

The Legal View — UNB's Budding Barristers



Somerville House — UNB Faculty of Law

Student Reflections . . .

MAIN QUESTION: What do you think of the Law School's move to Fredericton?"

Paul Chiasson

Paul Chiasson is a first year Law student, from Shippegan, N.B. . . . He took his Arts degree at St. Joseph's University.

On the subject of the Law School's move to Fredericton, Paul insisted that it was a benefit both to the law students and the student body of UNB. He pointed out that law students at other universities were usually very active in committee work, student government, etc., and that this would probably become the case at UNB as the law students became integrated with campus activities.

Joseph Losier

Joseph Losier is a second year student from Tracadie, N.B. . . . He got his first degree from Sacred Heart, Bathurst.

He felt there were both advantages and disadvantages in the Law School's move. He said that the accommodations were much better in Saint John and that the cost of living was higher in Fredericton.

As far as activities were concerned, he felt that law students were limited because of the large amount of work in their course. He thought that the work was two or three times harder than that required to get an Arts degree. He added that the Law Ball is the biggest event of the Law School's social year, and they hope for a big turnout from UNB students.

Jacqueline Brewer

Jacqueline Brewer, one of the two women attending the Law School, is a first year student, a resident of Fredericton and a graduate of UNB.

She was definitely in favor of the Law School's move to Fredericton. She added, in this respect, that as an undergraduate she had worked on the *Brunswickan*. Around 1952, the staff of the paper drew up a petition in favor of the Law School's being moved to Fredericton. This, at the time, caused a good deal of controversy although the student body, as a whole, seemed to be in favor of the idea.

She said, regarding the *Brunswickan*, that the paper was not as good as it had been. She felt that there was not as much substance and that the paper lacked the liveliness and spirit that had been a characteristic of the paper in her undergraduate years.

Mrs. Brewer, who is the mother of three children, added that she enjoyed studying law much more than doing housework. She felt if all law students had a choice between housework and law, they would be happier in their work.

Alfred Landry

Alfred Landry is a second year law student. His home town is Shediac, N.B. and he received his Arts degree from the University of Ottawa.

He said he liked Fredericton much better than Saint John, but that he would like to see the Law School moved on to the campus.

Concerning activities, he mentioned that he had a part in the Drama Society's fall production, "The Mousetrap". He felt that more intramural sport could be arranged to include the law students.

Keith Allan

Keith Allan is a third year student and a graduate of UNB.

He was in favor of the change from Saint John to Fredericton.

He mentioned certain activities at the Law School, including softball, debating, and moot court. Moot court is a mock court where law students argue actual cases, with a lawyer from Fredericton acting as judge. It is held approximately once a week, and is open to spectators.

John Dionne

John Dionne is a first year student and his home town is Edmundston, N.B. He is a graduate of St. Louis College.

On the subject of the move to Fredericton, John said that he liked Fredericton and felt that it was a wise move.

John added that most of the Law students, 27 in number, were from the Maritimes and, he thought, most of them planned to stay in the Maritimes after graduation.

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COLORFUL LAW BALL TONIGHT HIGHLIGHT OF STUDENT SOCIETY

Overlooking the river on Waterloo Row, there is a large, white-pillared house, with a circular drive. Named Somerville House after the first president of the University of New Brunswick, Reverend James Somerville, it is the new home of the Law Faculty of the university.

The Law School originated in 1892 in Saint John, as an affiliate of King's College in Windsor, Nova Scotia. In 1923 it became a faculty of the University of New Brunswick, but remained in Saint John. Two full-time professors were added to the faculty in 1950—Professor McAllister and Dean Ryan, who is the present Dean.

At this time their quarters were two or three rooms on the third floor of the Provincial Building. Then, in 1953, they moved to Beaverbrook House, which was donated by Lord Beaverbrook, along with an excellent law library.

In 1956, after the death of Mr. Justice Harrison, who had been Dean, UNB appointed Dean Ryan as the first full-time Dean. The same year, Professor La Forest joined the faculty.

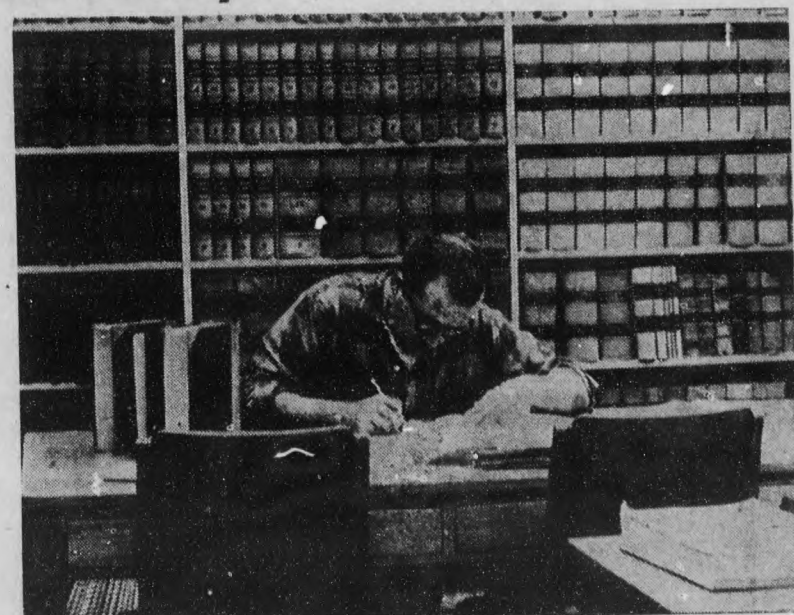
UNB decided to move the school to Fredericton in order to undertake an expanded program of legal education, which could be best accomplished by a closer integration with the university. Dr. J. W. Sears joined the faculty in Fredericton, which brings the number of full-time professors to four.

Somerville House, the new home of the Law School, was built a century ago by Judge Charles Fisher, a former student at King's College (UNB). His daughter, Frances, left this house, with its contents, to UNB, but being short of funds the university sold the property. Fifty years later, Lord Beaverbrook took a fancy to the house, bought and modernized it. Then he presented it to the university for the president's residence.

Despite the Spartan way of life that the students claim they lead, Somerville House affords certain luxuries. For instance, it is said that it is the best equipped Law School in North America re bathrooms. But there are various diversions from their work, such as the Law Ball, which is being held tonight at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

The students hope to see their school grow, in its closer connection with UNB, and look forward to the day when they too might have their own building "Up the Hill."

Law Library . . .



One of UNB's 27 student lawyers is shown here as he quietly prepares a problem case in the Law Library at Somerville House.

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it . . . a voice that was a gift from some Great Power . . . the voice of Marian Anderson. If they would think of her wonderful talent they would know . . .

That a Great Power did not care that her skin wasn't white.

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