

# LBR celebrates 50th

In the fall of 1930 the opening of the Lady Beaverbrooks Building, a gift of Lord and Lady Beaverbrook was a significant event for the

University of New Brunswick. The LBR as it is more popularly known, was planned by Lady Beaverbrook

but completed and named after her by the Chancellor, or the "Beaver" as he was affectionately known. The LBR was designed after the style of the Oxbridge college system and housed 40 students in spacious rooms, some with fireplaces and featured a panelled lounge and dining hall, a racquet court and the university's first swimming pool. The Brunswickan in its first issue of 1930 noted in its editorial that:

*Lady Beaverbrook's Building which was ready for occupancy at the beginning of the college term is one of the finest buildings of its kind on the continent. In fact, a party of American college professors told the editor this summer that they had never seen anything to compare with it anywhere, not even at Harvard or Yale.*

During the war years, the LBR was used to further the war effort. Both the RCAP and RCNVR had training programmes at UNB from 1941-1943. The air force men were housed at LBR during the summer of 1941 and the dining room was used by the military men all through the war years. The LBR provided accommodations for ex-service students at the opening of the University in September 1945. UNB anticipated a student body of 750 in 1945 instead of 325 as before the war, and LBR was to help house the increased numbers by allotting two men to a room instead of the pre-war one per room. The cost was \$9.75 per week for room and board.

In 1945 there were 80 men in the residence representing all four years. Of these 80, 50 were veterans and 30 were younger non-veterans. The residence attempted to weld together these two groups - the seasoned veterans and the younger students

just out of high school.

In 1971, Lord Beaverbrook's son and successor to the title of Chancellor of the University, Sir MAX Aitken financed extensive renovations to the residence. The result is a clever blend of tradition and modern facilities. During the year and one half of construction the residents-in-exile were dispersed to the other residences but re-occupied the house when it re-opened in September 1972.

The three-storey, Georgian-styled building with its ivy covered brick walls and the chimes of its clock tower with hourly soundings of a verse from Lord Beaverbrook's favourite Miramichi folksong "The Jones Boys", its panelled lounge with fireplace and dining hall, is a showplace of both Residence and the University - and has been used to entertain visitors such as the Queen (then Princess Elizabeth), King George VI and the Queen Mother, George P. Vanier, John Diefenbaker and John and Robert Kennedy.

As more than 65 students live in the residence each year, at least that many have the opportunity of living in the type of environment which Lord and Lady Beaverbrook had intended UNB students to inhabit.

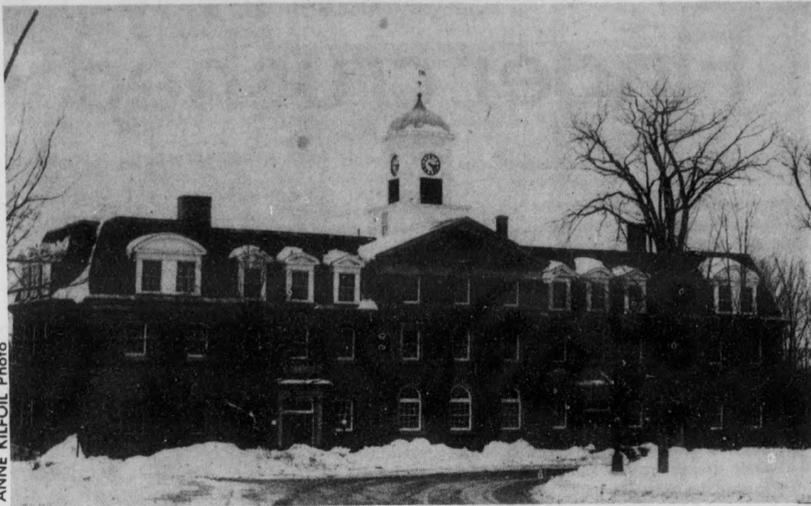
This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Lady Beaverbrook's Building - the first men's residence at UNB. The LBR House Committee, through its Fiftieth Anniversary Committee have planned a series of events for the

## SOS outreach coffeehouse Saturday

By SHERRY STEWART

S.O.S. Outreach is starting off it's year with a coffeehouse to be held Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The campus-based outreach group has drawn capacity crowds to their coffeehouses and are anticipating even better ones this year.

This weekend's coffeehouse will feature a tremendous female vocalist - Marie Umid, who has won wide acclaim throughout the Maritimes. Her recent album entitled



month of January to commemorate this important occasion. As this article is written the first event, an Alumni Dinner, was held last Friday. The dinner was a great success in that wide cross-section of the LBR Alumni from all years and special guests including Acting President Thomas J. Condon and Registrar Emerita Edith G. McLeod, attended the event. Further events include: a Resident Fellow Event with former Deans, Dons and Fellows, a traditional dinner, a pool party, an open house for the public and a formal dinner and dance.

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at the  
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Jan 21, 22, 23

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Monday

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Jan 24, 25, 26

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# student's night

at the Cosmo

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2 for 1 from 9-10

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