

Canadian Students to Use AUCC Facilities

by Tom Mc Mullen

Recently, University of New Brunswick Student Council President, Steve MacFarlane, attended university conferences in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The National Student Presidents' Conference, held from October 29 - November 1, was immediately followed by the Associations of Universities And Colleges of Canada conference held November 2-5.

The main item on the proposed agenda for the NSPC was to be the setting up of a national student union to replace the now defunct Canadian Union of Students (C.U.S.). However, when the delegates arrived at the conference, so many different opinions and ideas were expressed, it was immediately realized that a national student union could not possibly be realized.

The delegates, who, in the words of Mr. MacFarlane, "ranged anywhere from reactionary conservatives to wild-eyed radicals", then discussed the role of student councils within the university. Opinion was divided on the subject, with some delegates advocating a social service form of student government while others held to a policy of political activism.

However, most delegates appeared to be in favor of consumer-producer theory of student government. This is based on the idea that the university is the producer (of education) while the student is the consumer.

The student council of the university then attempts to ensure that the student receives the best possible education for his money.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, Mr. T.C. Douglas, leader of the New Democratic Party in Canada, spoke on the War Measures Act. Following his speech, dele-

gates discussed the WMA and decided, contrary to Canadian Press releases, against mass demonstrations across Canada on November 13.

"It was felt that such a demonstration immediately after Remembrance Day, would arouse the wrath of Veterans," said Mr. MacFarlane.

Teach-ins, and other like methods of information, were thought to be a far better method of showing opposition to the MWA.

Mr. MacFarlane felt that he received a national perspective of what other universities were accomplishing across Canada.

"All I have to do now," he said, "is decide which ideas are suitable to UNB."

Mr. MacFarlane is to submit a report on the conference to the SRC at their weekly meeting Sunday evening.

Immediately following the NSP Conference, the AUCC, at its annual meeting, proposed the setting-up of a student-directed research program. This would consist of eight students - two from the Atlantic region, three from Quebec-Ontario, two from the West and one from the Canadian Association of Graduate Students.

Students will be selected by the university student presidents to serve a term of one year. Future appointments will be made at the annual AUCC conferences.

Prof. D.C. Blue, Registrar of UNB, felt that the program would benefit both the student body and the university. "The AUCC has a very good secretariat.....why not use it?" he said.

Professor Blue attended the conference along with several other members of the UNB administration, including President J.O. Dineen.



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Connie Keith grins with pleasure as her name is announced as the 1970 - 71 Business Queen.



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A more composed Connie Keith smiles for an official photograph.

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