

Resolutions point to broadening Alumni power

By DAWN ELGEE

Art Doyle, alumni director, reviewed resolutions which were proposed at the Alumni Power Conference held here Nov. 21 and 22. "The conference showed to be responsible in the resolutions brought forward," said Doyle. "Some of the alumni might say it took a conservative position."

Out of 350 possible resolutions 49 were agreed to be of high priority. An implementation committee is pushing to enforce these. The committee consists of Muriel Gerguson, Horace Hanson, John Bliss, Harvey Malmberg, David Coughey, and Art Doyle. A meeting last Tuesday was held to recommend ways of implementing these resolutions and will meet twice more in the next couple of weeks. Decisions will be taken to the alumni council early in December.

Twelve teams voted toward the resolutions. Each resolution was rated on a 1-12 basis. Anything below six showed rejection, and a favourable vote of eight or more showed a strong interest in pursuing the resolution.

The alumni expressed satisfaction with the structures between

the students and alumni, but feels there is a need for more communication. Members want to go to the community and try to get a broader area of participation. They aim to emphasize public affairs and the role of the university.

The alumni voted strongly in favour of changing the name of the Memorial Student Centre to the "Alumni Memorial Building". It rejected that student use of the centre be restricted.

One resolution from a recent graduate to ban drinking on campus received no votes in favour of this out of 80 voters.

Resolutions were divided into four categories:

- 1) Board of Governors - Senate
- 2) The Alumni Association and The Alumni Office
- 3) Alumni and The Community
- 4) The Alumni and The University Community

Resolutions for which members strongly were in favour include the following:

- "Chairman of the Board of Governors should be elected by the Board membership. The Chairman should not be the President of the University."

- "Honorary Degrees granted on the advice of committee comprising equal representation from Board of Governors, Senate, and Alumni."

- "Alumni participation on major University Policy Committees (for example budgeting, academic planning, physical development, Senate positions, professor emeritus committee and academic and campus planning committee.)"

- "Continue to give fund raising a high priority, but reappraise existing methods of fund raising. Increase promotion of bequests. Consider assuming responsibility for all non-capital fund-raising. Develop long term priorities for Alumni fund spending."

- "Form more active UNB Alumni Chapters. Encourage Alumni involvement through workshops and regular priority setting conferences"

- "Alumni news should have an editorial and letters to the editor section."

- "More availability of University services and facilities to Alumni."

- "Alumni promotion of extension and continuing education courses."

- "Alumni to have one-third of membership on the Governing Committee of the Aitken University Centre."

- "Alumni involvement in student internship in local companies."

- "Alumni membership on Departmental Advisory Boards."

- "Alumni Faculty Liason Committee."



UNB Alumni Director Art Doyle

- "Increase student emergency fund."

Resolutions concerning "The Alumni and The University Community" which less than half of the voting teams were in favour of include:

- "Form Athletic Team Support Clubs."

- "Student representative elected by students to Alumni Council."

- "Student representative council to have representation on Alumni Council."

- "Job placement service for students."

- "Alumni study of and support for student housing."

Thirty-one other resolutions are being pursued as well.

Ten Alumni directors were present at the conference.

Every university of the Atlantic provinces participated.

Breathalyzer shown

By STEVE FOX

A demonstration of the breathalyzer was given in Ludlow Hall Friday by two members of the RCMP.

The breathalyzer is an instrument which measures the amount of alcohol in the blood in milligrams of alcohol per milliliters of blood and is used by the RCMP throughout Canada in the prosecution of impaired driving suspects.

Three Law students volunteered to assist in the demonstration. The three students - one heavy, one light and one of medium weight, were each tested on the breathalyzer at half-hour intervals after drinking varying amounts of alcohol, also measured at half-hour intervals.

Graham Watson, at 175 lbs., consumed 14 oz. during a period of about 2 hours. His breathalyzer reading was .18. One hour and 4 oz. later, his reading was .20.

