

Brandon students may boycott

BRANDON (CUP)—Brandon University students will boycott classes Thursday (Sept. 19) unless they receive full representation on the university's senate and a reconstitution of the committee which kicked off the Brandon controversy last week by expelling a student for "abnormal behaviour".

Since last Thursday (Sept. 12), pickets have marched around the administration building protesting the expulsion and demanding a greater share in the academic decision-making processes at Brandon.

The adult admissions committee is empowered to allow "mature students" (at least 21 years of age) to register without high school matriculation in the university. Students are unhappy with the committee's right to place anyone admitted under this program on indefinite probation.

George Armstrong, the expelled student, was admitted by this committee and put on indefinite probation at the time of admission. He was expelled after threatening to throw a fake explosive at Laurier Lapiere, guest speaker at Brandon Wednesday (Sept 11).

On Friday (Sept. 13) the protest began in earnest with a boycott of senior registration. A General Faculty Association meeting on the same day supported student demands.

The boycott was called for Monday (Sept. 16) but postponed pending a senate meeting Wednesday, with the understanding that it be reactivated should the senate refuse to meet student demands.

Tuesday (Sept. 17) John E. Robbins, administration president warned four African students at Brandon by letter that "adverse publicity for the university obtained by the students during the days of registration" may force cancellation of their scholarships.

The scholarships come from a pool called the "Friends of Brandon University Fund" whose disposal is at the discretion of the administration president.

The students are dependent on these scholarships for their stay at Brandon.

At least one of the students, Harke Bhagat, has been an active protestor in the current crisis. He called the action a retaliatory measure by the administration.

Robbins claims the "adverse publicity" has affected collection of contributions to the fund.

Industrial Relations Committee formed

The first meeting of the New Brunswick Industrial Relations Committee established by the University of New Brunswick to consider labour problems in the province, was held Thursday at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Twelve of the members of the committee were present for the meeting which was highlighted by the presentation of a grant for \$35,000. The grant was presented to UNB President Dr. Colin B. MacKay by Mr. R.P. Campbell, Deputy Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Hon. H.H. Williamson, Minister of Labour for New Brunswick.

The University was asked to establish and maintain a continuing Management-Labour-Study Committee. The Committee was a recommendation of the 1967 Report of the Select Committee of the Legislature established to study the Labour Relations Act.

Under the joint chairmanship of George A. McAllister, Q.C., Professor of Law at UNB and William F. Ryan, Q.C., Dean of Law, the Committee is comprised of an equal number of representatives of labour and management.

Professor McAllister, who also acts as the committee's executive secretary, said today: "It is important to note that

each member has been invited to sit on the committee in his individual capacity." The committee will meet periodically.

Yesterday's meeting, the first to be held in the New Law School Building on the University of New Brunswick Campus, dealt with the committee's own organization, purposes, procedures, and subjects to be reviewed by it.

IN THE WINGS

Dr. Norman Strax had no time to grant the interview we promised last week. As you can see from page one, Norman has higher priorities than the press. We'll try again next week -- unless the Revolution enters phase two in the meantime.

Up Against the Wall features the American SDS and its relationship with the Mobilization this issue. Roger Bakes continues in two weeks with the New Left Movement in the United States. Next week -- more of what's happening across Canada.

Two teach-ins, one on Education sponsored by the SCM, one dealing with drugs sponsored by the Newman Club, are in the wings for October 1 and October 11.

The Brunswickan begins another column this week for Classified advertisements. We thought this would be much neater than the cluttered noticeboard outside our office -- and people would stop stealing our thumb tacks.

Danny Soucoup looks into the question of voluntary student unions this week. Viewpoint photog Henry Straker asks students about voluntary unions in our next issue.

Enrollment Figures released

Enrollment figures released today by the registrar's office at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton confirm an earlier estimate of record attendance at the University's campuses in Fredericton and Saint John.

Records compiled as of 5 p.m. yesterday indicate 4,333 students have registered at UNB in Fredericton and Saint John for the 1968-69 academic year. This figure compares with 4,188 students on both campuses during 1967-68. A total of 447 students will attend classes at UNB in Saint John, making enrollment there 85 more than last year's record of 362 students.

While a complete breakdown of enrollment figures, which indicate the number of students in each faculty, the number of foreign students and the number of graduate students, for instance, is not yet available, preliminary figures indicate that the faculty of arts will continue to lead in enrollment, followed by the faculties of engineering, science, education and forestry. The School of Graduate Studies, with 430 students last year, also expects increased enrollment this year.

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ordered the closing. Mackay denied this later that night and said that it was Dr. Gunn's responsibility. He refused to comment on the ID card issue.

The next day the group demonstrated from four until five thirty, the usual Saturday closing hour.

During the protest MacNutt threatened Hallam with full disciplinary action if he didn't leave the library. He accused Hallam of creating a nuisance in the library. Hallam denied this.

Later MacNutt moderated his threat and told Hallam he would speak to Mackay about it and would seriously consider disciplining him. MacNutt is Hallam's dean.

Man with the money -Gord Meyers

The whole world is a student loan—if you can get one.

"Sometimes we have to turn some students away—if they don't have the money, we have to advise them not to enrol" said Gord Meyers, UNB's Student Awards Officer. But he made it clear that this is a minority group.

"I feel the government and university are doing all that can be expected."

There are three loan schemes available to UNB students. The best known and most popular is the Canada Student Loan, initiated in 1964.

The less important UNB student loan depends on need rather than academic standing. The maximum amount for one student is \$300 a year.

If you have an average of 65% or 85%, it is the same to us. Of course, if you're a poor risk—such as on academic probation—you don't stand a very good chance," said Mr. Meyers. "These loans were once used a lot. They lost popularity with the advent of Canada Student Loans."

The interest ranges from none at all to the current chartered-bank rate (about 3 or 4%). The loans are made twice a year so applications should be made to the Awards Office before October 15 or February 15. Emergency loans are life-

savers for immediate situations. These are short-term, low-inter-



Gord Meyers

est loans of up to \$200, repayable as soon as possible.

"An example of an emergency? A death in the family necessitates a student finding money for plane fare immediately," said Meyers.

"This fund could provide for him within a couple of hours. Application can be made anytime at the Awards Office: Annex B".

Meyers added that he is prepared to discuss budgets and possible financial resources with students at any time. "Just call the awards office and make an appointment."

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