

Senate approves UNBSJ degree program

The UNB senate approved the idea of a four year degree program for UNB Saint John, at its October meeting. With only a few exceptions the senate members seemed strongly in favor of implementing the program outlined in the report of its Advisory Committee on the Future of UNBSJ though there was some disagreement concerning the details of administrative structure and curricula.

The text of the motion passed by the senate is as follows: "That the UNB Senate accept the principle that:

1. third year courses and fourth be introduced at UNBSJ in September 1972 and 1973 respectively leading to the availability of the degrees bachelor of arts, bachelor of business administration and bachelor of science.

2. that the problems be of a general and interdisciplinary nature and duplication of specialized disciplinary programs at Fredericton be avoided.

3. that the above information be communicated to the board of governors and thence to the Higher Education Commission with the request that it be accepted on the explicit understanding that the weighting factor will be increased (or other equivalent means be adopted) to the point that UNBSJ become substantially self-supporting." This will probably be considered at the Oct. 20th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The weighting factor refers to the structure of the HEC's grant to UNB. At present the university receives a grant of

three monetary units for each student registered at the Fredericton campus as compared with one unit for each student registered at the Saint John campus.

After some debate the senate indicated that it wished to advocate that the program be instituted rather than merely inform the board and the HEC that such a program could be

implemented.

Reports from the faculty councils, especially that of the science faculty council, indicated some dissatisfaction with the administrative structure outlined in the Jaeger report. The key issue seemed to be whether the top position should be an administrative or an academic one. The report favored an administrative head for

the Saint John campus. The senate requested that the president set up a committee to review the proposed structure and curricula in consultation with the faculty.

Since the entire meeting was spent discussing the Jaeger report, another meeting was called for October 25th to deal with the other items on the agenda.

CANADA vs USA - land and lobster

WASHINGTON (AP-CP) - The United States has asked Canada to negotiate a boundary dispute that goes back to the 1783 Treaty of Paris which ended the American Revolution.

At issue are Machias Seal Island and North Rock Island, both in the Bay of Fundy off the coast of Maine. The dispute flared last month when Canada ordered Maine Lobstermen not to fish in waters off the two islands. Ottawa filed a protest with Washington.

In turn the U.S. State Department proposed the two countries get together and settle ownership of the two islands. A department official said Canada has not responded but he feels a settlement is closer than it has been since the last attempt to negotiate the dispute in 1938.

Canada has maintained a manned lighthouse on the mile-long Machias Seal Island for 139 years.

Because both countries claim sovereignty, they also claim their lobster fishing regulations apply. Under Canadian law, lobster fishing

does not open until Nov. 14. Under US law there is no closed season.

Consequently, there is squabbling among Canadian and U.S. lobstermen.

Among ourselves

By RUSS CROSBY

Two thousand years ago God claims to have visited this planet. Historical documents claim that a fellow, Jesus Christ, was born, lived, and died in the Middle East. Various claims are made concerning who he was, why he was here, and what he was doing. One of these claims is that he has already accepted us just as we are, that he has forgiven us for doing those things we shouldn't have, and for not doing those things that we should have done, if we receive him into our lives.

Are these documents, supposedly written by five people who claim to have experienced the same thing, reliable? Have those people who have received him committed intellectual suicide, and are they avoiding the real issues of life, or is this where the action really is? Why do those who have received him cling to their beliefs and faith so tenaciously? Do they really experience something different? Why do some appear to beam all over, while others are so dour? Who was J.C. anyway? Does he have any answers to our situation—to my life here and now? ; to the population explosion; to the fantastic genetic discoveries being made; to the problem of pollution; to the problem of our being less than humans; to the problem of exploitation, selfishness, and greed?

As Dr. Suzuki said, we really do have to work out our own answers to these problems. Simply accepting the answers of others is not good enough, because if we do rely upon the answers of others we can't really live them—they are not a part of us. However as we work out our own answers, let's not forget the claims that J.C. made upon our own lives.

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