Carol McKenzie, the medium weight volunteer, consumed 17 oz. in the space of one hour. Her reading was .27. She was helped out of the room shortly after the test was taken.

Bill Colby, at 145, consumed 12 oz. in about 1½ hours. His reading was .10. Colby had only one reading taken.

Another volunteer gargled with liquor, after which a reading of .355 was found. About five minutes later, his reading had gone down to .02.

A reading above .08 will result in a charge of impaired driving. The meter on the breathalyzer goes to .400 but the person would presumably be dead or very close to it if their reading was this high.

An individual with a reading of .360-.370 would likely be in a coma, while .320 is the highest reading ever taken.



Carol McKenzie finds out just how much alcohol she can take.

Photo by Steve Patriquin

Constitution debate centres on referendum issue

By DERWIN GOWAN

The proposed students' union constitution was the major debating point of last week's Students' Representative Council meeting, with union lawyer Peter Forbes present to answer questions.

The major point of contention was the proposed procedure for holding a referendum. According to Forbes, persons wishing to appeal council decisions must first wait until the minutes of the council meeting have been published, which must be within one week of the meeting. Then, within two weeks of publication, a registered petition with the offending motion must be presented to the student union office signed by 10 per cent of the campus.

If this is done, Forbes said, an emergency meeting of council must be held within one week of this date. If five per cent of the students are still displeased, said Forbes, they may register another petition, in which case a referendum would have to be held.

Forbes said the percentage of students required for a petition to be recognised should be low enough so as not to discourage disgruntled students but high enough to prevent pressure groups from wasting council's time.

President Warren McKenzie objected to the way in which referenda would be conducted as this would mean nursing students would be able, in some cases, to unseat arts students, for example.

There was also a debate over whether encamera sessions of council should be allowed. Vice president Gordon Kennedy did not think there should be, agreeing with Forbes, but McKenzie and arts representative Chris Pratt though they should be allowed in some cases.

McKenzie said where individuals

are involved undue damage might be done if the meetings are public. Forbes said the students' right to know how council decisions are made is more important.

McKenzie disapproved of provisions disallowing the delegation of executive authority as this would allow for "nitpicking", he said.

Other provisions would prevent a person from being fired without a fair hearing and persons would have to be given notice and a hearing on demand.

The proposed constitution spells out which faculties and schools may be allowed membership on council to prevent extraneous groups of students from demanding representation, Forbes explained.

Only full time students who have paid their student union fees will be

allowed to vote if this constitution is passed, although the bylaws could allow others to vote. Non-voting members will be spelled out in the bylaws.

McKenzie argued that there should be two vice presidents, one for internal and one for external matters, in order to reduce the workload. This would be in the same manner as the comptroller having a finance chairman and a business manager, he explained.

Unlike the old constitution, the new one would be the constitution of the students' union and not the students' representative council. Council would be a subsidiary part of the union.

Also, the constitution would be "fairly and liberally interpreted" so as to best pursue the ends of the union.

McConnell debate continues

By DERWIN GOWAN
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Students' union president Warren McKenzie told the Students' Representative Council last Monday that President John Anderson and Dean of Students Barry Thompson would not likely give in to demands by council to be allowed the use of McConnell Hall for pubs, but the residence system did make some compromises, he said.

However, Law Representative Jim MacLean said, "The residence system is not compromising anything," and Arts Representative Damian Bone commented, "We've been nice up till now."

Indications are that the SRC will be allowed one non-alcoholic event per month in McConnell Hall after

Christmas and three pubs during winter Carnival.

McKenzie said the fact that the Aitken University Centre will be available next year was taken into account, so that council will be asked not to make any more demands on McConnell Hall.

People will be unhappy, according to arts representative Chris Pratt, who moved the motion asking for one pub per month. However, he said council had the facility for January and "we should operate under what we've got." According to him, if council does an "extremely responsible" job in January, then they will be in a better bargaining position.

Engineering representative Eric Semple said residence students still have access to McConnell Hall while off campus students do not.