

STUDENTS 10% POORER

Students asking for their customary 10% discount when buying clothes downtown, lately have been receiving negative replies from Fredericton merchants. The NFCUS discount for students, which is a customary practice in university cities across Canada, was established in Fred-

ericton three years ago by the UNB NFCUS Committee and has continued till now.

Students returning in September found, at least in some of the stores, that the discount courtesy was still being carried out. It is only during the past few weeks that Fredericton mer-

chants have been refusing individual student requests. Questioning protests from various students reached the ears of the NFCUS executive who had not been told by the merchants of their decision to drop the discount.

An effort to get to the heart of the matter brought conflicting

reports from the merchants themselves, the Fredericton Board of Trade and the Merchants' committee.

The following are the answers received from the various people involved in the action:

Merchant A, when questioned about the matter, reported that the Board of Trade had approached him to sign a petition abolishing the discount. He felt he had to sign it since others had, although he didn't want to sign it. "We're a little sorry now as we've lost business." He said that there was some friction among the storekeepers over the petition. He added that his store would be the first to sign up for a renewal of the discount.

Merchant B said it was the secretary of the Board of Trade, Mr. Kenneth Calbeck, who approached him to endorse the petition. He had signed because so many merchants had already done so. When asked if he would be willing to give the discount again, he answered, "Yes, if the other merchants do too."

Merchant C implied that the leading men's wear store in Fredericton had initiated the petition for dissolving the 10% discount because his great volume of sales to students added up to a greater loss for him. His reason for signing the petition was that all the prominent storekeepers had previously done so. He would be quite willing to resume the discount service at his store.

Merchant D said that after he took on the discount he did not find "a helluva big increase in

profits". He felt, too, that the students were abusing the privilege by indiscriminately passing their cards about for others to use. His other reason for dropping the discount was that students had frequently asked him for their discount in front of his regular customers who had never received them. As a result these customers had complained. He had also been asked by students for discounts on goods already on sale. He stated he had been approached by Mr. Calbeck, secretary of the Board of Trade, to sign the petition.

Merchant E emphatically stated that he had originally objected to the petition when first approached. However, because he had been constantly hounded after to sign it, he had finally relented. After he had complied, his store was later accused of cutting prices. He said he would renew the discount, providing that the other storekeepers did.

When **Mr. Paul Burden**, chairman of the Fredericton Board of Trade was questioned as to what part the Board had taken in the matter, he replied that the petition was not propagated by the Board of Trade. He stated that the idea for the petition had originated with the Merchants' Committee.

Mr. Pitcher, president of the Merchants' Committee admitted that the idea of the petition had been discussed at a meeting of the Committee but they had not agreed to take formal action and were therefore not responsible for the circulation of the petition.

Montreal Sky Divers Drop on UNB

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the U.N.B. Para-Jump Club was fortunate enough to have

been host to seven of the Montreal Sky Divers, including two "parachutess's". The descents of

these Sky Divers total over three hundred so it was no surprise when the UNB Club and the many spectators were treated to a thrilling display of the sport at its best.

Approximately sixty jumps were made on the two days of good weather, Saturday and Sunday. The type of jumps varied from seven first jumps made by U.N.B.P.J.C. members to 45 second relays by two M.S.D., Dick Wilbur and Glen Reid, who were attempting a baton pass.

As the attitude and position of the body in free fall may be controlled by the movements of the arms and legs, various manoeuvres were demonstrated by UNB Club members. These manoeuvres included tracking (moving with a horizontal speed of up to 70 m.p.h.), the delta (increasing the vertical speed from 120 m.p.h. to a maximum of 300 m.p.h.) as well as leaps and turns, etc.

Relative work, i.e., two or more jumpers, maintaining a certain position of performing a manoeuvre with respect to each other in a free fall, was also demonstrated. Four times during the display, two M.S.D.'s tried to pass a baton between them while falling at 120 m.p.h. on a long delay, but unfortunately these attempts failed by mere inches. ("Are yelling 'Corleus'")

About 25 of the jumps during the weekend were made by U.N.B.P.J.C. members who were very grateful to the M.S.D.'s for their aid in dispatching, as well as assisting in packing. Their professional advice will give the U.N.B. Club a good start toward advancing their jumpers.

The Skydiving on Sunday was followed by a social get together and weiner roast complete with refreshments and stories. (Thank you George Wright and Dick Wilbur).

When enough equipment is procured and more despatchers and riggers trained, it is hoped that about fifty jumps per day may be made on the weekends, winds and weather permitting. Four people in the club have already purchased their own equipment and others intend to do the same.

Congratulations to all the first jumpers: L. Benjamin, T. Reid, G. Cockledge, A. Beauchesne, H. Sheldon, G. Miller, D. Oland and particularly to B. Freeman who made his first free fall (and managed to stay out of the trees!)

P.S. Pierre, he go down in flames!

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SKY
DIVERS



DICK WILBUR about to do a stand up landing after attempting a baton pass. Dick has 71 jumps.

W.U.S.C. ASSEMBLY

Governor-General and Mme. Vapier were present at the first meeting of the 16th National Assembly of the World University of Canada at Carleton University from October 6th to 9th. Governor-General Vanier is president of WUSC.

Carleton president, A. D. Dunton, presided at the opening ceremonies, which was attended by all the heads of diplomatic missions and representatives of the Department of External Affairs, the External Aid Office, Canada Council, the Centennial Council, and NFCUS. UNB's former president, Dr. A.W. Trueman, Director of the Canada Council, was present to formally open 'Treasure Van 1961', which will be at UNB next week.

Governor-General Vanier, in his address to the assembly, noting that Canada has more than 7500 overseas students at universities across the country, asked that special steps be taken to assure the orientation and integration of these, our fellow students of lands foreign to so many

of us. He said that Canadians should make the first step, which would be our duty and our privilege. Out of the many resolutions that were to evolve out of the assembly in the next few days was this particular one which deserves mentioning here: That Local WUSC Committees concern themselves with the welfare of foreign students and their relations with Canadian students and pay adequate attention to the areas of misunderstanding that may exist between foreign and Canadian students.

The delegates of faculty and students of thirty universities reaffirmed strongly the adherence of the World University of Canada to the principles and aims of the World University Service, which is: To foster a spirit of international co-operation and a concern for mutual assistance and service among the members of the university community around the world by sponsoring meetings of students and teaching staff, by extending material