

Down Memory Lane...UNB this year

A lot of things happened at UNB as the year rolled by. First term saw 400 less frosh than expected, student union financial problems, Toller Cranston, and the possibility of a co-ed residence.

Second there were two fires affecting, a new student union president, and student elections, and winter carnival.

The September 10 issue of the Brunswickan reported a compromise on the legal hassle between the university and the contractors building the Aitken Center. Frosh Week was well under way and the housing shortage was not as bad as expected.

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The university changed its policy with respect to post dated cheques; but on the brighter side Rhodes Scholarships were opened up to women for the first time.

Victoria House became an accepted part of the university, but there were serious concerns about the role of the University Aitken Centre.

A week later more controversial items came to light. The bookstore was plagued with lineups as usual but people really lifted their eyebrows when they discovered \$50,000 was invested in Campus Services Limited on a rather risky basis. Student elections were set for October 20, National Student Day was in the air, and campus politicians were debating the role students would play in the October 14 Day of Protest planned by the labour movement in Canada.

The Brunswickan of October 1 broke the news that Atlantic Federation of Students fee might jump, and people began talking of the increased fees we would have to pay if we were to remain members of the National Union of Students.

Meanwhile, there appeared to be very little enthusiasm shown by students for the national Day of Protest.

However, it wasn't all bad. Red n Black review was in the recruiting stages, Toller Cranston was coming, and the UNB task force on women was well into its task.

Lofty MacMillan of the Canadian Union of Public Employees addressed the Fredericton protest march, with little apparent student support. Students were also uninterested in campus politics, it seemed, because 10 of 14 student council positions went by acclamation.

The Brunswickan was so low on staff, members even thought about calling it quits.

It was in this atmosphere that UNB held its twenty-fourth fall convocation.

Things came into closer focus after the October 20 elections. Jan McCurdy and Alex Kibaki Murithii were elected vice-presidents, and Brent Gilchrist and Alan Hildebrand became representatives-at-large. Students voted in favour of Student Union Building expansion and National Union of Students membership at \$1.00 a head.

It finally came out that the SRC over-budgeted on a grand scale and the possibility of a deficit loomed. This was complicated by the fact that radio station CHSR was in desperate need of extra financing for capital expenditures and it became more likely that AFS fees would jump.

NSD activities were in the planning stages, males complained of hassles at the women's residences, and UNB would have to suffer another Forestry Week.

The October 29 Brunswickan carried news ranging from serious to topical to semi-ludicrous. Streakers, flashers, and sexual assaulters were reported active at

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wouldn't do to fund private entertainment. They finally pleased all sides by defeating two motions - one to provide funds for the showing of the film and one not to.

While UNB students enjoyed themselves at another great production of Red n Black Review, the projected student union deficit was predicted to be as high as \$20,000.

Sanderson said he got no support for National Students Day, student disinterest in politics showed itself again the next week when student union president Jim Smith decided to hold an open student meeting in lieu of the regular SRC meeting. As The Brunswickan headline had it, "Mass student meeting not so massive".

The UNB favoured the idea of making Victoria House UNB's first

predictions were that fees would rise. The SRC took a measure of budgetary restraint and cut down the honorarium for council members. Of course, they collected their own remuneration, and made the measure applicable for the following council.

Three people were nominated for the student union presidency and polling day was set for February 2.

The January 21 Brunswickan came under fire for allegedly making a character assassination of one of the candidates. That was the Steve Whalen cover. Council passed a motion requesting an apology and demanded that The Brunswickan not editorialize on page one. The Brunswickan, in retaliation, ran a blank cover the next week.

over inventory. While this controversy was going on SRC representative-at-large Alan Hildebrand suddenly produced a petition with 635 signatures to make student fees non-compulsory. Council turned this down and Hildebrand got another one which would take the issue to referendum. However, council passed a regulation which required such petitions to require a two-thirds turnout at the polls, and the petitioners called it off. There was mutual recrimination.

