on the allocation of athletic funds, suggesting that it was time to review spending priorities. He said that intramural and inter-residence sports turnout was very good lately and perhaps deserved more financial support.

Mike Shouldice of CHSR and Edison Stewart of the Brunswickan pledged their support in making the problem known to the campus.

Comptroller Fud Steeves outlined the problems experienced with last year's and this year's papers and SRC Business Administrator Wayne Charters pointed out that campus clubs and organizations could each submit a couple of pages to the Yearbook. He also suggested that there be some kind of a photo contest to stimulate submission of photos to the yearbook. Charters pointed out the fact that the graduate photos deadline is January 10, 1974.

SUB Director Kevin McKinney pointed out that there were several obvious needs for expansions of SUB facilities such as the games room, cafeteria, meeting rooms, social club and washroom facilities.

The alternatives of methods of payment, he stated, could be explored later but "first we must look at the needs."

Dean of Students Frank Wilson pointed out that at the present time his students services are scattered all over the campus and that he would be interested in incorporating his offices into one central facility in the SUB.

When the subject of creating a "mini-mall" in the SUB, consisting

of such things as bakery, an ice cream parlour, shopper, etc, was broached, Wilson commented that "once we go commercial the government will have to start taxing the building." We might as well pay the tax, he said, since it would more than compensate for the cost and inconvenience involved with students travelling between the campus and downtown and in all shopping areas.

"I don't think the taxation would be a real problem," he continued, "and the administration and government could be expected to contribute funds should student services be incorporated into the expansion."

Wilson also mentioned the

possibility of a phone system with outlets all over the campus that would keep the students informed on activities, campus news, and information on student services. His department had studied the feasibility of using the system and with the help of the SRC the costs could be justified.

It was pointed out that the SRC has a campus co-ordinator who is supposed to co-ordinate all student activities and avoid conflicts in scheduling. As well there is a person in the SUB information booth all day who could be incorporated into such a communications system.

There was a heated debate on the

parking situation, and the general consensus reached by the student leaders was that parking should be first come - first serve, with the exception of disabled people.

McKinney pointed out two weak points in the new parking scheme: the parking lots are heavily weighted in favour of the faculty (as evidenced by the preponderance of lots marked faculty green on the parking map; freshmen aren't allowed to bring cars on campus.

The conference was considered a success by everyone present, and the alumni were thanked for sponsoring the event.

The next conference is slated for Jan. 20, Sunday, at 10:00 A.M.



Sixty of UNB's student leaders met on Sunday to discuss their problems and exchange opinions.

Photo by Ron Ward

Blacks still suffer from discrimination here

By BRUCE BARTLETT

The dominant attitude of Canadian whites is 'if a person is black they must be a foreigner' said Tony Sebastian, President of the Black Student Association.

That attitude is expressed by public servants as well as private citizens, according to Sebastian. As an example, one member of the black community on campus went to the department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to complain that his car was not getting proper service at one of the local garages. The only result was to be told that if he was not satisfied 'why not take the boat and go back to where you came from.'

That attitude aside from being unfair is based on a false assumption. In many cases blacks are fifth and sixth generation Canadians.

The desire expressed by the federal government to encourage multi-culturalism also has limits. Blacks are not encouraged to contribute to the cultural mosaic the government now seems to desire. Of all the various ethnic cultural events, only those connected with white cultures receive national encouragement.

Sebastian pointed out that in Toronto the West Indians put on a yearly show which most blacks could identify with, yet it gets no national coverage. On the other hand, last summer the Scandinavians put on a show which was attended by Mitchell Sharp who gave a talk on encouraging multi-culturalism.

The Black Student Association, which began in 1972, holds as a primary goal the unification of the black people on campus. They began the year with the objective of opening the eyes of black students to the tragedies of other blacks in the world. By showing films on the living conditions of blacks in Canadian and U.S. cities they began to create an insight into the problems of others in those who had never run into those situations before.

This year instead of concentrating on the negative side they hope to develop some positive attitudes toward the problem by looking at the achievements of blacks. They intend to look at the developments in various black countries in Africa.

Through lectures they hope to show that Human Rights are the concern of everyone, not just the minorities. According to Sebastian their interests are not limited to themselves, they span the spectrum of human concern. The organization is now getting involved in community projects. They are trying to get students, black or white, to give academic help to those children who come from deprived backgrounds.

This year's attendance at the meetings of the association has been exceptional. They have had about half the campus black community at the lectures. The next meeting on Nov. 18 will have Dr. Noel Kinsella, Chairman of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, to speak on the universal role of the Human Rights Commission.

Negotiations held up says union

By TOM BENJAMIN

Contract negotiations between UNB and local 1326 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees have been held up because of the lack of a defined "bargaining unit", a union spokesman said at a meeting on Thursday.

Members of local 1326, who clean and repair the buildings of our university, have been working without a contract since July 1st. Negotiations broke down when the university removed eight classifications of workers from the bargaining unit.

The union passed a motion which said they desired all employees up to the supervisory level to be included in the union and thus the bargaining unit. This would include foremen and building inspectors.

The university management has informed the union that they would only negotiate with a certain group and they aren't prepared to carry on further negotiations until the group has been settled on.

The union felt that the university is only prepared to negotiate on its

own terms.

The Minister of Labor has appointed a mediator to determine the classification of the bargaining unit. The union is now waiting for the mediator's work load to decrease so he can handle their case.

If the mediator fails the union can legally go on strike on the fifteenth day after his failure, if the minister of Labor does not appoint a conciliation board. There is no time limit governing the conciliation board.

One of the problems facing the union is that there is one group of employees but two employers. UNB has contracted much of the maintenance and cleaning work to private companies. Local 1326 wants to unionize the employees of the private companies.

The union said it would be willing to let the university's security police leave the union only if they form a local of their own. Two security men are still paying dues to local 1326.

Wages are another issue in the conflict. The union feels its members are underpaid. Their

negotiating unit will be asking for higher wages.

If university management forms a new job classification the union said negotiations must take place to determine the wages for the position.

The union also said it wanted any pay raises to be retroactive to July 1st.

The chairman of the meeting said the union was more interested in pay raises than in fringe benefits.

"You can't eat fringe benefits. To hell with them - give us more money instead," he said.

It was also mentioned that union members have a heavier work load due to the university taking over the Co-op buildings. However, their wages remain the same.

In other business, the union discussed the ten or eleven employees on the UNBSJ campus who have considered joining local 1326. A motion was passed to bring the matter up again after a contract has been obtained.

It was mentioned informally by at least one union member, that "if contracts aren't settled by Christmas a strike vote will be taken."