



Aitken vandalism behind Tibbits Hall

photo by Tremblay

By SUSAN SHALALA

Most of the obvious marks of the painting spree which took place around campus and across the city last Thursday evening, Sept. 7, are disappearing today, but the consequences of the prank are still to come.

Rod MacDonald, president of Aitken House, the men's residence chiefly being held responsible for the damages, said it all started out as "a run with the frosh by the upperclassmen of Aitken House." Their trail, distinguished by AITKEN and AITKEN LOVES YOU in white paint, included such spots on campus as the shuffleboard

court at the rear of Tibbits Hall, the Bliss Carman Memorial Poet's Corner at the Harriet Irving Library, the propane tank at Annex B, the end of the new Forestry building facing the Bookstore, the LBR door and walkway, and the brick main gate on both sides. Fredericton city was hit at the Queen St. Liquor Store, the Fredericton City Library, the Cenotaph, the Beaverbrook statue in Officer's Square, the Robbie Burns statue and City Hall.

One unofficial estimate of the damage is \$5,000, which MacDonald called "out of proportion". Dean of Students, Barry Thompson says that the figure "may not be

## Aitken painters not animals

an exaggeration", but the final estimate has not yet been determined. Clean-up services on campus will cost about \$200, according to Don Barrod of Physical Plant, but, he says, "the overall figure could be much higher. The \$200 doesn't include any of the damages to the City, and no provisions are being made for the long-term damage to brick and buildings." Barrod says "the brick walls will never look the same. Sand-blasting not only removes paint, but also destroys the original glazing."

The Administration is "upset", says Dean of Students, Barry Thompson. "They believe that students should display intelligence and self-control."

Dean Thompson was not aware of any backlash from the city over the incident, but commented, "They will have to spend money to repair brand-new buildings that could have been spent elsewhere, on programs, for example."

According to Rod MacDonald, 20 upperclassmen of Aitken House were involved and are being disciplined. The administration has not made a final decision on what action to take with the Aitken residents, but in the meantime, their house dues are being held as a loan on the cost of



Underpass hit by Aitken painters

photo by Macmillan

the clean-up. "There is a definite possibility," says Dean Thompson, that the house will have to fork over more cash if the expenses exceed the amount in hold. As well, fines were levied against the 20 upperclassmen, and all other initiation activities from the morning-after the incident were suspended. Pubs for the year have not been cancelled.

Rod MacDonald explained that no malicious intent was meant. "It was meant to be a chance to

whoop it up a bit, with a 30-minute clean-up by spray hose when it was over. Somebody, though, switched the paint to a Latex, which is an oil-based paint."

Dean Thompson remarked, "some people feel strongly that ignorance is no excuse."

An investigation into whether another house was involved in the affair is now being conducted.

Asked what the mood of Aitken House was at the moment, MacDonald replied, "Depression."

## Joe "When" solicits Maritime support

By VALERIE BIRCH

The Trudeau government proposed equalization cutbacks could affect university funding said opposition leader Joe Clark at a press conference Wednesday.

Clark told a crowded room in the Beaverbrook Hotel that Trudeau's proposal would affect not only the possible borrowing

ability of the provinces but would mean that the provincial government would have less money to spend on social services, including money normally allocated to universities.

Clark refused to comment about the Progressive Conservative policy on student aid but said that

as it was a provincial matter he would have to sit down with individual premiers to discuss the terms.

Clark charged the Prime Minister with attempting to undermine the fundamental principle of federalism in this country and said that Trudeau's proposal will mean that any political party in power can control the country with or without the consent of either the provinces or the majority of Canadian people.

Clark said that Trudeau could not expect the provinces to "like his proposals as the inherent belief of this country that provinces help each other would be seriously affected.

Clark said it has been his experience that the Atlantic wants a guarantee under the law through the constitution that the interests will be protected and not simply the word of the Prime Minister.

Clark outlined briefly some of the policies he would institute should he become Prime Minister. He said that regional development would become the "center of concern". He said that the government should aid provinces in establishing themselves as competitors in the world market. "There are many natural strengths which would allow us to do this," he said giving as an example the forests of New Brunswick. He said that he

would like to see tax programs instigated that would encourage investors to put money into Atlantic Canada.

Clark feels that attention should be given to the overall development of national industry and that the federal government should build on investments in New Brunswick and other provinces rather than "pick on them".

He told a group of New Brunswick manufacturers later in the day that "I want to hear of the strengths and the problems of New Brunswick industry". He said that this would help him to instigate policies which might alter problems and foster strengths.



photo by Kavanagh

Joe Clark met the public at the Beaverbrook Hotel Wednesday

## Professors on paid vacation

By PETER ARCHIBALD

In explanation of the arts course not offered this year, Dean of Arts, Dr. Peter Kepros said that Courses are offered on "a two to three year rotational basis done by design."

However, there is a larger than usual number not offered this year as the 1978-79 UNB course timetable indicates.

The faculty of Business Administration is in the same difficulty with 36 of its 78 courses not being given this year.

Dean Kepros stated that the number of members of the Arts Faculty on sabbatical leave this year, (for a full year or part year), is the largest number he has seen while he has been a member of that faculty. Twenty-eight of his teaching staff, representing about 20 percent of the faculty, are on leave at this time.

According to UNB president Dr.

John Anderson, approximately 10 percent of all faculty members overall are on sabbatical leave per year. He said this figure is arrived at by accounting for the total membership of all faculties of about 550 professors and because professors take leave every six years.

Harold Sharp, chairman of the faculty of Business Administration stated Wednesday that "I couldn't have enough faculty" to "fill six unfilled positions" because "I haven't got qualified people to fill them." He also stated that "I haven't got time to fool with the Brunswickan."

Kepros said replacement professors are hired on the basis of dollars generated by those on leave who according to Dr. Anderson only get 75 percent of their usual salary. This means that usually one replacement is hired for every four on sabbatical, said Kepros.

Dean of Engineering Dr. Robert

Burridge, stated that people hired to teach only single courses, and regular professors given extra courses, account for a number of courses being offered. He reports as well that no core courses or electives with substantial enrollment in engineering have been cut from the timetable this year.

The timetable shows only 10 civil, four chemical, two electrical, and six mechanical engineering courses are not being offered this year.

In order to cut some unnecessary classes from the calendar, an Editor of the Calendar has been assigned as an executive assistant to the President, said Anderson. Dr. Woodfield of the English department has been given this task, he said.

Anderson added that it is common to offer courses every other year where class sizes are small, and that some universities, such as UPEI, hire no replacements for professors on leave.