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Red n' Black Revue Postponed

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The 40th Annual Red & Black Revue will not be seen by the public this semester, for a number of reasons, including lack of organization and a lack of facilities to hold the event.

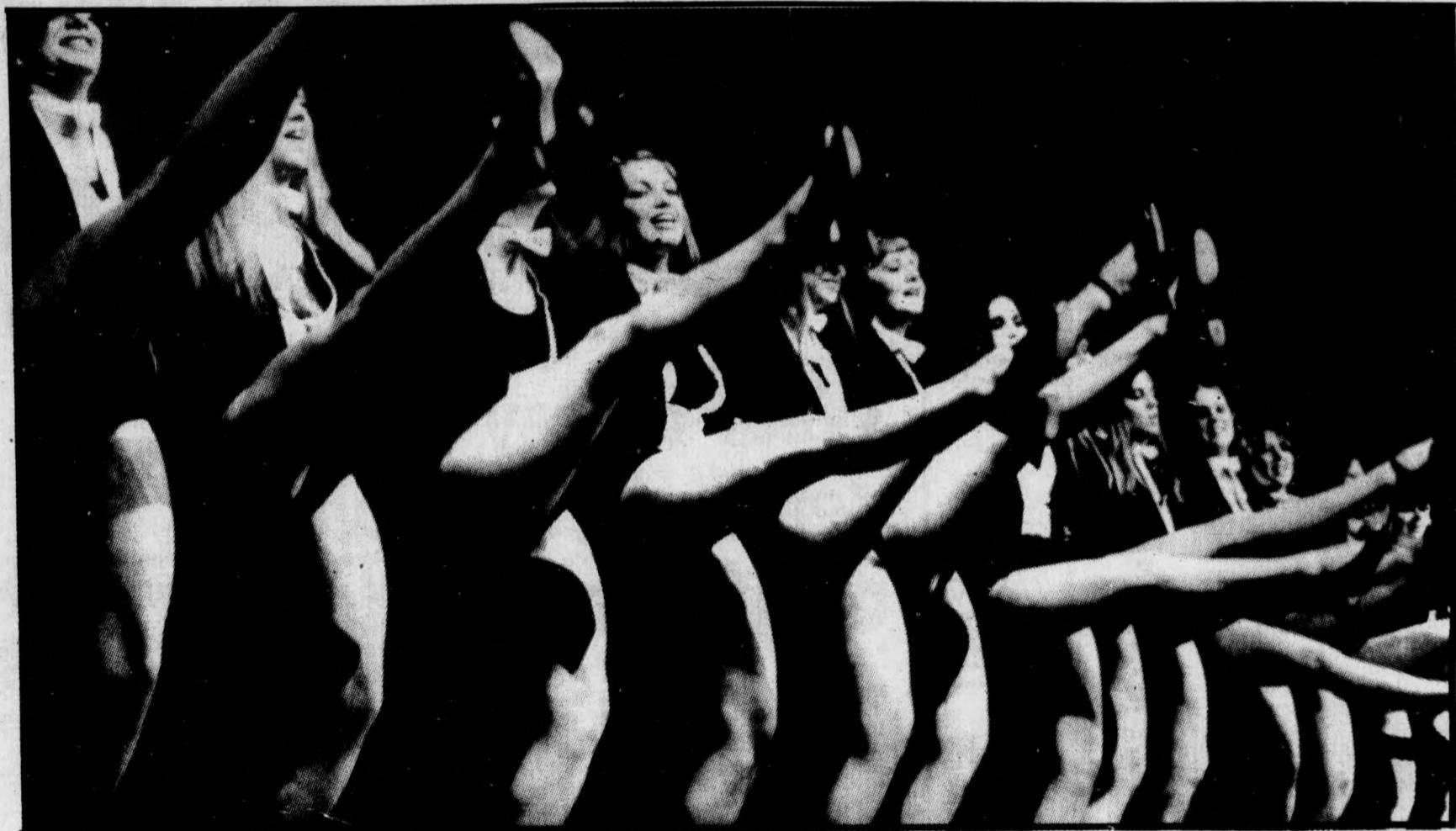
Due to a heavy work schedule this summer, R&B Co-director, Eric Gingles did not have enough time to organize the R & B in advance. In an interview, Gingles told the Brunswickan that it was a job that not many people wanted to undertake. "...some expressed interest in it, but all lacked experience." As a result, the R & B is behind its organizational schedule.

