

Kepros Report tabled until student inspection

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At their regular November meeting, on Tuesday night, the UNB Senate tabled the Kepros Report so that students can get a chance to look at the report and its implications.

The Kepros Report is a proposal for a new system of grading student performance. The system proposed would introduce the concept of the credit hour letter and point grades. Under the system a student will get a letter grade on each course, which will be weighted according to the number of credit hours of the course. An A will be worth 4, a B worth 3, a C worth 2, a D worth 1 (a conditional pass or fail credit)

and a F worth 0 (a fail). The end result would be an average between 0 and 4. The report has been in the planning stages for over two years since the Art Council brought recommendations concerning the marking system used by the arts faculty to the Senate in 1969. The Senate on Tuesday, asked Dean of Students, Frank Wilson to hold meetings with students to inform them about the proposals and to get their opinions.

The approval of a Faculty Council at UNBSJ was also a point of business at the Senate meeting and it met with some opposition. The opposition was not focused on the principle of a

Faculty Council, but on the apparent lack of planning concerning the academic structure at UNBSJ. The debate that followed divided the Senate evenly. The Saint John members were worried about the delay that might occur. They had been waiting for two years for a Faculty Council. Others wanted to wait until a comprehensive report on the academic structure in St. John had been prepared and presented to the Senate. A motion to implement this was eventually passed.

The Academic and Campus Planning Committee told the Senate that they have started initial planning on a new building to go in behind the old Arts Building.

The committee has approved the project in principle, which would provide lounge, library and lecture space for Physics, Chemistry, Forestry and Geology, plus some office space for the Administration. The Planning Committee also reported that the campus architects, Murray and Murray, have been working on land use and preliminary layouts for Student Housing in the Montgomery-Priestman Street area.

Also a special parking committee has been set up to find immediate solutions to parking problems and develop a program for campus parking to be implemented by September of next year.

A report on intercession from the Director of Extension, John Morris, was accepted by the Senate. The report suggests that intercession should be held again next May. The Registrar, Dugald Blue, did note that he felt the large intercession enrollment may have affected regular session enrollment.

Concerning registration, Professor Blue reported that about half of the upper-classmen had pre-registered this year and the figure could be higher next year. It was suggested that those who do pre-register get a small discount on their fees. The Senate also officially approved of the position of Assistant Dean of Law, a position that has existed informally for several years.

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Rusk says draft dodging issue for US Congress

The problem of amnesty for American draft-dodgers is one that will be dealt with more by Congress than by President Nixon,

according to former US Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

George McGovern, the loser in the recent US federal elections, had come out in favour of an amnesty for draft dodgers, while President Nixon stated emphatically that he was against any

such move. He stated that there is little activity in US courts concerning draft dodgers at the present time, and believed eventually there would be some kind of amnesty granted to draft dodgers.

Rusk addressed honours poli-

tical science students as well as faculty on Friday at UNB, as well as giving a talk to a crowd of 300 people in the Nursing Auditorium Friday evening. He described the isolationist-type mood in the US today as a temporary one, leaning towards a cut-back in foreign commitments as witnessed by the feeling against the Vietnam War.

Rusk was doubtful about the chances of a ceasefire in Vietnam, considering the guerilla type warfare and the important differences still to be settled with respect to the tentative agreement worked out by the US and North Vietnam. He also raised the question of how to police infractions which might occur, and doubted that US forces would ever return to South Vietnam if there were real or imagined violations of a ceasefire agreement.

Rusk stated that he felt that Hanoi was willing to go further towards achieving peace now than previously. According to Rusk the size of US forces now in South Vietnam is not great enough to have a directing power on General Thieu, the South Vietnamese leader who has shown increasing signs of not going along with the US - North Vietnam tentative agreement. He felt, however, that the more problems resolved before a final ceasefire agreement, the less the chances would be of renewed conflict.

In discussing aspects of the nuclear age, Rusk said that the "number one question is how to keep the nuclear beast in its

cage," and stressed the finality of a nuclear war as compared to the chance to rebuild after World War II. He said there was little chance of an accidental nuclear war, but felt that war could occur if "some Samson-like leader" wished to pull the world down on his shoulders. In his opinion another crisis similar to the 1962 Cuban missile incident would not occur as most countries had learned the lesson of prudence.

Rusk stated that if countries are to resolve common problems co-operation is necessary and the "family of man" theory becomes closer to reality. He commented favourably on the usefulness of the United Nations as far as providing collective security to nations. Rusk said that Canada had an important role to play in the planned UN sea conference dealing with many important topics such as pollution, fisheries and boundaries.

Regarding foreign ownership of the Canadian economy, Rusk stated that only Canadians themselves could decrease the amount of US investment. He suggested several ways of financing Canadian Companies and still retaining fundamental controls, such as floating loans in the US. Rusk also predicted the depletion of several non-renewable natural resources by the end of the century, and thought that major re-adjustments would have to be made soon.



Former US Secretary of State Dean Rusk spoke to approximately 300 UNB students on campus concerning major international topics such as US foreign commitments and the Vietnam War.

Photo by Gary Constantine

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