

Student Services "dealing with problems"

The Senate Student Services Committee is essentially an advisory group to Dean of Students, Barry Thompson. But, according to committee chairperson Tom Austin, the committee has no authority to impose on the Dean. Our purpose is to make recommendations.

This year, Austin said, "the committee is dealing with a number of subjects."

Last year the committee concentrated on faculty advising and this focus is continuing into 1978. He said the committee was striving for a more consistent approach to student advising.

"Student advising has been too casual and hasn't been done with any great gusto," he said. Orientation committees reflected the differences in their personnel as they changed from year to year. Austin said he felt student

orientation lacked continuity and, if completely run by students, could change drastically from year to year.

The committee would like to work towards greater continuity. "There is some overlap on subjects and they do tend to go a little too far on some activities (ie: pubs versus library tours where there are less than 100 people attending.)"

Austin said the library was one of the most important basic resources and student needed this introduction.

The second area the committee deals with is in trying to accommodate a wide array of problems. This is done through the co-operation of various campus groups. Trying to accommodate various student needs but, Austin said characteristically, "They can't always help everybody every-

time."

The committee still gets problems not fitting into neat categories, so the committee needed means of realizing what the different problems were.

The committee has concluded there is no one way for handling all problems, and Austin said it was better to tackle problems on an ad hoc basis. An approach that worked for problems in the Engineering faculty might not work in other faculties.

Different ways of learning student problems were suggestion boxes, liaison committees, and "beef nights" where groups of students got together to their particular problems. This last approach, if it is done at the right times, can be very productive, he said.

He said some faculties were keeping "their heads in the sand"

by saying that they had no problems. Austin said the committee was writing to faculty deans to see what steps they were taking for dealing with student problems.

He said the committee was trying to keep an open mind by compiling the various alternatives. Only small groups of students attended open meetings that were held, but Austin said now was a bad time of year to try to get students out due to approaching exams and essays.

He said the committee was beginning to look at problems faced by mature students. These problems included shyness and inability to relate well due to little or no peer support. Their interests were different from younger students and they were feeling the effects of the financial transition

from a monthly salary to no salary. These were potential problems,

Austin said, and since UNB is not big enough to create a special section of the students' union for this group, the committee should look for ways to meet their needs.

A different approach was needed for the mature student, he said, especially since statistics showed that more and more people over the average university students age were returning to university; especially retired people.

The next advisory committee will be in the spring where the

committee members hope to set down some sort of procedure for advising students now to allow faculty advisors to concentrate on first year students in the fall.

How's our fitness??

By LINDA HALSEY

"The average student fitness level is about normal", according to Peggy Craig, one of the three nursing students in charge of the fitness appraisal clinic, now into its second week of operation.

The ten minute fitness test is dependant upon pulse rate, and gives an assessment of the participants cardio pulmonary level. (heart and lungs)

Designed as a fourth year community nursing project, the clinic is aimed towards student

fitness and health promotion. Craig said the program has been run well so far, however there are some problems in the fact that the majority of students who take the test are already in very good shape. "We would like to see more of the average student."

The clinic will run for one more week and will resume for another three weeks after Christmas. The nurses would like students to try the fitness test and encourage those who have already participated to return after the Christmas break to re-assess their level.

LEVEL OF FITNESS

	rac.	Undesirable	Min.	Rec.
Eng.	0	3	5	
Arts	0	2	5	
Nurs.	0	0	2	
Phys.Ed.	0	0	3	
Bus.	0	3	3	
Law	0	1	3	
Sci.	0	2	4	
Ed.	0	2	0	
Fac.				
(unknown)	0	1	4	
Non-Stud				
& Admin	0	1	2	

Sinclair gets inquiry

In a Board of Governors meeting of Acadia University, former UNB Dean of Law and current Acadia U. President Alan M. Sinclair's resignation was rejected. In another motion, the Board unanimously agreed to Sinclair's proposal that the McCarthy dispute be resolved by appointing an independent arbitrator.

On October 17th of this year, Sinclair became president of Acadia on the premise that he would be empowered to resolve the Professor Robert McCarthy dispute. The dispute which began

in 1975 arose out of the refusal of the University to renew Prof. Robert McCarthy's contract as music professor. The Acadia University Faculty Association and the Student Union both protested against the dismissal on the grounds it was unjust.

When Sinclair arrived in Acadia it was on the understanding that he would resolve the dispute, when this was not allowed, he submitted his resignation.

Sinclair's proposal requires that the faculty association and the board of governors accept the arbitrator's decision as conclusive. Roger Lewis, president of the

faculty association, said the proposal will be perfectly acceptable to the faculty association.

He said the faculty association had been concerned that the arbitrator's powers would be limited, but this is not the case.

The arbitrator is to be chosen by a committee of one representative from the faculty association and one from the board of governors. If it cannot agree on who should be arbitrator, the appointment would be made by Gordon Fairweather, chairman of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, or someone of similar stature, Sinclair said.



On Sunday, December 31, 1978 the University of New Brunswick is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the official opening of the Old Arts Building and the founding of King's College.

In honour of the occasion, His Honour, the Honourable Hedard J. Robichaud, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, is holding a reception in the Faculty Club, the Old Arts Building, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. This will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Old Arts Building at which His Honour will officially open the recently discovered cornerstone, which was laid in 1826. From 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. an *Extravaganza* will be held in Memorial Hall to mark the occasion with an appropriate look back at our early history.

All members of the University community are invited to attend these events. However, because of space limitations, I regret that a limit has to be placed on attendance, and admission will be by ticket only. Those wishing to obtain tickets for themselves and their spouses may pick them up in Fredericton at the Registrar's Office, Old Arts Building, and in Saint John from the Library in Ward Chipman Hall, on a first-come-first-served basis.

Safe Driving Week 1st-7th

During more than twenty years of existence as a regular safety campaign, Safe Driving Week has had many varied themes, but 1978 is the first time the focus has been placed on "Courtesy", and the slogan adopted by the Canada Safety Council is "Courtesy is Caring".

Drivers will readily see the connection: a courteous driver is a safe driver.

As a part of this year's traffic safety campaign, the Safety Council is asking every driver to take an extra second or two to be

courteous to others.

Besides helping to avoid accidents, according to Council Traffic Section Manager, George Currie, the courtesy campaign has another very beneficial result for those who observe it: it makes the courteous driver feel good!

The Council suggests each driver try this experiment:

Leave five minutes earlier for work or appointment if there is concern about time-keeping, although in all probability it will be found unnecessary. Practice cour-

tesy. Wave another driver out of a driveway or intersection. Wait for someone to make a left turn from the opposite direction. Give people a chance to cross the road if there is no crossing or lights. Smile at people.

Results will be startling. Friendly smiles and waves in return, and drivers who receive a courtesy often pass it along to some else. If a whole town or city tries it, the results should be fantastic.

And accidents will be less.