Winter Carnival came just in time to provide a certain amount of relief, and this year's event packed week. Carnival deficit was unusually low this year - somewhere in the vicinity of \$2,000.

That took it up to March break, and to most students, the break was long overdue.

UNB finances were tight and fee hikes were freely predicted after the break. The problem was complicated by the refusal of the provincial government to hike student fees. At least that's how members of UNB's administration explained the situation at the "Where Does Our Money Go"

public meeting for UNB students. A slight stir was created by the SRC when they passed the new regulation concerning petitions. "Fifty per cent yes means no" according to the March 11 headline. The issue was that even if over half the campus voted with one accord on a petition, their decision would not be accepted unless two-thirds of the campus voted. The issue wasn't cleared up at press time.

The March 18 Brunswickan reported a victory for AFS at Saint Thomas. It was in this issue that The Brunswickan first reported allegations against the CHSR sports director. This issue is yet to be cleared up.

UNB president John M. Anderson still opposed differential fees for foreign students, but he assured us all he doesn't get free room and board.

Last week we reported that UNB's women seem to be content with second class status. However, we also reported that the social club has its financial situation under control and that the graduating class is planning a big bash.

The financial outlook is still uncertain as provincial funds to the university are much less than considered desirable by most university administrators. Another factor is the uncertain ramifications of changes to the Fiscal Arrangements Act scheduled to come into effect April 1.

Classes are almost over and students seem mostly concerned with upcoming exams and term papers, and after that is the search for summer employment, full time for graduating students.

Despite a year full of problems most sources predict the university will be open next fall. Beyond that point no reports were available at press time.



UNB. The student union received their auditors and they began the process of revising their constitution. Engineering week was slated for November 1. Meanwhile, a UNB professor claimed there was a good possibility of life on other planets.

NSD chairperson Bill Sanderson charged in the November 5 Brunswickan he was getting no support from the student council, and particularly President Jim Smith. Delegates at the Sackville AFS conference re-affirmed the need for that organization and the fee hike became almost a certainty. The student union made drastic cutbacks in its budget, much to the distress of campus organizations. Males complained of hassles getting into women's residence and the SRC dictaphone was reported stolen. The SUB board was left holding the bag on SUB expansion - students voted in favour of expansion, but no one knew where the money would come from.

There was one questionable note of levity at the SRC meeting that week. The SRC wasn't sure whether or not "Return of the Dragon" should be funded by the student union. After all, it

co-ed residence as a possible way of filling up empty rooms there.

The whole residence system was brought into question due to the subsidy it got from the university and the fact that there were a number of vacancies. Financial problems plagued the university all through first term, and few people were surprised to learn that the university had to come up with \$480,000 to pay the creditors of the Aitken Centre.

A program to make the UNB Law School bilingual was proposed, UNB academics came out against differential fees for foreign students, and UNB professors gave a somewhat gloomy outlook for the future of the Canadian federation. Twenty briefs were submitted to the UNB task force on women.

The deaths of two forestry students while crossing the highway ended first term rather tragically.

Second term didn't begin much better because five students were burned out of their apartments over the holidays, losing all of their possessions. Fortunately, no one was killed.

The university found itself with a \$387,000 budgetary deficit due to the lack of enrollment and

AFS claimed to need \$33,000 as UNB students prepared to vote on the issue of making fees \$1.00 per student. Students were also to vote on whether or not to increase student fees by \$1.00. Possibly the fact that local taverns started charging a \$1.00 cover charge had something to do with their decision.

It was around this time that SUBTerrain replaced the games room and Aitken House claimed they were unjustly fined for allegedly starting a foodfight at Lady Dunn Hall.

The February 2 student elections, with 23 per cent turnout, made Jim Murray student union

president and Brian Pryde comptroller. Students voted against fee increase all around - AFS and for our own student union.

Tragedy struck for the third time when fire burnt the Parkhill Apartments killing three persons, one of them a student.

The social club ran into financial difficulties due to lack of control

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