In an attempt to make up for lost time, Tim Judah, the second Co-director of R&B, contacted Nancy Coy, Director of the Fredericton Playhouse, in an attempt to reserve dates in the Playhouse for November. As this was October, and November was the busiest month in the year for the Playhouse, the dates could not be attained.

During an interview, Coy told the Brunswickan that she had spoken with Judah and told him that dates in December were open, and that they could arrange reservations for R&B. Coy also told Judah that problems which arose in past years would have to be taken into consideration and that conditions for a damage deposit would have to be set before dates could be reserved. Judah then agreed to meet Coy on Oct. 16 to discuss the matter; a meeting that Judah eventually cancelled. Coy reports that she has not heard from him since.

On top of all this, Coy stated that Gingles went on the radio to say the Playhouse was not cooperating at all with R&B, which was producing the delay. This according to Coy is untrue.

Over the last eight or nine years, the Aitken center has been offering its services to the R&B chairman, but to no avail. Gordon Labelle, the Director of the Aitken Center



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told the Brunswickan that the Aitken center is fully capable of holding the R&B, and it would welcome it if the R&B committee so desired. The Aitken center has housed other attractions such as 'Ravine'

and the 'Bugs Bunny Follies' stage show, thus proving its capability. However, the Aitken center has been offered free of charge for only one day. The only problem with this is that the R&B coordinators feel

that they could not draw the required attendance they need in order to break even in one day.

Gingles told the Brunswickan that during the Student Activity Night, R&B

gained over 120 names and phone numbers which discredits the claims of apathy.

The R&B is presently scheduled for February, although no definite dates or places have been set as of yet.

FAPO Impoverished

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With something like fifty-six percent of Fredericton's population living at or below the poverty line, the Department of Social Services has just pulled the plug on FAPO (the Fredericton Anti-Poverty Organization).

Bob Carrol, the Regional Director of the Social Services Department, told FAPO that there is simply no more money available to support their anti-poverty programme.

But according to FAPO's Co-ordinator, Elizabeth Blaney, the situation is critical. "Unless we receive financial assistance to the tune of at least

thirty thousand dollars, some people are not going to be able to eat or pay their fuel bills this winter", she said. "The Department of Income Assistance doesn't seem to understand just how badly we need the money", she added.

"Take the example of Brian. For the last six years he and his family lived in a one room dirt floor shack with no plumbing. In September Brian got a new house from the New Brunswick Housing Corporation. Unfortunately, the house was not completely furnished. While the walls are up inside, they are not crack filled or painted. There is no flooring, only plywood. There is no trim around the windows. In fact

there aren't even any doors in the bedrooms. Unless Brian can raise the money to fix up his house, it won't be much more fit to live in than his dirt floor shack."

Blaney stressed that Brian is not alone. "Recently I got a phone call from an invalid woman living up on Church Street. She said that she had almost been gassed because her landlord had failed to fix a faulty furnace. I visited her home. It's a health hazard. A lot of the electrical wiring has no insulation tape on it. If that gas leak had happened at night, she may well have died."

Although FAPO received a sixty-thousand dollar grant from the Social Services to establish a furniture distribution centre, Blaney says that they haven't got the funds to keep it going. "What did they expect us to do with sixty-thousand dollars. Sure we rented a warehouse, and bought a truck - but that didn't

leave us with much change. Furthermore, they promised that once we had the infrastructure in place, they would support it. Now they've turned round and pulled the plug on us. It looks like a lot of people in Fredericton are going to have a really bleak Christmas."